

**Minutes of the Organizational 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 electronically on **Monday, January 20, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Bryan DeAugustine at 5:00 PM.

Members Present: Jim Gray, Chad Korpi, Crystal LaFreniere (via phone), Derrick Magnuson, Scott Mann

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, John Grove

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine

**Election of Officers:**

**The Superintendent called for nominations for Board President.**

Chad Korpi nominated Crystal LaFreniere as Board President for the 2025 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Crystal LaFreniere as Board President. Motion carried.

**The Superintendent opened the floor for nominations of Board Vice President.**

Chad Korpi nominated Scott Mann as Board Vice President for the 2025 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Jim Gray to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Scott Mann as Board Vice President. Motion carried.

**Vice President Scott Mann opened the floor for nominations for Board Treasurer.**

Chad Korpi nominated Jim Gray as Board Treasurer for the 2025 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Jim Gray as Board Treasurer. Motion carried.

**Vice President Scott Mann opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary.**

Scott Mann nominated Chad Korpi as Board Secretary for the 2025 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Jim Gray to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Chad Korpi as Board Secretary. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bylaws (Section 0000 Bylaws of the NEOLA Policy Manual)**

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Jim Gray to approve the bylaws which establish the district's legal status and board functions as presented. Motion carried.

**Scheduling of Regular Monthly School Board Meetings**

Motion by Jim Gray supported by Scott Mann to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:30 PM in the WHS Media Center, with the exception of November 2025, as the time and place for the regular monthly meetings of the NICE Community School District Board of Education. Motion carried.

## **Discuss Ad Hoc Committees**

Discussion of committee structure took place and committee assignments will be provided by the Board President at the next meeting.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Jim Gray to continue the ad-hoc committee process for the 2025 school year. Motion carried.

## **Designation of Depositories for School Funds**

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to resolve that Nicolet Bank is the depository of school funds with Wells Fargo as an additional payroll direct deposit distribution bank. Motion carried.

## **Check Signature & Electronic Transfer Authorizations**

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Derrick Magnuson to designate administrators (Superintendent; Administrative Assistant for Finance, Payroll Clerk, Principals/Assistant Principals, building secretaries, and athletic director) to execute checks and authorize electronic transfers from respective school accounts as needed. Motion carried.

## **Delegation of Election Duties**

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Derrick Magnuson to designate the Superintendent or designee to manage election duties on behalf of the Board of Education. Motion carried.

## **Approval of Annual Retainer Contracts**

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Derrick Magnuson to retain Thrun Law Firm as the Board's attorney for the 2025 year. Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Closing Comments by Board or Superintendent: None

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Derrick Magnuson to adjourn the Organizational meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

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