

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, March 17, 2025.**

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

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

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson

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

Communications & Recognition: BPA State Competition, District Solo & Ensemble Festival for Band, WSMA Choral Festival, and Special Education presentation.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,233,304.88 for the period of February 17, 2025 through March 14, 2025; to approve the February payrolls in the amount of \$753,145.35; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,986,450.23; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$3,440,233.65 and total disbursements of \$1,678,332.68; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund balance of \$250.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$632,826.26 for February 28, 2025. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent: Bryan DeAugustine updated the Board on the NMU visit and an upcoming Lansing trip.

ARES: Chris Marana reported on kindergarten registration for the 25-26 school year, recent teacher aide training, a performance by the band The Knockabouts, elementary honors choir, reading month closing ceremony and elementary carnival.

ARMS: Griffin Lawson reported on upcoming band and chorus concerts, PTO bowling night, and thanks to WHS for including the middle school students for watching the semifinal basketball game.

WHS: Cliff Fossitt reported that it has been a proud week or two with all of the success seen by robotics, BPA, music departments, and the postseason run by the boys' basketball team.

Athletics: Jake Skewis reported on the winter sports season wrap up, highlighting the girls bowling team, wrestling individual regionals, and the incredible postseason run for boys' basketball. He also mentioned how complimentary the other schools were of our students and community during all of the travel. Lastly he thanked everyone for all of the support.

Special Education: Nathan Longton presented at the beginning of the meeting on an overview of the Special Ed department as a whole.

Transportation: Eric Warlin thanked all of the bus drivers and mechanic for keeping things rolling.

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.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to hire Samantha Heikkila as an SCI Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to grant Caylie Kangas maternity leave. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by Chad Korpi to grant Brenda Moore a leave of absence. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to authorize the Sinking Fund option #2, for the gym and two classrooms, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to recognize the 2nd reading of NEOLA policies Volume 39, No. 1, September 2024 Update, Volume 39, No. 1, EDGAR/UGG Revisions, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to adopt NEOLA policies Volume 39, No. 1, September 2024 Update, Volume 39, No. 1, EDGAR/UGG Revisions, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to enter into closed session under Section 8 (1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to Consult with Legal Counsel regarding Attorney-Client Privileged Information. Motion carried.

The meeting entered Closed Session at 6:12 pm.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:02 pm.

Board members listened to an AFSCME Grievance presentation with some discussion. The Board tabled this issue until they meet again.

Community Comments Several AFSCME members spoke in support of the grievance. Kris Sibley congratulated the National Honor Society members.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent None

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

President: _____

Secretary: _____