

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, October 19, 2020**.

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

Members Present: Steve Baril, Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: None

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Jon Beckman, Cliff Fossitt, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana, PJ O'Brien

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 presented. 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 \$918,817.16 for the period of September 21, 2020 through October 16, 2020; to approve the September payrolls in the amount of \$554,497.39; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,473,314.55; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$102,802.15 and total disbursements of \$1,241,168.01; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,207,653.76 for September 30, 2020. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine talked about the most recent COVID-19 statistics he has received from the Marquette County Health Department. He reported on the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan and the Return to School Plan, as required. He also discussed the lower than expected student count and the daily attendance rates at each building, also as required.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana thanked Walmart for their generous donation of school supplies. He also thanked the Ishpeming Township Fire Department for their participation in the annual fire prevention activities.

Middle School / Athletics Report

Jon Beckman stated that the first round of NWEA MAP testing went well at the middle school. He thanked Mr. Longton and Mrs. Meier for their help with the students who have testing accommodations. In athletics, the middle school fall seasons are coming to an end, with the high school fall seasons ending soon as well. Athletics is moving along with many changes as we go forward.

High School Report

Cliff Fossitt reported that the senior class took the SAT test last week. The PSAT test for 9th-11th graders is coming up later this month. He also thanked Mr. Longton, and also thanked Mrs. Halamka for their help with those student who have testing accommodations.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton thanked all of the Special Education staff on their hard work with Contingency Plans and noted that the next step would be to work on recovery services for those students who need extra support to make up for what was lost at the end of last school year with the school shutdown.

Transportation/Grounds/Facilities Report

PJ O'Brien reported that the custodians and bus drivers are continuing to get it done. He also reported that the remaining items to complete the Sinking Fund projects were being worked on and he's hopeful for a final punch list at the beginning of next week.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – No activity this month. NWEA MAP is wrapping up. A potential meeting in November will take place to discuss the test scores.

Finance and Ops – We had a brief check-in meeting this evening.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – We have a 2nd reading and adoption of Policy Update Volume 34 Number 2 and Special Update Title IX for the board and a 1st reading of Policy Update Volume 35 Number 1.

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Projects are nearly wrapped up.

Business / Action Items:

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize the leave of absence for Tammy Hebert. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to hire Nykki Racine as a part-time substitute custodian.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

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

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Donna Champion to recognize the second reading of NEOLA Policy Update Volume 34 No. 2. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to adopt NEOLA Policy Update Volume 34 No. 2. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove to recognize the second reading of NEOLA Policy Special Title IX Update. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to adopt NEOLA Policy Special Title IX Update. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to recognize the first reading of NEOLA Policy Update Volume 35 No. 1. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize our Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan and our Return to School Plan as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Steve Baril commented that he thinks we've positioned ourselves well to adjust according to our plans.

Donna Champion echoed Steve Baril's statements.

Randy Couveau thanked Mr. DeAugustine for setting up the equipment for him to participate via Zoom, and also to the Board for allowing him to participate virtually for the meeting.

Kathleen Carlson stated that she is happy our doors are still open and hopes that we can remain in face to face learning.

Wendy Pederson asked about professional development days, what we have coming up with Halloween and how many student teachers we have this semester across the district.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked our school family for handling this as gracefully as can be during this time.

Ron Mariani echoed Mr. DeAugustine's thank you to all employees. He also reminded the board and the audience that we have a general election coming up with a few board seat nominees on the ballot. Get out and vote!

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Board President: _____ **Board Secretary:** _____