

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 15, 2024.**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, John Grove, Chad Korpi, Crystal LaFreniere, Ron Mariani, Scott Mann

Members Absent: Steve Baril

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 Chad Korpi to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition: None

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 \$963,722.32 for the period of March 18, 2024 through April 12, 2024; to approve the March payrolls in the amount of \$734,052.09; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,697,774.41; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$3,268,874.44 and total disbursements of \$1,535,766.52; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund balance of \$250.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,716,538.19 for March 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine reported on his upcoming Lansing trip.

Chris Marana reported on state assessments, summer school registration, field trips, NMU Children's Art expo and Family Night.

Griffin Lawson reported on state assessments, middle school talent show, summer school options for middle school students, upcoming field trips and class trips and 8th grade graduation.

Jake Skewis reported on some academic recognition for both the boys and girls basketball teams, spring sports and a football scheduling change.

Cliff Fossitt reported on state assessments, the band trip to Disney World and the upcoming Prom.

Nate Longton reported on the accommodated versions of the state assessments, the GLRC/MARESA Day Treatment Center is up and running, and finishing touches are being put on the Summer SCI program.

Eric Warlin reported that field trips and spring sports trips make for a busy end of the school year in transportation.

Committee Reports

Finance and Ops – No activity this month. Meeting coming up soon.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month. Meeting April 24, at 5:30 pm to discuss future projects.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize the search for a Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	John Grove	aye	Chad Korpi	aye
Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to acknowledge Lynnette Ewbank's letter of retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize maternity leave for Kathleen Ferguson. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Crystal LaFreniere to hire Kerry Hytinen as a summer SCI Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to hire Margaret Keasler-Maki as a summer SCI Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Crystal LaFreniere to acknowledge Lorissa Laitinen's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann to hire Shelsey Mleko as a Special Education Teacher starting with the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to extend Eric Warlin's contract as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to renew our services agreement with ESS as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to recognize the second reading of NEOLA Policy Updates Volume 38, No. 1, and the November 2023 Update. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann to adopt NEOLA Policy Updates Volume 38, No. 1, and the November 2023 Update. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to proceed with the small Sinking Fund projects, including the Aspen Ridge Office remodel if it can be done, as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments

None

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Kathleen Carlson thanked Jake Skewis stating that he's been a welcome addition to the district.

Ron Mariani commented on the annual Excellence in Education coming up later this spring.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____