

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, April 17, 2023.**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Steve Baril, John Grove, Chad Korpi, Crystal LaFreniere, Scott Mann, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson

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

Consent Agenda

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

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

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,337,451.26 for the period of March 20, 2023 through April 14, 2023; to approve the March payrolls in the amount of \$678,669.18; for total disbursements in the amount of \$2,016,120.44; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$3,603,193.15.48 and total disbursements of \$1,929,417.56; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,396,404.99 for March 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the upcoming Millage Election on May 2, 2023, upcoming interviews for the Athletic Director/Assistant Administrator position, and his Lansing trip. Lastly, he mentioned that the summer projects for the Sinking Fund will begin on May 1 with work that will not impact the day to day operations while students are still in session.

Chris Marana reported on state assessments, the successful Daughter's Choice dance, and Young Authors where Aspen Ridge will host the featured author for an assembly.

Griffin Lawson reported on the recent middle school chorus concert, state testing, and the upcoming middle school talent show. He also reported that in middle school athletics, track season has begun with the first meet coming up soon.

Cliff Fossitt reported on the testing the high school students have recently done and the upcoming WHS Prom. For athletics, all spring sports have begun and the first track meet was at the Superior Dome in Marquette. With unpredictable weather, he hopes for little disruption in getting contests in.

Nathan Longton thanked all staff involved in the state testing process. He also reported on the recent SCI class field trip to see Grease at NMU and planning for summer programming.

Eric Warlin reported that the two new buses should finally be arriving within the week. He also stated that the bus drivers continue to do a phenomenal job.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

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 Scott Mann supported by John Grove to accept Lisa Beauchamp's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to hire Jamee Gobert as our Middle School Girls Track Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to hire Christa Hertel as an Assistant Caregiver. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Steve Baril to hire Kristi Poupore as our Kids Club Director. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to purchase a new lawnmower from OK Rental Sales and Service as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to resolve to support MARESA's budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	John Grove	aye	Chad Korpi	aye
Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	abstain

Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Scott Mann to resolve to designate Secretary Crystal LaFreniere as our elector for MARESA's upcoming election.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	John Grove	aye	Chad Korpi	aye
Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Community Comments

Kris Sibley commented on the successful Daughter's Choice dance.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Ron Mariani thanked all of our educators.

Bryan DeAugustine reminded everyone that if the operating millage renewal doesn't pass in the May 2023 election, we can always try again at the next election time since the current millage isn't up until 2024. He also has been promoting our millage in the news outlets, but has refrained from too much commenting on MARESA's millage since they have been doing their own promotions and he doesn't want people to get confused.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____