

**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, July 17, 2023**.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, John Grove, Chad Korpi, Crystal LaFreniere, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: Steve Baril, Scott Mann

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine

Administrator's Absent:

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson** to approve the agenda as presented. 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 \$1,998,169.16 for the period of June 19, 2023 through July 14, 2023; to approve the June payrolls in the amount of \$921,967.12; for total disbursements in the amount of \$2,920,136.28; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$2,210,535.70 and total disbursements of \$2,198,614.58; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$5,126,017.78 for June 30, 2023. Motion carried.

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

Bryan DeAugustine discussed the 45-day suspension administrative guideline for discipline hearings again. He also mentioned the ongoing parking lot issues.

### **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 John Grove** to acknowledge Rebecca Dales' resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to increase our Daycare and Family Resource Room wages as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson** to hire Dan McNeely as a bus driver. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi** to acknowledge Shannon Revello's resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to authorize our Xerox lease agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	John Grove	aye	Chad Korpi	aye
Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Ron Mariani	aye		

Motion carried.

### **Community Comments**

Kris Sibley spoke thanking all of those involved in the Westwood Alumni Softball Tournament.

Shelly Whitaker spoke about the suspension policy and the parking lot gatherings.

### **Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent**

Crystal LaFreniere asked about the 1,000 point banner, about what coaching positions are paid versus volunteer, about the cyber bullying presentation and the student choice grant.

Kathleen Carlson thanked Bryan DeAugustine for hearing out the board on their thoughts on the suspensions. She also thanked the public for their comments and asked how the construction projects were moving along.

Chad Korpi stated that he appreciates the public's comments.

Ron Mariani commented on the Ishpeming Township police officers needing to be more visible at the school. He also commented again on the parking lot issues. Lastly, he stated how great it is to keep our facilities maintained and updated with the help of the Sinking Fund.

Bryan DeAugustine spoke on the upcoming per pupil funding amount. He also stated that it takes a lot of effort every day behind the scenes to make sure that the focus is on all of our students and making sure they know they all matter. Hearing comments that things are bad at our schools is not taken lightly.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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

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