

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, NICE Community School District, Townships of Champion, Ely, Humboldt, Ishpeming, Tilden, and Spurr; Counties of Baraga and Marquette; and the State of Michigan held on **Monday, October 11, 2021.**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Dave Boase, Kathleen Carlson, John Grove, Scott Mann, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Randy Couveau

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Jon Beckman, Cliff Fossitt, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana, PJ O'Brien

Administrator's Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda):

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$549,734.81 for the period of September 20, 2021 through October 8, 2021; to approve the September payrolls in the amount of \$576,629.00; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,126,363.81; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$293,406.90 and total disbursements of \$1,457,482.97; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$844,415.05 for September 30, 2021. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent & Administrator Reports

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the number of active cases currently in the district, the possible substitute teacher pay increase for consideration next month, and the Marquette County Ambassador trip to Lansing that has been canceled.

Chris Marana reported on a generous donation of school supplies from Range Bank, wrapping up NWEA testing and the annual fire prevention and bus safety activities coming up.

Jon Beckman reported that things are going well in the middle school and NWEA testing is also wrapping up. In athletics, he gave a shout out to the Division 1, U.P. Champion Girls Tennis team. He also mentioned that Cross Country will finish their season with UP Finals on 10/23, Volleyball will play into November with districts and Football is on the path to playoffs but nothing has been determined yet with a two regular season games remaining. He also mentioned that he's been working on solidifying winter sports schedules.

Cliff Fossitt reported that students in grades 9-11 will take the PSAT or SAT this week. Some 12th graders who want to retake it will also do so. He also mentioned the tailgate party that he held for staff before the homecoming football game.

Nathan Longton reported that he'd like to thank the special education staff who continue to go above and beyond while faced with all of the challenges this pandemic has brought on. He also mentioned an upcoming Handle With Care (HWC) training provided by MARESA for our staff.

PJ O'Brien reported that things were going fairly well and that the transportation staff is holding their own. He also mentioned that it's been a challenge to find parts for things that need repair. The custodial staff continues to do a great job.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

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Finance and Ops – No activity this month. Audit presentation coming in November.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month, but will plan to meet before the November meeting.

School Improvement – No activity this month, but will plan to meet before the November meeting.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month, but will plan to meet before the November meeting.

Regional Leadership Relations Committee– Ron Mariani and Bryan DeAugustine met with two MARESA board members and their superintendent on October 6 for a couple of hours and discussed a variety of issues.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Melissa McCoy as an LRE Aide.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	John Grove	aye
Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Kimberly Zogg as an SCI Aide.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	John Grove	aye
Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Community Comments

Janet Wisuri spoke on the substitute teacher rates at other area districts.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to enter into closed session under Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to consider a periodic [annual] personnel evaluation for the Superintendent. Motion carried.

The meeting entered closed session at 7:05 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:59 p.m.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____