

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, July 22, 2024.**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 5:30 pm.

A moment of silence was held in memory of our student that we lost recently.

Members Present: Steve Baril, John Grove, Scott Mann, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, Chad Korpi, Crystal LaFreniere

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine

Administrator's Absent: Cliff Fossitt, Griffin Lawson, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana, Jake Skewis, Eric Warlin

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition: None

Consent Agenda

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,876,489.98 for the period of June 17, 2024 through July 19, 2024; to approve the June payrolls in the amount of \$707,887.30; for total disbursements in the amount of \$2,584,377.28; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,842,514.17 and total disbursements of \$1,660,979.01; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund balance of \$250.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,711,113.67 for June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine reported on preparations for the upcoming school year and future Sinking Fund project items. He also reported for the building administrators that they've all been busy hiring new and replacement staff and in Athletics, sports are set to begin for Fall 2024 in a couple of weeks.

Committee Reports

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – Will meet prior to August's regular meeting.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to hire Madison Doney as a teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to hire Brooklyn Fitzpatrick as a teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to hire Caylie (Gray) Kangas as a teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to hire Carrie Harvala as a secretary. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to hire Emily Helgren as a teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to recognize Eric Hill's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to acknowledge Angie Hytinen's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to acknowledge Quincy Jensen's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to recognize Kelsie Luukkala's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to hire Betsy Macco as a teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to hire Lauren Mason as a teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to acknowledge Steve Morrison's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to hire Teal Niemi as a Special Education teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to acknowledge Jacki Skytta's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to grant maternity leave to Maria Young. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to continue our participation in INN. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Scott Mann to resolve to include the NEOLA Special Update – Title IX New Policy as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	John Grove	aye
Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to continue our NICE Start service agreement with Community Action Alger Marquette as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments

None

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Ron Mariani thanked everyone involved for getting the support that our student body needed with the recent loss of one of our high school students. He also passed along condolences to the family on behalf of the Board.

Bryan DeAugustine stated that Ishpeming Township was still looking for a police officer. He mentioned his concern about being able to fulfill the requirement of the grant we have to support a school resource officer. He also talked about his concerns about the ongoing parking lot situation.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 22, 2024*

President: _____

Secretary: _____