

**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, October 16, 2023.**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Scott Mann at 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Ron Mariani

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 Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi to approve the agenda as presented. 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 \$1,231,758.13 for the period of September 18, 2023 through October 13, 2023; to approve the September payrolls in the amount of \$653,899.31; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,885,657.44; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,480,715.64 and total disbursements of \$2,507,406.50; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,918,292.01 for September 30, 2023. Motion carried.

### Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine reported on his recent trip to Lansing with the Marquette Ambassadors group. He also mentioned the success our students are having with Cybersecurity competitions and the Northern Promise program that allows our students to earn college credits prior to graduating high school.

Chris Marana reported on after school learning lab, the TV6 can-a-thon, the Halloween parade and upcoming parent teacher conferences. He also thanked the four fire departments for their participation in the annual fire prevention activities and Mr. Warlin for incorporating some bus safety lessons into that day as well.

Griffin Lawson reported on the spirit week held in conjunction with the high school homecoming festivities. He also mentioned the bike group heading out to the heritage trail for their first field trip, an upcoming Halloween dance, Unity Day, and the haunted trail walk.

Jake Skewis reported that the girls' tennis team wrapped up their season taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the UP finals. Cross Country has UP finals coming up and took a girls' third place finish and the boys' second place finish at the MPC meet. Volleyball was currently playing at the WIN meet and football got their first win of the season. New lights will be installed in the gym soon along with the 1000 point basketball plaques. He also mentioned some coaches heading to clinics prior to the winter season.

Cliff Fossitt reported that the auto and welding shops are fully operational and the students are loving the new space. SAT, PSAT and NMSQT testing will be taking place at the end of the month. He thanked Kelly Milano for organizing the homecoming parade and he also thanked Mr. Lawson and Mr. Marana for officiating the powder puff games.

Nathan Longton reported on some upcoming MARESA para professional trainings and HWC trainings. He also mentioned that the SCI class is gearing up for their first field trip to the Forest Roberts Theater at NMU.

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Eric Warlin that a decision was going to be made about Bus 15B as it needs a new engine. He also reported that grounds keeping is winding down for the season and the Sinking Fund projects are just about complete.

### **Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

Finance and Ops – No activity this month. Draft audit looks good so far.

Personnel – Discussed superintendent's contract including current final year which concludes on June 30, 2026. Action item coming next month.

Policy – Recommended 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of NEOLA updates.

Sinking Fund – Pricing out small items for next summer's project cycle. Housekeeping items for both buildings.

### **Business / Action Items**

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

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi** to acknowledge Michael Frustaglio's resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Steve Baril** to hire Teri Jo Johns as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by Kathleen Carlson** to authorize Jackie Nelson to rescind her resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to acknowledge David Opperman's resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to recognize the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of NEOLA policy updates Volume 37 Number 2, as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to adopt the NEOLA policy updates Volume 37 Number 2, as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi** to move our November Board Meeting to Monday, November 13, 2023. Motion carried.

### **Community Comments**

None

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

None

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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

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