

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, November 11, 2024.**

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

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

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, Scott Mann

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, 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 John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition: Anderson Tackman Audit Presentation

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 \$878,521.88 for the period of October 21, 2024 through November 8, 2024; to approve the October payrolls in the amount of \$1,113,956.57; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,992,478.45; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,373,503.06 and total disbursements of \$2,210,262.14; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund balance of \$250.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$440,886.06 for October 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent: Bryan DeAugustine reported on the financial audit thanking both Melissa Maki and Lindsey Besonen. He also gave a Sinking Fund financing update for the upcoming projects. Lastly, he mentioned that he's working on getting a driver's education instructor to be able to offer that to our students.

ARES: Chris Marana thanked the teachers and staff for a great first marking period. Parent/Teacher conferences were held and went well with participation levels similar to previous years. He also thanked the Child & Family Resource Center and the ARMS student council for providing babysitting services during conferences, talked about the TV6 canathon collection beginning and the upcoming Christmas programs on December 12th at WHS.

ARMS: Griffin Lawson spoke about the TV6 canathon collection began in the middle school as well. Students enjoyed their bowling outing for Quarter 1, and the middle school participated with the high school for the Veteran's Day assembly.

WHS: Cliff Fossitt talked about the Veteran's Day assembly was held, with special thanks to Mrs. LaFreniere for being the guest speaker and for her military service. He also thanked Mrs. Marana for all of her hard work in putting the assembly together. He also talked about Women in Construction at NMU, Parent/Teacher conferences, and the upcoming VIM group musical.

Athletics: Jake Skewis reported that winter sports have begun, with the first home event a hockey game coming up on Saturday. He mentioned the post season honors for fall sports that have come in, the MHSAA sportsmanship summit at NMU with some student representatives and Meet the Patriots for winter sports coming up on November 25.

Special Education: Nathan Longton spoke about the College Board testing accommodation applications being submitted for students who need some extra accommodations for the testing.

Transportation: Eric Warlin stated that the 2024 buses have arrived and have been inspected. The regular fleet has also undergone inspections with things going mostly well.

Grounds/Facilities: Bryan DeAugustine also reported that things are in good shape.

Committee Reports

Finance and Ops – Annual Audit Presentation at tonight's meeting.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Superintendent gave financing update for upcoming projects.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to hire Samantha Mackey as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to resolve to solicit competitive financing for our bus purchase as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by John Grove to accept the pizza bid from Gravedoni's Pizza as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments

None

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Crystal LaFreniere thanked the District for having her as the speaker for the Veteran's Day Assembly today.

Steve Baril welcomed Derrick Magnuson to the board (starting in January) and thanked everyone for the reports.

Ron Mariani echoed the welcome to Derrick Magnuson who will begin his board term in January.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

President: _____

Secretary: _____