

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, December 18, 2023.**

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

Members Present: Steve Baril, Chad Korpi, Scott Mann, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, John Grove, Crystal LaFreniere

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Cliff Fossitt, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana, Jake Skewis

Administrator's Absent: Griffin Lawson, Eric Warlin

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Steve Baril to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition

None.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Chad Korpi to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Chad Korpi to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Chad Korpi to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$2,105,493.66 for the period of November 13, 2023 through December 15, 2023; to approve the November payrolls in the amount of \$1,085,282.94; for total disbursements in the amount of \$3,190,776.60; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$2,310,825.44 and total disbursements of \$2,650,465.34; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund balance of \$85.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$827,413.65 for November 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the upcoming Teen Mental Health Night, his recent student advisory group meetings including a spring dance for juniors and seniors from area schools held at NMU, and lastly he asked for the January Board meeting to be held a week later than usual, on January 22, 2024.

Chris Marana thanked everyone for their help with the Christmas program. He also mentioned that in addition to participating in the TV6 canathon this year, Aspen Ridge also participated in the Salvation Army's kettle campaign and raised over \$850.

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Griffin Lawson that there is a newly created Aspen Ridge Middle School Facebook page that has been very well received. He also mentioned a pep assembly in conjunction with Mr. Skewis as the 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball teams were beginning their end of season tournament play.

Jake Skewis reported on the middle school pep assembly and boys' basketball tournament. He also talked about the WHS gym lights that are being installed, the State Championship reunion, the upcoming 1000 point wall dedication and mentioned the strong start for our swim team at 3-0.

Cliff Fossitt wanted to recognize the WHS Band and Chorus groups for their outstanding performances at their holiday concerts. He also thanked the entire staff at WHS for the hard work they all do and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nathan Longton reported on the FSP field trip to the children's museum. He also mentioned an additional special education teacher who will begin after the winter break in an effort to continue to offer the quality services in the FSP program.

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Eric Warlin that the transportation department is in the midst of bus inspections. He also talked about the upcoming bus replacement schedule and recommendation in the action items later on in the meeting. Regarding facilities and grounds, he mentioned that the crew is going to try to keep the parking lot in better shape this year with plowing and snow cleanup.

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 Scott Mann supported by Steve Baril to acknowledge Aliah Carlson’s resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Steve Baril to hire Travis Fredy as a custodian. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Steve Baril to acknowledge Nathan Jarvi’s resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Chad Korpi to hire Kylie Tobias as a special education teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Chad Korpi	aye	Scott Mann	aye
Ron Mariani	aye				

Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to authorize the purchase of two new school buses as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Chad Korpi	aye	Scott Mann	aye
Ron Mariani	aye				

Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to officially name the CTE wing the Louis Praznik CTE Center. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Steve Baril to accept Jeffers High School into the West PAC as presented.

Motion carried.

Community Comments

Kris Sibley praised all of the good things taking place at our schools.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

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Scott Mann, on behalf of the Ishpeming Township Fire Department, thanked WHS for including the fire department in their recent drama production. He also requested that the ITFD be located in the middle for parking assisting at next years Aspen Ridge Elementary Christmas program.

Chad Korpi wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Bryan DeAugustine wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Ron Mariani also wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked all of our staff for making our school district what it is. He stated that we have a place to be proud of.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Steve Baril to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____