

**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 15, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:34 p.m.

Members Present: Steven Baril, Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Randy Couveau

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Nathan Longton

Administrator's Absent: David Boase, Jon Beckman, Chris Marana, Michael Wommer

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Consent Agenda**

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson** to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson** to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson** to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$848,176.70 for the period of June 17, 2019 through July 12, 2019; to approve the June payrolls in the amount of \$620,104.87 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,468,281.57 to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,068,049.26 and total disbursements of \$1,243,072.15; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$95,786.14; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$694,016.05 of June 30, 2019. Motion carried.

### **Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items**

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the PSAT and SAT composite scores, gave a Financial Forecast and State Budget Update, Superintendent's Contract Update, Sinking Fund Update and Cyber Security Consortium Update.

#### **Aspen Ridge Elementary & Middle School Reports**

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the progress of the Sinking Fund projects and noted that there hasn't been a lot of activity in the Aspen Ridge building.

#### **Athletics Report**

Bryan DeAugustine reported that many sports camps have taken place and the Athletics department is looking forward to fall sports beginning in August.

#### **Westwood High School Report**

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the progress of the Sinking Fund projects and noted that there has been the usual summer activity in the WHS building.

#### **Special Education Report**

Nathan Longton reported on the parent informational meeting held prior to the board meeting to discuss the consolidation of the SCI programs to one classroom, housed at Westwood High School.

Transportation Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that it looked like the last open bus run may be filled at the August meeting.

**Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement – Quiet this month. The superintendent will give a brief PSAT and SAT update.

Finance and Ops – Quiet this month. The superintendent will give a brief update on our five-year financial forecast and the State Budget.

Personnel – Met tonight, prior to the regular board meeting, to discuss the Superintendent's contract.

Policy – First reading policy updates are coming in August.

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Projects are well underway and moving along nicely. Closner is on schedule or ahead of schedule in all areas at this time.

**Business / Action Items:**

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to authorize Alyssa Longhini's request for maternity leave.  
Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to hire Sarah Massie as a Science Teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	abstain	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Steve Baril** to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to approve the addendums to the Superintendent's Contract as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion** to resolve to finance our district's bus purchases as presented accepting First Bank's bid of 2.62%.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson** to authorize entering a cooperative agreement with Negaunee for MHSAA Gymnastics as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion** to authorize the technology upgrades as presented and authorize soliciting bids for financing these technology purchases.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove** to authorize renewing our services agreement with Xerox as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** None

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Wendy Pederson commented on her dislike of the way the Class of 2019 graduates exited the graduation ceremony without any warning or without following the traditional processional. She then mentioned that it was nice to see so much Patriot representation in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

**Board President:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Board Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_