

**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, February 20, 2023.**

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

Members Present: Steve Baril, Kathleen Carlson, Chad Korpi, Crystal LaFreniere, Scott Mann, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: John Grove

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

Administrator's Absent: None

**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 Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi** to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi** to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi** to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$891,383.64 for the period of January 16, 2023 through February 17, 2023; to approve the January payrolls in the amount of \$642,905.84; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,534,289.48; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,568,236.71 and total disbursements of \$1,378,259.35; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$643,966.66 for January 31, 2023. Motion carried.

**Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items**

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the School Resource Officer starting in April, the Student Advisory Groups at Aspen Ridge and Westwood, some legislative events he was a part of last week and his involvement with the hiring of a new Cybersecurity Institute director.

Chris Marana reported on the school-wide donation to the Weaver family in Escanaba, March reading month activities, spring carnival and the Family Resource Community Marketplace coming up this weekend.

Griffin Lawson reported on the Weaver family donation, the WISH youth basketball tournament, middle school dodgeball tournament, staff spelling bee and upcoming PTO taco dinner/student showcase fundraiser. He also mentioned that in middle school athletics, girls' volleyball just began.

Cliff Fossitt reported on the teen mental health first aid program for 10<sup>th</sup> graders, thanked the students and all staff for continuing to grind through this long time of year and also thanked the West End Parent Partnership for their continued support. For athletics, the winter seasons are wrapping up with wrestling, cheer, bowling, swimming/diving all concluded their seasons with basketball districts coming up for girls first, then boys. Spring sports will gear up soon with the addition of a high school boys baseball team.

Nathan Longton reported on the co-op classroom field trip to the UP Children's Museum, NMU student observation and upcoming preschool screening set for 5/18/23.

Eric Warlin reported that sports trips are winding down and they are enjoying the less busy time of year for bus trips. Bryan also mentioned the co-op agreement with North Star for transportation next year.

**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.

**Business / Action Items**

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by Kathleen Carlson** to hire Alexandria Banfield as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi** to authorize Danielle Levandoski's maternity leave request. Motion carried.

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by Kathleen Carlson** to authorize Alyssa Longhini's maternity leave request. Motion carried.

**Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Crystal LaFreniere** to authorize Carissa Magnuson's resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Steve Baril** to hire Vicki Maki as a lunch server. Motion carried.

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by Chad Korpi** to hire Jacquelyn Nelson as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann** to hire Jacki Skytta as our Hope Room staffer.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Chad Korpi	aye
Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Crystal LaFreniere** to authorize Maria Young's resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Steve Baril** to approve our ARS carpet replacement as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Chad Korpi	aye
Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by Scott Mann** to approve our Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Crystal LaFreniere** to authorize the 2023 Graduation List as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Crystal LaFreniere** to authorize us to host the Gus Macker tournament as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by Scott Mann** to resolve to participate in Schools of Choice as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi** to accept Cross General Contracting's bid for our 2023 Summer Sinking Fund Project as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Chad Korpi	aye
Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Community Comments**

Sarah Etelamaki spoke on school elections and her role as a township clerk. She presented how the school could potentially save some money in the future.

**Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent**

Crystal LaFreniere commented on how she likes the positivity in the schools right now.

Kathleen Carlson thanked the administration, teachers and staff for continuing to keep things running.

Steve Baril commented on his school tours as part of the Lake Superior Leadership Academy and he said it's remarkable how awesome and well-kept our facilities are and the kinds of things we offer.

Ron Mariani commented on how nice it is that the community utilizes our facilities for their events.

Bryan DeAugustine commented that it's always good to see how lively and active our buildings are. He also thanked Mrs. Etelamaki for her comments regarding the school elections.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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

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