

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, June 15, 2026**.

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

Members Present: John Grove, Chad Korpi, Crystal LaFreniere, Scott Mann

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, Jim Gray, Derrick Magnuson

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine

Administrator's Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Scott Mann 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 \$1,226,006.29 for the period of May 18, 2026 through June 12, 2026; to approve the May payrolls in the amount of \$915,454.84; for total disbursements in the amount of \$2,141,461.13; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,835,639.98 and total disbursements of \$1,725,258.12; 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 \$787,152.26 to approve the 2025 Capital Projects Fund balance of \$241,908.47 for May 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the school year wrapped up with positive final reports from the building administrators. He also said that we are still waiting for the State of Michigan budgets to be approved. Lastly, video production will take place on 7/23 and 7/24, for our middle school highlight video.

Committee Reports

Finance and Ops – Budget Hearing and Budget Consideration tonight.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Considering small, necessary projects tonight.

Business / Action Items

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to hire Jamee Gobert as our JV Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to hire Blake Hewitt as our District Athletic Director. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to extend Jeremy Lindsay's contract as our ARS and WHS Buildings and Grounds Director for one more year. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to recognize Teresa Marietti's letter of retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to grant Lauren Mason's maternity leave as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to recognize Jackie O'Brien's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to hire Danny Orticelli as an LRE teacher aide. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to hire Morgan Raether as a teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to hire Elizabeth Schon as an Assistant Caregiver. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to hire Quentin Soerens as a teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to extend Hunter Warlin's contract as our District Athletic Complexes Buildings and Grounds Director for one more year. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to hire Shelly Whitaker as our High School Cheer Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to authorize our Year End Final Amendment General Fund Budget for 2025/26 and Beginning Year General Fund Budget for 2026/27 as presented.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to authorize our Year End Final Amendment Cafeteria Fund Budget for 2025/26 and Beginning Year Cafeteria Fund Budget for 2026/27 as presented

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to authorize our Year End Final Amendment Debt Retirement 2023 Fund Budget for 2025/26 and Beginning Year Debt Retirement 2023 Fund Budget for 2026/27 as presented.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to authorize our Year End Final Amendment Debt Retirement 2025 Fund Budget for 2025/26 and Beginning Year Debt Retirement 2025 Fund Budget for 2026/27 as presented.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to authorize our Year End Final Amendment Sinking Fund Budget for 2025/26 and Beginning Year Sinking Fund Budget for 2026/27 as presented.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to authorize our Year End Final Amendment Capital Projects Fund Budget for 2025/26 and Beginning Year Capital Projects Fund Budget for 2026/27 as presented.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to authorize our Year End Final Amendment Scholarship Fund Budget for 2025/26 and Beginning Year Scholarship Fund Budget for 2026/27 as presented.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to authorize our Year End Final Amendment Student-School Activity Fund Budget for 2025/26 and Beginning Year Student-School Activity Fund Budget for 2026/27 as presented.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to accept the bid from Standard Electric/Wittcock as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to resolve to participate in the August 2026 Borrowing through the Michigan Finance Authority as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to authorize the purchase of a new John Deere tractor as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to authorize the solicitation of bids for financing a new John Deere tractor. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to authorize the installation to WHS Boiler Chemical Controls as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to authorize upgrading our WHS Pool Piping as presented. Motion carried.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Chad Korpi commented on the 12 valedictorian speeches went well at graduation and commented further on the high school exam exemption.

Scott Mann congratulated all of our new hires of faculty and staff. He also thanked the school district for the use of facilities for the Ishpeming Township Fire Department 5K event.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

President: _____ **Secretary:** _____