

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 22, 2024.**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Scott Mann

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

Administrator's Absent: Eric Warlin

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Crystal LaFreniere to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition

None.

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 \$1,141,286.09 for the period of December 18, 2023 through January 19, 2024; to approve the December payrolls in the amount of \$755,328.03; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,896,614.12; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,367,942.13 and total disbursements of \$1,517,866.50; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund balance of \$240.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$896,383.41 for December 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the recent teen mental health night and a new grant he's pursuing.

Chris Marana reported on current student teachers, ad 4th and 5th grade quiz bowl.

Griffin Lawson reported on Clear Lake for 7th graders, the lantern lit snowshoe walk (WEASLE), the current student teachers, and the Patriot Post newsletter.

Jake Skewis reported on two high school seniors recently signing their letter of intent to continue their athletic careers in college and he also mentioned that we have one senior who is a finalist in the MHSAA scholar athlete award. He stated that Wrestling had UP Finals recently, Swimming had a few more athletes qualify for UP Finals and competitive cheer will host the very first home meet.

Cliff Fossitt thanked the board members for the work they do. He also talked about Winter Carnival activities, BPA regionals, Honors Band, and a student teaching update.

Nathan Longton thanked all of the Aspen Ridge staff who have stepped up to help in the COOP classroom during the transition of teachers. He also mentioned that some NMU nursing students are getting in some volunteer hours in the SCI program.

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Eric Warlin on the recent bus inspections.

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 hire Cassie Dobson as a special education teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by John Grove to hire Bart Ford as a custodian as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	John Grove	aye
Chad Korpi	aye	Crystal LaFreniere	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Quincy Jensen as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal LaFreniere supported by Chad Korpi to authorize the maternity leave for Janine Jurasin. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Lorissa Laitinen as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Korpi supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the maternity leave for Melissa Lindsey. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to recognize Kylie Tobias' resignation. Motion carried.

Community Comments

Kris Sibley praised more of the good things taking place at our schools.

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Ron Mariani thanked everyone again for the nomination for Board President. He also thanked the other officers and board members.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____