

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 20, 2026**.

The meeting was called to order by President Crystal LaFreniere at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, Jim Gray, John Grove, Chad Korpi, Crystal LaFreniere, Derrick Magnuson, Scott Mann

Members Absent: None

Administrator's Present: Chris Marana, Blake Hewitt

Administrator's Absent: Bryan DeAugustine, Cliff Fossitt, Griffin Lawson, Nathan Longton, Eric Warlin

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson support by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition: None.

Consent Agenda

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

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

Motion by Scott Mann support by John Grove to approve the revised General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,271,855.58 for the period of June 15, 2026 through July 17, 2026; to approve the June payrolls in the amount of \$847,243.30; for total disbursements in the amount of \$2,119,098.88; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,672,628.92 and total disbursements of \$1,880,038.88; 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 \$798,073.01 to approve the 2025 Capital Projects Fund balance of \$231,421.55 for June 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's & Administrator Report

Chris Marana reported on the status of the buildings and grounds on track for summer custodial and maintenance. He also reported on the video production that will take place this week for our middle school highlight video, there was one nominee for the Board Distinguished Service Award, and a quick update on Mr. DeAugustine.

Blake Hewitt reported on the football camp that began today, gearing up for Fall sports seasons with impressive numbers in the weight room, and sports physicals coming up.

Chris Marana reported for Nathan Longton that the summer SCI program has been going well and the Summer FSP program begins soon.

Committee Reports

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – Committee met briefly tonight.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi to hire Jacob Clark as an Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by John Grove to hire Tristan Miller as an Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Derrick Magnuson supported by John Grove to hire Eric Sibley as an Assistant Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gray supported by Scott Mann to recognize Kathryn Hamel's letter or resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chad Korpi to recognize Lindsey Lehr's resignation from Kid's Club. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to continue our participation in INN as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to recognize the first reading of NEOLA Policy Update Volume 40, Number 2. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann to accept First Bank's bid for financing the tractor purchase as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Jim Gray	aye	John Grove	aye	Chad Korpi	aye
Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Derrick Magnuson	aye	Scott Mann	aye		

Motion carried.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Kathleen Carlson stated that she will be re-running for the school board in the upcoming November election.

Chad Korpi reminded everyone that he will be gone the entire month of August.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

President: _____ Secretary: _____