

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, January 20, 2025.**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Scott Mann at 5:30 pm.

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

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, John Grove

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

Administrator's Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Derrick Magnuson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition: School Board Recognition Month, IDI ARS Sinking Fund Project Presentation & MARESA Presentation

Consent Agenda

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Jim Gray to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Jim Gray to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Jim Gray to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,119,754.22 for the period of December 16, 2024 through January 17, 2025; to approve the December payrolls in the amount of \$790,143.62; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,909,897.84; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,634,560.68 and total disbursements of \$1,648,298.42; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund balance of \$250.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$342,789.61 for December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent: Bryan DeAugustine thanked the Board Members for their service in honor of School Board Recognition Month. He also mentioned an upcoming presentation by Dr. Jennifer Krzewina from MARESA and a Construction Trades project of building a pavilion.

ARES: Chris Marana reported that the elementary students are in the process of completing their mid-year testing, which is going well. Report cards are set to go home this week as well. Quiz Bowl for 4th and 5th graders is now being run by Mrs. Ahola. The elementary chorus students will sing the national anthem at an upcoming basketball game and lastly, the elementary held a hat day, with all donations being sent to the Trillium House in memory of Marsha Fraser, long time staff member at NICE.

ARMS: Griffin Lawson reported that the middle school students recently did their winter NWEA testing. Mrs. Long is back in her math specialist role. There is an upcoming middle school reward outing at the Negaunee Ice Arena, and the annual dodgeball tournament is currently going on. Lastly, the middle school student council is holding a semi-formal dance.

WHS: Cliff Fossitt recognized the entire staff and student body for a really good first semester. The theater tech class is up and running for the second semester, with help from NMU. He also recognized more students taking the lead on singing the national anthem at home games, and finally the high school winter formal dance is coming up on 1/31/25.

Athletics: Jake Skewis congratulated Ethan Marta on scoring his 1000th point in the boys' basketball game vs. Negaunee recently. All winter sports are in the thick of their season.

Special Education: Nathan Longton thanked Karsyn Cook, Speech Teacher, for presenting to the special education staff at the recent PD day. He also thanked all of the special education staff for their hard work, and also thanked the MARESA staff helping with our visual impaired training.

Transportation: Eric Warlin reported that things are going well in transportation.

Committee Reports

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month. Presentation at tonight's meeting.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Derrick Magnuson to hire Joe Ogea and Mike Nurmi as assistant football coaches as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to hire Lilianna Briggs as our Head Varsity Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Derrick Magnuson supported by Jim Gray to hire Greta Savola as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by Derrick Magnuson to hire Annie Skewis as our Girls Varsity Track Coach for the 2025 Track Season. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Jim Gray to authorizing the Election Coordinating Committee document as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Jim Gray	aye	Chad Korpi	aye
Derrick Magnuson	aye	Scott Mann	aye

Motion carried.

Community Comments

None

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Jim Gray to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

President: _____

Secretary: _____