

**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 17, 2022.**

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

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

Members Absent: None

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

Administrator's Absent: Griffin Lawson

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### Consent Agenda

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$801,128.64 for the period of September 19, 2022 through October 14, 2022; to approve the September payrolls in the amount of \$619,698.44; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,420,827.08; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$517,563.13 and total disbursements of \$1,509,070.80; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$591,196.07 for September 30, 2022. Motion carried.

### Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine reported on student test scores, the student advisory group meeting at NMU, and an administrative assistant for athletics. For Athletics, he reported that fall seasons are wrapping up and our kids, once again, had some nice success.

Chris Marana reported on test scores as well, and thanked the staff and students for their hard work with this process. He also thanked the 4 local township fire departments (Ishpeming, Humboldt, Champion, & Michigamme-Spurr) for their participation in the fire prevention and safety activities at ARES.

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Griffin Lawson that things are going smoothly at the middle school. They are working on an updated homework website and producing a digital parent newsletter. The PTO has been working with the student council also and "Popcorn Friday" is coming back!

Cliff Fossitt reported that the Lake Superior Performance Rally utilized the parking lots of both Westwood High School and Aspen Ridge School. The feedback was great and they really appreciated our hospitality. He also congratulated Mr. Gordon Erickson and the high school band for their recent performances at football games and their halftime shows.

Nathan Longton reported that MARESA staff would again provide an in-house HWC training for our staff. He also mentioned the NMU BEAR behavior team providing training and also thanked Mr. John Kinney for the after-school training on the "core-boards" for students with limited or no communication skills.

Eric Warlin reported that his bus drivers go above and beyond daily and he's very thankful for them. The new buses still are not in, but right now everything seems to be going smoothly. Things are transitioning for grounds-from lawn care to snow removal.

**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. Will meet next month for the most recent policy update.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month. Will meet next month to discuss the 2023 summer projects.

**Business / Action Items**

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to hire Kris Burke as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove** to hire Jennie Opperman as a Bus Driver. Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to authorize extending Lisa Smith's unpaid leave of absence for one month. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson** to hire Jenna Wealton as our Diving Coach. Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Scott Mann** to hire Jodi Wiljanen as a kitchen server. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson** to authorize purchasing this dishwasher as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

The board discussed the security camera updates that are needed at both Aspen Ridge and Westwood.

**Community Comments**

Chad Korpi, Tonya Nicholas, Julie Green-Poirier, Crystal LaFreniere and Shanna Klobucher all spoke regarding the district-wide email that was sent regarding a staff member.

**Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent**

Wendy Pederson thanked the staff and stated that she felt the district was in great shape academically and financially.

Randy Couveau thanked Mr. DeAugustine for his efforts with the student advisory group and stated that the effort is encouraging.

Ron Mariani thanked all of the people behind the scenes making the operation of the district run smoothly every day.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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

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