

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, February 17, 2025**.

The meeting was called to order by President Crystal LaFreniere at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, Jim Gray, John Grove, Chad Korpi, Crystal LaFreniere, Derrick Magnuson, Scott Mann

Members Absent: None

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

Administrator's Absent: Jake Skewis, Eric Warlin

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition: BPA Regional Competition and Honors Band Updates

Consent Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,039,433.08 for the period of January 20, 2025 through February 14, 2025; to approve the January payrolls in the amount of \$697,393.37; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,736,826.45; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$2,063,651.77 and total disbursements of \$1,690,070.06; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund balance of \$250.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$467,216.51 for January 31, 2025. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent: Bryan DeAugustine updated the Board about the Aspen Ridge School Sinking Fund project, and a potential visit with the President and administrative staff of Northern Michigan University to explore the feasibility of offering a science course on site.

ARES: Chris Marana reported that the elementary chorus performed at the API dinner that was held recently. He also talked about the Smiles on Wheels program that provides dental care to students in need, the elementary art students decorating coffee sleeves for Campfire Coffee and the Heikki Lunta festival, the Beat the Winter Blues resource fair sponsored by UPHP and held at Aspen Ridge, and lastly he said they are looking ahead for March is reading month and Kindergarten registration.

ARMS: Griffin Lawson reported that the Trails class hosted their lantern snowshoe walk fundraiser, the upcoming Women in Construction event at NMU that some 8th graders will attend, and the Career Café that Mrs. Ostola has brought back for 8th graders.

WHS: Cliff Fossitt reported that PSAT testing was held with some good feedback for the actual testing coming up in the spring. He also mentioned that 9th and 10th graders will take the NWEA test next month, scheduling for next year is underway and the Soap Box Challenge took place with a few students moving on to the next competition at NMU.

Athletics: Bryan DeAugustine reported on Wrestling Regionals, Bowling UP Finals, Swim & Dive UP Finals, and upcoming District Tournament for Basketball.

Special Education: Nathan Longton reported that there is another round of NMU students who are studying Special Education are doing some observations this semester, and he also reported on a presentation by MARESA on the PD day.

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Transportation: Bryan DeAugustine reported things are fine in the transportation department.

Committee Reports

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – 1st Reading consideration this evening for newest NEOLA Policy Updates

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

AFSCME Negotiations – Consider closed session for the Board of the Whole to prepare for negotiations.

NTA Negotiations – Consider closed session for the Board of the Whole to prepare for negotiations.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize a contract extension for Cliff Fossitt as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann to authorize a contract extension for Griffin Lawson as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to authorize a contract extension for Nate Longton as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to authorize a contract extension for Eric Warlin as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize a contract extension for Kurt Corcoran as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi to adopt the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize the 2025 List of WHS Graduates, pending the successful completion of their requirements, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to recognize the 1st reading of NEOLA policies Volume 39, No. 1, September 2024 Update, Volume 39, No. 1, EDGAR/UGG Revisions, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi to resolve to continue participating in Schools of Choice as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Jim Gray	aye	John Grove	aye
Chad Korpi	aye	Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Derrick Magnuson	aye
Scott Mann	aye				

Motion carried.

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Community Comments

Jeff Adriano from Robbins Flooring Mill talked about the upcoming bids for the new gym at Aspen Ridge. Kris Sibley spoke of all of the good things taking place in the District.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to enter into Closed Session under Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss upcoming Negotiations. Motion carried.

The meeting entered Closed Session at 6:04 pm.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6:37 pm.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Chad Korpi thanked the custodians for keeping the schools looking great during the WISH basketball tournament.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

President: _____

Secretary: _____