

**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, November 21, 2022.**

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

Members Present: Steve Baril, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, Scott Mann

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

Administrator's Absent: Eric Warlin

**Public Comment (regarding agenda):** None

### **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove** to approve the agenda as presented. 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 \$1,059,023.31 for the period of October 17, 2022 through November 18, 2022; to approve the October payrolls in the amount of \$670,633.00; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,729,656.31; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$930,876.11 and total disbursements of \$1,399,344.87; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$544,665.45 for October 31, 2022. Motion carried.

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

Bryan DeAugustine reported on tree removal at WHS, the NFHS Network streaming option, a potential partnership for transportation with North Star Academy.

Chris Marana reported that parent / teacher conferences were well attended as usual for the elementary. He also thanked the high school students and the Family Resource Center for their babysitting services. Currently the donations for the TV6 Can-a-thon are being collected and he also talked briefly about the Lego league robotics. Lastly, the ARES Christmas program is scheduled for Thursday, December 8.

Griffin Lawson reported that his goal is to make middle school more fun for students by incorporating more clubs and activities for them to be excited about school. Coming up is a penny war fundraiser for the student activity fund, and planning with the PTO for fun activities including a talent show.

Cliff Fossitt reported that he is currently recruiting students to help with parking for the ARES Christmas programs. He also reported on the MHSAA Sportsmanship summit held recently at NMU, and congratulated Mr. Polkinghorne and the students involved with the recent performance of Matilda. Lastly, he reminded everyone that the Drama club performance of Wizard of Oz is coming up.

Nathan Longton reported that MARESA provided in-house training for the rest of the staff who needed recertification for HWC training. He also reported on a training on behavior strategies and some upcoming observations by NMU students at Aspen Ridge.

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Eric Warlin that the new buses are still not in.

### **Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

Finance and Ops – Anderson Tackman audit presentation at tonight's board meeting.

Personnel – President Mariani will report out tonight's committee meeting.

Policy – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Part of tonight's action items.

### **Business / Action Items**

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to accept Lisa Beauchamp's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to hire Jamie Cash as an SCI Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Steve Baril** to hire Hope Hibbard as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to hire Mary Peterson as our Temporary Administrative Assistant for Athletics. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau** to appoint Jason Salmi as our Head Boys Baseball Coach. Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to accept Korie Sleeter's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to appoint Nautica Briggs and Kari Dunphy as volunteer middle school volleyball coaches.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson** to authorize the Aspen Ridge Roof repairs as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Randy Couveau	aye	John Grove	aye
Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau** to accept First Bank's proposal for bus financing as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Randy Couveau	aye	John Grove	aye
Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to resolve to authorize our Operating Millage renewal election. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Steve Baril** to authorize renovations to our CTE Wing, WHS Kitchen and WHS Cafeteria as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Randy Couveau	aye	John Grove	aye
-------------	-----	---------------	-----	------------	-----

*NICE Community School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 21, 2022*

Ron Mariani                      aye                      Wendy Pederson                      aye

Motion carried.

**Community Comments**

None

**Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent**

Steve Baril commented on the recent Sinking Fund meeting being very interactive. He thinks we have some great projects coming up.

Randy Couveau thanked Griffin Lawson for his initiative in getting kids excited at the middle school level.

Ron Mariani congratulated the successful school board candidates who will begin their terms in January. He also thanked the staff and administration for everything so far this year.

Bryan DeAugustine commented on his upcoming meetings with the student advisory group that will include the principals and guidance counselors for some future events.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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

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