

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN

RECORD OF MINUTES

March 14, 2023

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on March 14, 2023, at 5:32 p.m., in the CLK Board Room.

Present were members: Jason Wickstrom, Melanie Parker, Daniel Zubiena, Maria Campioni, and James Vertin. Absent were Phyllis Locatelli and Philip Halonen. Also present were Christopher Davidson, Superintendent; Trevor Salata, Chief Financial Officer, Elsa Green, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal; Joel Asiala, Washington Middle School Principal, Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal, Darren Kinnunen, Horizons Alternative High School Principal, Daniel Giachino, Director, CLK Virtual Programs; CLK Elementary Paraprofessionals, Jason Goulette, Mandy Harju and Emily Peterson, Horizons teacher, Sarah Dandeleit and community members Ginny Hemmer, Mike Malo and Kristina Sundstrom.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, minutes from previous meetings were approved.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$287,988.94, Athletic bills were \$7,144.63, Cafeteria bills were \$23,987.01, and Community Service bills were \$1,723.64, for a total of all invoices of \$320,844.22.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$722,836.06, plus a Money Market of \$3,372,650.01, plus a CD (restricted funds) of \$75,000.00 less outstanding checks of (\$146,088.40), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$20,702.42), for a total General Fund balance as of February 28, 2023, of \$4,003,695.25.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of February 28, 2023, of \$46,926.93, plus a deposit in transit of \$1,022.75 for a total Athletic Fund balance of \$47,949.68.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$48,998.62 for a total School Service Fund balance of \$96,948.30.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,774,508.82 for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of February 28, 2023, of \$1,774,508.82.

The Capital Bond Projects Fund showed a bank balance of \$86,853.64, plus a MILAF Investment of \$187,669.19, less a transfer in transit (General Fund) of (\$59,126.00) for a total Capital Bond Projects Fund balance as of February 28, 2023, of \$215,396.83.

The Board was introduced to new staff for the C-L-K Schools:

CLK Elementary School Jason Goulette, Mandy Harju & Emily Peterson

Ms. Sarah Dandeleit, Ms. Ginny Hemmer, Mr. Mike Malo and Mrs. Kristina Sundstrom presented to the Board on the Calumet/Laurium Recycling Task Force and grant opportunities.

Mr. Darren shared the Portage Health Foundation Ice Rink Project Video with the Board.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Olivia Wickstrom on being the valedictorian with a GPA of 4.000 and Meliina Kesti for being the salutatorian with a GPA of 3.97 for the 2023 graduating class.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education

commended CLK School Social Workers, Karmen Markham and Darren Kinnunen on National School Social Work Week and thanked them both for their dedication to the students in the CLK School District.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended CLK Paraprofessionals on April 3, 2023, Paraprofessional Appreciation Day.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Encompass Therapeutic Massage for donating their time to provide chair massages for CLK Staff.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the 2023 JV and varsity hockey teams and coaches' Dan Giachino, Josh Frantti and Todd Lightfoot on the seasons. The Board expressed special recognition to the following players on their individual honors:

Aksel Loukus – GLHC First Team - Goalie
Dan Loukus – GLHC Honorable Mention – Defense

On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended and congratulated the 2023 girls' varsity and junior varsity basketball teams and coaches' Charlie Kemppainen and Adel Riutta on their seasons. The Board also expressed special recognition to players on their individual honors:

Laina Kariniemi - WestPAC All Conference Dream Team - Guard
Caitlyn Strom - WestPAC All Conference All Defensive Team – Guard
Isabel Loukus – WestPac All Conference 1st Team – Guard - Copper

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the bowling team and coach David La Cross on their season.

Girls UP Finals – February 4th
Haylie Duquette – 19th

Boys UP Finals – February 11th

AJ Dulong – 2nd

Jayden Nuttall – 22nd

Mickel Poppo – 63rd

Xander Hoffman – 7th

Zion St. Louis – 24th

Isaiah Knuutila – 65th

Alex VanDenburg – 16th

Jack Sever – 29th

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the varsity football players chosen to play in the 2023 U.P. Football All-Star game.

Levi Kilpela
Brayden Nelson

Isaac Larson

Aksel Loukus

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the 2023 varsity cheerleading squads and their coach Karen La Cross on their season. Team members include:

Fall Squad:

Allison Alger
Annabella Harju
Laci Jarvi
Andrea Johnsen
Ryleigh Johnson
Vanessa Mosher
Maia Myllyoja
Sofia Rivera-Lozano

Winter/Spring Squad:

Allison Alger
Serenity Cane
Saima Erickson
Laci Jarvi
Paige Lahti
Vanessa Mosher
Maia Myllyoja
Lillian Provost
Mollia Rollo-Ritzko

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the JROTC JLAB Academic Team on advancing to the National Academic Bowl Championship to be held in Washington D.C. in June.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet Raider Team on taking 4th place at the Artic Raider Challenge held on February 18th.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Liisa Ylitalo on being named the Calumet High School Poetry Out Loud

Champion and Keira Johnson who was chosen as the alternate. The Board also wishes Liisa good-luck in the state competition.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Washington Middle School Science Olympiad members, coaches and volunteers: Darrell Hendrickson, John Asiala, Kim Vaitkevicius, Justin Erkkila, Nilufer and Soner Onder, along with parent volunteer Angeline Weber, on taking first place at the Region 1 Science Olympiad competition held at Northern Michigan University of February 25th. The Board also wished the Washington Middle School Science Olympiad team good-luck at the state competition to be held on April 22nd.

High School Students Medaling for WMS:

Lorelei Fryer - 1st Place: Rocks & Minerals
Keira Johnson - 1st Place: Can't Judge a Powder
Lorelei Fryer - 2nd Place: Bio-Process Lab
Lorelei Fryer - 2nd Place: Road Scholar
Keira Johnson - 2nd Place: Crime Busters
Lorelei Fryer - 3rd Place: Crave the Wave

Medaling for WMS:

Keira Johnson/Jack Jones - 1st Place: Can't Judge a Powder
Lorelei Fryer/Justin Weber - 1st Place: Rocks & Minerals
Justin Weber/Harper Haataja - 1st Place: Roller Coaster
Jack Jones/Miles Aho - 1st Place: Storm the Castle
Lorelei Fryer/Miles Aho - 2nd Place: Bio-Process Lab
Merisa Lishinski/Olivia Byykkonen - 2nd Place: Bridge
Lorelei Fryer/Merisa Lishinski - 2nd Place: Road Scholar
Emelea Doolittle/Sofie Wild - 2nd Place: Wheeled Vehicle
Lorelei Fryer - 3rd Place: Crave the Wave
Merisa Lishinski/Olivia Byykkonen - 3rd Place: Dynamic Planet
Miles Aho/Justin Weber - 3rd Place: Fast Facts
Jack Jones/ Justin Weber - 3rd Place: Flight
Emelea Doolittle/Sofie Wild - 3rd Place: Forestry
Emelea Doolittle/Sofie Wild - 3rd Place: Write It/ Do It

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Calumet High School Science Olympiad members, coaches and volunteers: Darrell Hendrickson, John Asiala, Kim Vaitkevicius, Justin Erkkila, Nilufer and Soner Onder, along with parent volunteer Angeline Weber, on their performance at the Region 1 Science Olympiad competition held on February 25th at Northern Michigan University. The Board

wished good-luck to those high school students who qualified to compete at the state competition to be held on April 22nd.

Medaling for CHS:

Maija White/Mackenzie Lishinski -1st Place: Flight
Carolynn Bruchman/Meliina Kesti - 1st Place: Green Generation
Kailin Aho/Carolynn Bruchman - 1st Place: Rocks & Minerals
Byron David/Miles Wilkins - 1st Place: Scrambler
Mackenzie Lishinski/Maija White -2nd Place: Astronomy
Byron David/Kailin Aho/Carolynn Bruchman -2nd Place: Bridge
Keating Dinsmore/Carolynn Bruchman - 2nd Place: Forestry
Byron David/Kailin Aho - 2nd Place: It's About Time
Byron David/Maija White - 2nd Place: Trajectory
Kailin Aho/Carolynn Bruchman - 2nd Place: Write It/Do It
Keating Dinsmore/Meliina Kesti - 3rd Place: Fermi Questions
Keating Dismore/Meliina Kesti - 3rd Place: Chem Lab
Byron David - 3rd Place: Wi Fi Lab

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Calumet High School students who competed in the Michigan History Day competition on February 27th and qualified for the State History Day competition to be held on April 22nd.

Maija Keranen, Gracie Coppo & Ava Poyhonen – Group Documentary
Lorelei Fryer – Historical Paper
Keira Johnson – Historical Paper
Paige Lahti – Individual Exhibit
Laci Jarvi & Julia Heflin – Group Performance
Nathan Nikkila & Wesley Isaacson – Group Website
Claire Goss & Ava Futrell – Group Website

On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated UPVA student, Matthew Moyryla, who placed 3rd in the Overall Master Division at the SkillsUSA competition held at Bay College on February 14th.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the students chosen to have their art projects displayed at the Copper Country Community Arts Center "Celebrate Youth Arts Month" showcase.

Felicity LaCasse
Larissa Johnson

Kirra Peterson
Zosia Taylor

Marah Pomroy
Kiersten Keranen

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Quinn Goulette
Karla Helppi
Charly Dessellier
Mayona Maggio
Kinsley Walker
Alex Koivisto

Hunter Spagnotti
Evan Sim
Jack Carlson
Brynn Pelli
Annabelle Smith
Adeline Saily

Evan Gibson
Aaron Luttrell
Larissa Loukus
Milli Harju
Paisley Heikkinen

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Frank Bonacorsi, Lenny Torola, Charlie Kemppainen, Adel Riutta, Casey Strom and Family, Chris Davidson and Family, Marce Halonen and Carol Janckila along with the many volunteers who organized the basketball tournament for grades 3-6 on Saturday, February 25, 2023.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Heather Hainault for her successful \$534.32 grant from DonorsChoose.org to provide Wiggle Wobble chair feet for her students.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School JROTC Instructors, Major Michael Farley and 1SG Mark Powell and the JROTC Battalion on holding their third annual Upper Peninsula JROTC Challenge (UPJC).

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Dorothy Jamison for her services as CLK's Athletic Trainer during March 2023 National Athletic Trainer Month.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital for providing athletic training services free of charge to the CLK Schools.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education

expressed appreciation to the Jon Nebel for his donation to the Calumet High School hockey team in remembrance of the Yoki/Tiberg Family.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena- Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to A&S Industrial for their \$1200 donation to the Horizons Alternative High School ice rink project.

On motion, seconded (Parker- Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to staff and volunteers for their participation in the successful CLK Elementary Wake Up & Read Breakfast held in the elementary school on March 8th. The staff and volunteers were: Julie Anttila, Tristan Baranowski, Laurie Christiansen, Allie Hein, Stacy Lancour, Marta Thompson, Kristin Wanhala, Mari Ylitalo, Julie Giachino and Matthew Hampton for their help serving breakfast; Dave Luokkanen and Jim Chopp for keeping the cafeteria clean and Carol Janckila, Megan Hembree, Judy Emery & the food service staff

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Washington Middle School VEX Robotics team on their season along with advisor Cara Wightman and assistant, Major Michael Farley.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Nicole Thyron for her performance at the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Lila Hyrkas on taking 4th at the U.P. Spelling Bee held on March 9th in Negaunee.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the 2023 boys' basketball teams and Coaches' Frank Bonacorsi and Lenny Torola on their seasons. The Board also expressed special recognition to players on their individual honors.

Levi Kilpela	WestPAC All Conference First Team – Forward-Copper Div.
Alan Bjorn	WestPAC All Conference Honorable Mention

On motion, seconded (Parker- Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School and Washington Middle School Bands on earning Division 1 ratings at the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Festival held on March 8th.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education thanked Maria Campioni for the time she donated taking tickets for the JV hockey games.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended the Superintendent's current two (2) year continuing contract for an additional year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted with regret, the retirement notice of Ms. Deborah Butler, effective October 6, 2023.

On motion, seconded (Campioni-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted with regret, the retirement notice of Mrs. Catherine Rowe, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted with regret, the retirement notice of Mrs. Cynthia Twardzik, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education

approved the wage increase for snow plowing personnel effective March 1, 2023.

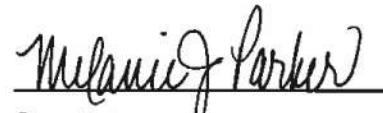
On motion, seconded (Campioni-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the wage increase for varsity hockey tickets sellers effective the 2023-2024 season.

Building Principals updated the Board on "what's happening" in their buildings.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Nick Hendrickson to the volunteer JV baseball coach position for the 2023 season.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


President


Secretary