

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, October 20, 2025.**

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

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

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, Crystal LaFreniere

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

Administrator's Absent: Bobby Zhulkie

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition: None

Consent Agenda

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$3,140,792.55 for the period of September 15, 2025 through October 17, 2025; to approve the September payrolls in the amount of \$800,176.18; for total disbursements in the amount of \$3,940,968.73; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$996,687.69 and total disbursements of \$2,644,011.53; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund (2023) balance of \$250.00; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund (2025) balance of \$250.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$430,859.54; to approve the 2025 Capital Projects Fund balance of \$3,375,794.25 for September 30, 2025. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent: Bryan DeAugustine reported that our school year is rolling along nicely. The Sinking Fund Project at Aspen Ridge is on budget and on schedule and his Lansing trip with the Marquette County Ambassadors group will take place at a later time when everything is back in session.

ARES: Chris Marana reported that the after school learning lab program has begun. He thanked all of the fire departments involved in the fire safety and prevention activities and also thanked Mr. Warlin and Mr. Ward for their help with bus safety lessons. He also thanked Nurse Cittadino for her help in organizing the flu shot clinic. Coming up, he mentioned Unity Day, the annual Halloween parade and Parent/Teacher conferences.

ARMS: Griffin Lawson reported that both the 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams are in the championship game. On Friday, 10/24, the trails class will host their annual Haunted Walk. Coming up next week is the Big Sing and a Halloween dance.

WHS: Cliff Fossitt extended an open invitation for chaperones for all high school dances. He thanked the Ishpeming Township Fire Department for their help recently. He also mentioned that congressmen Bergman donated 4 snowmobiles to the power sports class. Lastly, the concurrent enrollment numbers for the college courses that we offer here at WHS, in partnership with NMU are as follows: Biology = 15 students, English = 40 students, Statistics = 29 students.

SpEd: Nate Longton reported that MARESA provided another in-house training for Handle with Care recertification and will host another one on the next PD day which should wrap up recertification of all of our paraprofessional staff. He also mentioned the UP Special Education conference.

Athletics: Bryan DeAugustine reported for Bobby Zhulkie that the WIN Volleyball tournament was being hosted at WHS and Fall sports seasons are wrapping up.

Transportation: Eric Warlin reported that they recently had the annual bus inspections which went well and two new buses will be delivered this week.

Committee Reports

Finance and Ops – No activity this month. Audit will be presented in November.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month.

Business / Action Items

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to authorize a leave of absence for Ella Luke. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Derrick Magnuson to acknowledge Samantha Mackey's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to hire Wyatt Makosky as an Assistant Wrestling Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by Derrick Magnuson to hire Bianca Parsley. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to hire Dondre Yohe as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to authorize our annual audit with Anderson Tackman. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Derrick Magnuson to accept Huntington's bus financing bid as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Derrick Magnuson supported by Chad Korpi to raise our Substitute Teacher Pay daily rate as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Community Comments Kris Sibley spoke in support of the many positive things happening at NICE.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Scott Mann thanked the Government students for attending tonight's meeting stating it was nice to see some new faces in the audience.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

President: _____

Secretary: _____