

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 18, 2026**.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Scott Mann at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Jim Gray, John Grove, Chad Korpi, Derrick Magnuson, Scott Mann

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, Crystal LaFreniere

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Chris Marana, Cliff Fossitt, Griffin Lawson, Nathan Longton, Bobby Zhulkie, Eric Warlin

Administrator's Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Jim Gray support by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition: BPA NLC Report, State Solo & Ensemble Report, Safe Routes to School student presentation, and Annual Student Growth presentation.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to approve the revised General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,182,800.54 for the period of April 20, 2026 through May 15, 2026; to approve the April payrolls in the amount of \$1,325,920.90; for total disbursements in the amount of \$2,508,721.44; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,596,397.13 and total disbursements of \$2,254,808.17; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund (2023) balance of \$250.00; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund (2025) balance of \$250.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$745,621.01 to approve the 2025 Capital Projects Fund balance of \$241,310.99 for April 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent: Bryan DeAugustine reported on the potential promotional video production, with no objection from the Board, a NICE website reboot, Superior Rehab contract and trading in the Kubota tractor for something bigger to help with groundskeeping.

ARES: Chris Marana reported that Family Night is Tuesday, 5/19/26, from 5-7:30 pm. He also reported on the 5th graders participating in their CTE day at Westwood High School, the ACES walk coming up on Friday, 5/22/26, and an upcoming 5th grade Bay Cliff Health Camp trip.

ARMS: Griffin Lawson reported on the successful 8th grade trip to Great America, 6th grade rock climbing field trip and upcoming class trip to Mackinac Island, and 8th grade graduation.

WHS: Cliff Fossitt reported on some students who helped clean up headstones for victims of the Barnes & Hecker tragedy, the Senior Awards, breakfast and walk through Aspen Ridge. He gave a special thank you to Stephanie McIntyre, Colleen Maki, Abby Moffett, and Maria Young for all of their hard work. Lastly, WHS Graduation is on Thursday, 5/21/26, at 7 pm.

SpEd: Nate Longton reported on the annual preschool screening, the FSP field trip to the bowling alley, and the SCI summer program.

Athletics: Bobby Zhulkie reported that spring sports will be wrapping up in the next couple of weeks. He gave a special shout out to coaches, athletes, community members, and everyone involved in making athletics run smoothly. He also thanked the board, administration and staff for the opportunity to serve as the Athletic Director this past year.

Transportation: Eric Warlin reported about potentially liquidating some older buses.

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 Jim Gray supported by John Grove to hire Nichole Jones as a secondary art teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Jim Gray to acknowledge Patty Luke's letter of retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to hire Madison Ninko as a teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to acknowledge Bobby Zhulkie's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Derrick Magnuson supported by John Grove to liquidate four used buses as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to authorize the resolution to continue our participation in the MHSAA. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Derrick Magnuson to authorize our last day of instruction to be Thursday, June 11th, unless our legislature allows for additional forgiven days as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to continue to utilize superior Rehabilitation Services as presented.

Motion carried.

Community Comments Kris Sibley spoke of many great things going on in the District.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to enter into Closed Session under Section 8 (a) of the Open Meetings Act to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of the Superintendent. Motion carried.

The meeting entered into Closed Session at 6:24 pm.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6:44 pm.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by Derrick Magnuson to assign an Effective rating for the Superintendent's evaluation.

Roll Call Vote:

Jim Gray	aye	John Grove	aye	Chad Korpi	aye
Derrick Magnuson	aye	Scott Mann	aye		

Motion carried.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent None

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

President: _____

Secretary: _____