

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 22, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Bryan DeAugustine at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call: Members Present: Steve Baril, Kathleen Carlson, John Grove, Chad Korpi, Crystal LaFreniere, Ronald Mariani

Members Absent: Scott Mann

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine

Election of Officers:

The Superintendent called for nominations for Board President.

Kathleen Carlson nominated Ron Mariani as Board President for the 2024 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Crystal LaFreniere to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Ron Mariani as Board President. Motion carried.

President Ron Mariani opened the floor for nominations of Board Vice President.

Kathleen Carlson nominated Scott Mann as Board Vice President for the 2024 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Scott Mann as Board Vice President. Motion carried.

President Ron Mariani opened the floor for nominations for Board Treasurer.

Crystal LaFreniere nominated Steve Baril as Board Treasurer for the 2024 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by Kathleen Carlson to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Steve Baril as Board Treasurer. Motion carried.

President Ron Mariani opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary.

John Grove nominated Crystal LaFreniere as Board Secretary for the 2024 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by John Grove supported by Steve Baril to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Crystal LaFreniere as Board Secretary. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi 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 Steve Baril supported by Crystal LaFreniere to approve the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the WHS Media Center, with the exception of November 2024, 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.

Designation of Depositories for School Funds

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Steve Baril 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 John Grove 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 Kathleen Carlson supported by Crystal LaFreniere 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 Kathleen Carlson supported by Crystal LaFreniere to retain Thrun Law Firm as the Board's attorney for the 2024 year. Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Closing Comments by Board or Superintendent: Bryan DeAugustine thanked all the board members for serving. Ron Mariani thanked the board for trusting him to lead the board as the president.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi to adjourn the Organizational meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

President: _____ Secretary: _____