

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, May 15, 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, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana, Eric Warlin

Administrator's Absent: Cliff Fossitt, Griffin Lawson

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 John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,363,097.77 for the period of April 17, 2023 through May 12, 2023; to approve the April payrolls in the amount of \$628,892.04; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,991,989.81; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,733,080.10 and total disbursements of \$1,563,413.20; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,437,299.64 for April 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine reported on an additional high school counselor, the summer Sinking Fund projects, the millage renewal success, the regional Special Education millage success, and our current employment vacancies. He also reported on the recent cybersecurity competition.

Chris Marana reported on a busy month of May with field trips, young authors, children's art exhibit at NMU, and the upcoming Family Night and Collage Concert.

Griffin Lawson reported on the success of the middle school talent show. He also reported on upcoming class trips, 8th grade graduation and the Collage Concert.

Cliff Fossitt reported that WHS graduation is set for Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 7 pm in the WHS gymnasium. In athletics, he reported that Faith Spiroff and Lexi Olson have broken school records and that Bryce Markham hit the first homerun in WHS baseball history.

Nathan Longton reported that preschool screening was coming up with 32 kids set to be screened. He also reported on SCI field trips and a Co-Op field trip.

Eric Warlin reported that the new buses have finally been received and they are waiting on inspections to be ready for the road next school year. He gave a special thanks to Neil Oysti for keeping an eye on the new bus order with regard to the pricing increases. Lastly, he stated that his drivers are hanging in there as it's been busy end of the school year.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

Finance and Ops – Set to meet next month prior to the Annual Budget Hearing.

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 Steve Annelin’s letter of retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to hire Karsyn Cook as a Speech and Language Pathologist. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Heather DeAugustine as our Summer SCI Program Teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to hire David Finegan as a sub bus driver. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Kathleen Carlson to accept Tara Graetzel's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to acknowledge Travis Lawry’s letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize a leave of absence for Shannon Revello. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Kaylin Spiroff as an LRE aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Chad Korpi to resolve to cast our vote for Mike Angeli for the MARESA Board of Education.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	John Grove	aye	
Chad Korpi	aye	Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron
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Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent to sign the Transportation Services Agreement with North Star Montessori Academy.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	John Grove	aye	
Chad Korpi	aye	Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron
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Motion carried.

Community Comments

Kris Sibley spoke about many good things happening at NICE. Denise Platteborze spoke about Kindness Week and thanked the PTO for all they do. She also talked about bullying and asked the board to please hire people with appropriate qualifications for the counseling positions as there is a definite need for it.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Chad Korpi to enter into Closed Session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to review material protected by the attorney/client privilege and FERPA.

The meeting entered Closed Session at 7:32 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:21 p.m.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

None

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____