

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, January 16, 2023.**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:37 p.m.

Members Present: Steve Baril, Kathleen Carlson, John Grove, Chad Korpi, Crystal LaFreniere, Scott Mann, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: None

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

Administrator's Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$938,360.58 for the period of December 19, 2022 through January 13, 2023; to approve the December payrolls in the amount of \$1,039,175.94; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,977,536.52; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,530,189.54 and total disbursements of \$1,880,102.23; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$517,549.75 for December 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the latest update of the MARESA Special Education funding distribution issue. He also commented on the school police officer status, the West End Parent Partnership homecoming parade idea and the Student Advisory Group that has expanded to lower grades. He also mentioned that the Aspen Ridge gym floor repair is still ongoing.

Chris Marana reported that he has been working with the Marquette Alger Resolution Service to get peer mediation going in the elementary. He also said that Mr. DellAngelo brought back elementary quiz bowl and has 100 students (20 teams) participating.

Griffin Lawson reported that he recently visited the homerooms and talked to the middle school students about appropriate social media use. He also said that the results of the student club survey are in with some great ideas. The second quarter reward outing will be taking place at the Al Quaal tube slide. The PTO met again and are looking forward to some upcoming events like the talent show and fundraisers.

Cliff Fossitt welcomed the new board members. He reported that Semester 1 exams are completed and thanked the West End Parent Partnership for providing coffee, hot chocolate, and tea on the break between exams. He also stated that winter season athletics are up and successful. NFHS cameras have been installed and that online viewing platform will be up and running soon, as another option to livestream events.

Nathan Longton thanked the NMU Behavior team for their continued support. He also wanted to send out a special thanks to the staff in the new co-op program.

Eric Warlin thanked the bus drivers for continually getting the students safely to and from school. He also specifically thanked the three drivers who take all of the athletic and field trips.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

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 Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to accept Kelsie Luukkala's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Crystal LaFreniere to authorize Range Bank to use our logo on their debit cards. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Crystal LaFreniere to recognize the 2nd reading of NEOLA policy updates Volume 37 Number 1, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to adopt the NEOLA policy updates Volume 37 Number 1, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Scott Mann to authorize our Superintendent to sell a used bus to Lake Linden as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments

Shelly Whitaker commented on behalf of the West End Parent Partnership to thank the school board members and recognize School Board Appreciation Month. She also thanked the school district for continuing to work with the Partnership and thinks there are some good things happening in all of the buildings.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to enter into Closed Session under Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to review correspondence from the District's attorney. Motion carried.

The meeting entered Closed Session at 7:33 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Crystal LaFreniere to authorize the superintendent to follow the District's attorney's advice as presented. Motion carried.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

The board members each had an opportunity to share their closing remarks.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____