

**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, September 18, 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, Jake Skewis

Administrator's Absent: Eric Warlin

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by Crystal LaFreniere** to approve the agenda as presented. 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 \$2,157,796.82 for the period of August 21, 2023 through September 15, 2023; to approve the August payrolls in the amount of \$545,457.67; for total disbursements in the amount of \$2,703,254.49; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$4,719,432.92 and total disbursements of \$4,747,905.04; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$3,011,186.71 for August 31, 2023. Motion carried.

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

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the good start to the 2023-2024 school year. He also reported that he's going to be gone to Lansing with the Marquette Ambassadors group in October to talk about the Northern Promise and how it's been so successful for NICE. Lastly he spoke about three WHS students who received national recognition from College Board for their PSAT/SAT scores.

Chris Marana reported on the successful start to the school year, play group is starting up soon, fire safety activities are scheduled, and NWEA testing is taking place. Lastly he thanked all of the staff for their help with the smooth start.

Griffin Lawson reported on the successful start to the school year, student council elections took place, and NWEA is also taking place. Lastly he thanked all of the staff for their hard work.

Cliff Fossitt reported on the successful start to the school year and commented that it's been one of the smoothest so far. He also mentioned that NWEA is starting next week. Lastly he thanked all of the staff for their help and hard work.

Jake Skewis reported on some tennis and cross country highlights and the upcoming middle school football game. He also thanked Superiorland Electronics for their donation of new headsets for the football program.

Nathan Longton reported on the annual HWC training, and thanked all of the special education staff for always going above and beyond.

### **Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – Met this evening prior to our meeting.

Policy – Met this evening to review first reading of routine NEOLA updates.

Sinking Fund – Meeting upcoming to discuss small projects for this coming summer.

### **Business / Action Items**

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to acknowledge Becky Bannon's resignation. Motion carried.

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

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to hire Stacy LaBeau as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Steve Baril** to hire Melissa Lindsey as a Teacher Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Kathleen Carlson** to acknowledge Carissa Magnuson's resignation. Motion carried.

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

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to acknowledge Jackie Nelson's resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to hire Maria Roberts as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to hire Nick Rye as a Freshman Girls' Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to hire Aliah Tadych-Carlson as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann** to hire Ruth Thibeault as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by Chad Korpi** to authorize the filing of our district's L-4029 as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to authorize the purchase of a Snorkel Scissorlift from Champion Charter 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 Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to recognize the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of NEOLA policy updates Volume 37 Number 2, as presented. Motion carried.

### **Community Comments**

Kris Sibley thanked numerous people for being involved in our school and other area organizations.

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

Crystal LaFreniere thanked everyone for a good start to the school year.

Kathleen Carlson mentioned the Ely Township golf outing and encouraged the board to participate.

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Ron Mariani thanked the administrative staff for their monthly updates.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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

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