

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, May 20, 2024.**

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

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

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, Scott Mann

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Nathan Longton

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

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Chad Korpi to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition: BPA National Leadership Conference Update

Consent Agenda

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

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

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,225,019.13 for the period of April 15, 2024 through May 17, 2024; to approve the April payrolls in the amount of \$683,145.85; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,908,164.98; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,378,265.08 and total disbursements of \$1,552,246.12; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund balance of \$250.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,686,574.25 for April 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the Director of Buildings & Grounds position and the Groundskeeping position. He also reported on the discussion that took place regarding a Bond Referendum regarding an additional gym.

Bryan DeAugustine reported for the building principals and athletic director noting the upcoming Family Night at Aspen Ridge, field trips, graduation and the busy spring sports schedules.

Nate Longton reported on the successful preschool screening, trainings for the summer SCI staff and 5 students that will be needing Extended School Year services throughout this summer.

Bryan DeAugustine reported that things were going well 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 – Moving forward with small projects this summer. Preparing for potential additions to both ARS and WHS in the future, possibly summer of 2025. Discussion ensued regarding gym space.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to hire Matthew Adkins as a custodian. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to hire Karissa Ahonen as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to hire Danielle Cittadino as our School Nurse. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to grant Jonathon Close a leave of absence. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to hire Christie Makela as our Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Evynn Layshock as our Freshman Volleyball Coach, Randy Annala as our 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach and authorizing Bryce Markham as an Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to recognize Peggy Crum's retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to recognize Brad Delongchamp's retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to hire Savana Driesenga as our 2024 Summer SCI Teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to grant Marsha Fraser a leave of absence. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to recognize Kristen King's retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by Chad Korpi to recognize Rosemarie Larson's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to grant Christie Makela's maternity leave. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to grant Hope Marr maternity leave. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Steve Baril to recognize Sue Ann Morton's retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to recognize Tammy Sandberg's retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by Chad Korpi to authorize the proposed pay increases as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to recognize Julie Wood's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to liquidate buses 13A, 14A, and 15C as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to authorize our district's participation in the Educational Assistance Program as presented. Motion carried.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	nay	John Grove	nay	Chad Korpi	nay
Crystal LaFreniere	nay	Ron Mariani	nay		

Motion denied.

Motion by John Grove supported by Steve Baril to resolve to participate in the MHSAA as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments

Kris Sibley thanked all of the staff and volunteers at the various events held by the district and in the community.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to enter Closed Session under Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purposes of discussing an AFSCME Letter of Agreement. Motion carried.

The meeting entered Closed Session at 7:30 pm.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:56 pm.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to authorize the signature of the AFSCME Letter of Agreement. Motion carried.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Crystal LaFreniere commented that it's been a good year overall and thanked the faculty and staff. She also brought up the discussion of Drivers Education.

Steve Baril commented on the outstanding Collage Concert.

Ron Mariani commented on the addition of the disc golf course and also the nice representation of our district by our students at the Excellence in Education awards banquet.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

President: _____

Secretary: _____