

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, May 16, 2022.**

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

A moment of silence was held before the Pledge of Allegiance, in light of the recent tragic events that have happened at NICE.

Members Present: Dave Boase, Kathleen Carlson, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Scott Mann, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: Wendy Pederson

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

Administrator's Absent: Jon Beckman

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Kathleen Carlson to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$764,774.97 for the period of April 18, 2022 through May 13, 2022; to approve the April payrolls in the amount of \$571,981.22; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,336,756.19; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,278,256.40 and total disbursements of \$1,128,842.80; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,676,381.63 for April 30, 2022. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine reported on a Student Advisory Group update, a Parent Meeting Update and the topics that were discussed, some staffing updates, and the potential to secure some grant funding to help fund a school police officer.

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

Chris Marana reported that all state assessments have been completed. He gave a special thanks to John Kinney for all of his work with testing. He also mentioned the daddy/daughter dance and upcoming summer school programs in the elementary.

Bryan DeAugustine reported that Libby Nelson will be acting as the middle school principal until the end of the school year. The middle school students are slowly getting back to routine and learning how to continue on in the face of tragedy. There will be no middle school NWEA spring testing this year. There will be an 8th grade awards ceremony coming up on June 1.

Cliff Fossitt reported that this is the last week of class for the seniors. They'll end the week with the traditional senior breakfast, and walk through Aspen Ridge in their caps & gowns. Graduation is set for Thursday, 5/26, at 7:00 pm. He also thanked all of those people who have reached out and offered their various types of support of the last few weeks. In athletics, freshman Faith Spiroff broke the school record in high jump.

Nathan Longton reported that this Thursday, 5/19/22, is preschool screening. It should be a full day of screenings. He also stated that the summer SCI and ESY programs are set to go.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked Eric Warlin and Tammy Sandberg for taking on the interim roles of Transportation Director and Buildings & Grounds Director.

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.

NTA Negotiations – Update on tonight’s agenda.

AFSCME Negotiations – Still working on setting dates and times.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Randy Couveau to hire Heather DeAugustine for two weeks as our summer SCI teacher as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to hire Jennifer Hodgins as our ESY teacher as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire James Kinnunen as a substitute bus driver. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Scott Mann to hire Juliana Patselas as a music teacher as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Randy Couveau to hire Tammy Sandberg as our Interim Director of Buildings and Grounds for one year as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Dave Boase to hire Gregory Thocker as a secondary science teacher as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Boase supported by Scott Mann to resolve to solicit competitive bids for bus purchasing as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to renew our JCI service agreement for Aspen Ridge School as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Randy Couveau to authorize the repair/replacement of six (6) steam traps at WHS as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Kathleen Carlson to enter into Closed Session under Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purposes of discussing upcoming union negotiations. Motion carried.

The meeting entered Closed Session at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:03 p.m.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Kathleen Carlson to enter into Closed Session under Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act for the purposes of discussing a confidential application.

The meeting entered Closed Session at 8:03 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:21 p.m.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Scott Mann to ratify the new NTA Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Community Comments: Janet Wisuri spoke about her concerns with the current bullying policy and hopes that changes will be made.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____