

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, February 19, 2024.**

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

Members Present: Steve Baril, Kathleen Carlson, Chad Korpi, Ron Mariani, Scott Mann

Members Absent: John Grove, Crystal LaFreniere

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 Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition

None.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,111,342.68 for the period of January 22, 2024 through February 16, 2024; to approve the January payrolls in the amount of \$694,953.11; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,806,295.79; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,856,418.54 and total disbursements of \$1,587,689.15; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund balance of \$250.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,048,437.85 for January 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine gave a Legislative Update and also shared a 5-year financial projection.

Chris Marana shared that the Elementary Chorus recently performed the National Anthem at a couple of home basketball games at WHS. He also talked about the Ok2Say safety presentation, a national online safety program conducted by the FBI, the Smiles on Wheels program, and upcoming March is Reading Month activities.

Griffin Lawson reported on the Ok2Say presentation, annual dodgeball tournament, 2nd annual talent show, and a potential after school chess club and robotics club.

Jake Skewis reported on the UP Finals for Swimming, Diving & Bowling, Regionals for Wrestling, Basketball is gearing up for District action and 8th grade Volleyball won a mid-season tournament recently.

Cliff Fossitt reported on upcoming NWEA testing, Spring Break Band trip to Disney and Students of the Month.

Nathan Longton reported on preparations for the upcoming PSAT and SAT testing, caseload and teacher placements for the 2024-2025 school year, and possible Registered Behavior Technician training and 31 N mental health services.

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 Steve Baril supported by Scott Mann to hire Savana Driesenga as a special education teacher starting next school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi to authorize a leave of absence for Doreen Gilles as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Kathleen Carlson to acknowledge Paula Gravedoni's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann to acknowledge Andrea Korpi's retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to hire Kris Scherer as our Boys Varsity Track Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann to hire Tyler Thomas as our Head Football Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Chad Korpi to approve our Calendar for the 2024-2025 School Year. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi to authorize the 2024 List of WHS Graduates, pending the successful completion of their requirements, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Steve Baril to renew our service agreement with Johnson Controls Incorporated as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Scott Mann to resolve to participate in Schools of Choice as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments

None

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Ron Mariani congratulated Coach Thomas and the Valedictorians and Salutatorian for the Class of 2024.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____