

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, August 15, 2022.**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:31 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine

Administrator's Absent: Cliff Fossitt, Chris Marana, Griffin Lawson, Nathan Longton, Eric Warlin

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Kathleen Carlson to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,072,387.25 for the period of July 18, 2022 through August 12, 2022; to approve the July payrolls in the amount of \$492,205.75; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,564,593.00; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,798,500.45 and total disbursements of \$2,269,572.58; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$883,400.22 for July 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the Ishpeming Township Board has approved trying for a millage on the November ballot for the School Police Officer. He also reported that we were able to fill the counselor positions and the administrators are still working on the bullying language clarity in the handbooks. Lastly, he mentioned that Dave Boase resigned his board seat and so the process has begun to find a replacement.

Chris Marana reported that they are in the second week of summer school. Things are almost complete with the bathroom project for the new special education classroom and the ARES staff are looking forward to the Open House and the start of school.

Griffin Lawson reported that his first few weeks on the job have been busy. He's been working on tweaking some handbook items and just becoming familiar with how everything ties together. He also mentioned the Open House and that he will have a "meet and greet" for parents and students to meet him and get to know him.

Cliff Fossitt reported that the new windows are all installed and look great. The blinds still need to be installed but those should be in soon. He also stated that the high school handbook has been revamped.

Nathan Longton reported that all of the summer Special Education programs are done and they ran smoothly all summer. He thanked all of the staff involved. He also talked about several partnerships with NMU for the upcoming school year.

An Athletic Update was given by Bryan DeAugustine. Meet the Patriots for the fall season will take place Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

Eric Warlin reported that the bus fleet is in good shape and the spare buses are set to be on the road until the new buses arrive in the late fall. He also stated that the bus drivers are beginning to stop in and are ready to come back.

A Facilities and Grounds update was given by Bryan DeAugustine. He thanked Tammy Sandberg for doing well in her interim role and feels like the buildings are in good shape to begin the school year.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – Policy update second reading and potential adoption up for consideration this evening.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month.

AFSCME Negotiations – We will go into closed session to discuss AFSCME Negotiations.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to accept Kris Burke's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to hire Taylor Dellangelo as an Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to hire Luke Olson as an Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Garrett Sundberg as an Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to hire Travis Uren as an Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to increase our daycare program wages as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize Chris Marana's contract extension as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye	John Grove	aye
Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Kathleen Carlson to accept Teresa Marietti's letter of resignation as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to hire Abigail Moffett as a long-term substitute counselor.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye	John Grove	aye
Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson to officially authorize partnering with Ishpeming Township to hire an additional police officer stationed out of our school during the school year as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Kathleen Carlson to accept Natalie Still's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to authorize Marquette County as our School Plan Review and Inspection Authority as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to accept Jilbert Dairy's bid for our dairy products as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to accept multiple vendor options for our bakery products as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to increase our lunch price to \$3.25. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to increase our breakfast price to \$2.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Wendy Pederson to authorize the formation of a self-funded MHSAA Boys Baseball Program. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to approve our course offerings as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the enrollment of exchange student Alejandra Lacort Arroyo. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to recognize the 2nd reading of NEOLA policy updates Volume 36 Number 2 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to recognize the adoption of NEOLA policy updates Volume 3 Discussion took place between the Superintendent and Board Members regarding tonight's meeting.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the liquidation of our District's 2005 Blazer as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments

Kelly Milano thanked Bryan DeAugustine for the transparency in communicating with families. She also asked for clarification on the bullying language in the handbooks and also on the filled counselor positions.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Kathleen Carlson thanked the administration for their work on the policies and handbooks.

Randy Couveau congratulated DJ Thomsen on being the recipient of the Board Distinguished Service Award and thanked him again for all of his hard work and efforts.

Ron Mariani thanked the administration, staff and Mr. DeAugustine for their work to keep the mischief to a minimum in the WHS parking lots and around campus. He also added that keeping the gates closed and locked is going to help.

Wendy Pederson welcomed the new hires and stated that this is her favorite time of year when the buildings are at their best to welcome in the staff and students for the new year.

Bryan DeAugustine spoke briefly about some upcoming Sinking Fund updates and some potential grant funding. He also talked about the secondary road patrol and hopes that can be reinstated. Regarding bullying, he said it's going to take all of us working together.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____