

**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, March 20, 2023.**

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

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

Members Absent: None

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 John Grove** to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Steve Baril** to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Steve Baril** to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Steve Baril** to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$978,551.76 for the period of February 20, 2023 through March 17, 2023; to approve the February payrolls in the amount of \$669,448.78; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,648,000.54; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$2,128,972.48 and total disbursements of \$1,318,463.07; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$778,761.44 for February 28, 2023. Motion carried.

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

Bryan DeAugustine reported on his upcoming travel to Lansing with the Marquette Ambassadors group. He also gave a budget snapshot, presented brochures that the business students are creating for our upcoming operating millage renewal and spoke of a recent meeting with the school administrators and guidance counselors.

Chris Marana spoke about the recent Kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year, and the wrap-up of March Reading Month activities.

Griffin Lawson spoke about the MS band concert, a field trip for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to Gwinn for a STEM event, staff spelling bee, dodgeball tournament, winter games outdoor contests and the completion of the middle school volleyball season.

Cliff Fossitt congratulated all of the winter sports season athletes and coaches on a successful winter season and mentioned that spring sports were beginning. He also spoke about the performing arts, BPA, Drama performance and orientation for 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be incoming Freshman for the 2023-2024 school year. Lastly he thanked the West End Parent Partnership for their recent hot chocolate sales and basket raffles.

Nathan Longton spoke about the Co-Op classroom's second field trip to the Children's Museum, the SCI field trip and upcoming preschool screening for the 2023-2024 school year.

Eric Warlin spoke about bus driver continuing education and filling some bus driver vacancies.

### **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 Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann** to accept Brienne LaVigne’s resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by Chad Korpi** to appoint David Mahaffey as an assistant softball coach. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Crystal LaFreniere** to hire Christie Makela as a Varsity Track Coach. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to authorize Mrs. Sandberg’s Buildings and Grounds contract as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by Scott Mann** to authorize Mr. Warlin’s Transportation Director contract as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove** to authorize Kimberly Zogg’s resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann** to authorize our service agreement extension with Anderson Tackman as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann** to authorize our WHS Baseball Team to Co-Op with Republic-Michigamme Schools as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Kathleen Carlson** to authorize the renewal of our service agreement with ESS Midwest as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by Kathleen Carlson** to authorize our continued participation in the INN Cooperative as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to resolve to support submitting the regional Special Education millage question as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by Kathleen Carlson** to resolve to issue the sale of bonds for our Sinking Fund projects as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to authorize the Memorandum of Agreement for our School Resource Officer as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to authorize the Transfinder Service Agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Community Comments**

Kris Sibley commented on the many successful things going on in the district.

**Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent**

Crystal LaFreniere hopes everyone enjoys their spring break.

Kathleen Carlson wished everyone a great spring break and thanked Mrs. Sibley for always being a NICE cheerleader.

Chad Korpi hopes everyone enjoys their spring break.

Scott Mann hopes everyone enjoys their time off.

Ron Mariani wished everyone a good spring break and also commented on the amazing recognition our students receive.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked everyone for another good month.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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

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