

**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, January 17, 2022.**

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

Members Present: Randy Couveau, John Grove, Scott Mann, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Dave Boase, Kathleen Carlson

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

Administrator's Absent: Jon Beckman (excused)

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

### **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove** to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$934,014.87 for the period of December 13, 2021 through January 14, 2022; to approve the December payrolls in the amount of \$960,708.08; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,894,722.95; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,276,583.10 and total disbursements of \$1,693,802.16; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$797,344.49 for December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

### **Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items**

Bryan DeAugustine reported on current COVID numbers, a brochure highlighting recent Sinking Fund projects that our BPA students put together, potential additional staff including a school counselor at Aspen Ridge, an elementary special education class and a math/science teacher at Westwood. He also talked about goal setting for this calendar year.

The building administrators gave an update on how things are going in their areas.

### **Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month.

Regional Leadership Relations Committee– No activity this month.

NTA Negotiations – To begin this spring.

AFSCME Negotiations – To begin this spring.

### **Business / Action Items**

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Scott Mann** to accept Tonya Allen's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove** to accept Virginia Hedberg's letter of retirement. Motion carried.

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by Wendy Pederson** to accept Carrie Malette's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau** to authorize Shannon Revello's leave of absence. Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Wendy Pederson** to authorize Laura Woolard's leave of absence. Motion carried.

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove** to authorize the bus purchases as recommended.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Randy Couveau | aye | John Grove     | aye | Scott Mann | aye |
| Ron Mariani   | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |            |     |

Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** Sarah Etelamaki spoke about the new entrance for sporting events and that the main entrance with the heated sidewalk would be a better option in the winter. She also mentioned that handicapped accessible parking is now further away. She asked for consideration of staffing that main door also.

**Closing Comments by Board or Superintendent**

Wendy Pederson asked if there would be a Winter Carnival or Winter Homecoming. Mr. Fossitt answered that it will be planned but no date is set yet. She also expressed sympathy for Mr. Bouchard.

Ron Mariani stated that a lot of people deserve a lot of credit for the work that they are doing throughout the pandemic and he thanked all of them.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Scott Mann** to enter into closed session under Section 8(b) of the Open Meetings Act for the purposes of student discipline. Motion carried.

The meeting entered closed session at 7:27 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:56 p.m.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson** that the student serve a 45-day suspension.

Roll Call Vote:

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|---------------|-----|----------------|-----|------------|-----|
| Randy Couveau | aye | John Grove     | aye | Scott Mann | aye |
| Ron Mariani   | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |            |     |

Motion carried.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Scott Mann** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_