

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 16, 2024.**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 5:31 pm.

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

Members Absent: Scott Mann

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Cliff Fossitt, Griffin Lawson, Nathan Longton, Jake Skewis, Eric Warlin

Administrator's Absent: Chris Marana

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition: None

Consent Agenda

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,090,344.44 for the period of August 19, 2024 through September 13, 2024; to approve the August payrolls in the amount of \$583,670.52; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,674,014.96; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$3,502,859.11 and total disbursements of \$4,083,446.58; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund balance of \$250.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$914,380.94 for August 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent: Bryan DeAugustine reported on the parking lot lights at WHS and exploring opportunities to brighten up certain areas of the parking lot. He also reported on potential communications for EMS and Public Safety in our buildings, but also mentioned the high cost. Lastly, he gave a quick refresher on the emergency operations plan, district finances and last year's student growth.

ARES: Fall testing is all consuming, but things are going well. The current second grade vacancy is being covered for the time being by Mrs. Long until a permanent employee can be secured.

ARMS: Fall NWEA testing is also taking place. 7th grade will go to Clear Lake this week, with a big thank you to Kristi Head for all of her hard work. The no cell phone policy is going well so far at the middle school.

Athletics: Fall seasons are going well and everything is in full swing.

Special Education: New partnership with NMU's communication department for students studying speech therapy to work with our current speech therapy staff, and MARESA held their annual HWC training recertifications.

Transportation: A new bus route for the MARESA program is going well, picking up kids from our district and area districts to bring them to the MARESA program. State bus inspections will be taking place next month.

Grounds/Facilities: The crews did a great job getting the campus ready for the new school year.

Committee Reports

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – Met prior to tonight’s board meeting.

Policy – No activity this month. Will meet next month.

Sinking Fund – Meeting in the next few weeks.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to acknowledge Jocelyn Anderson’s letter of retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Crystal LaFreniere to hire Jeremy King as an Assistant Football Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	abstain	John Grove	aye
Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Chad Korpi	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Justin Richards as an Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Nick Rye as an Assistant Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Michael Coduti as a Bus Driver. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Steve Baril to acknowledge Kristina Hillock’s resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Isabel Luke as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to hire Kristen Mattila as a Kitchen Server. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Kristen Mattila as our Kids Club Director. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Chad Korpi to liquidate buses 13A and 14A as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize the filing of our district’s L-4029 as presented. Motion carried

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize Marquette County as our School Plan Review and Inspection Authority as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments

None

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Kathleen Carlson thanked the District for keeping her on the school board as this is her 10th year.

Ron Mariani commented on the School of Choice numbers and that we are blessed to have a district that gives us much to be proud of.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked the Government students for attending the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

President: _____

Secretary: _____