

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN

RECORD OF MINUTES

January 12, 2021

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on January 12, 2021, at 5:31 p.m., in the Board of Education Room and via Zoom.

Present were members: Phyllis Locatelli, Jason Wickstrom, Melanie Parker, Daniel Zubiena, Maria Campioni, and James Vertin. Absent was Philip Halonen. Also present were: Christopher Davidson, Superintendent; Thomas Sturos, Chief Financial Officer; Elsa Green Executive Administrative Assistant; Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal; Michael Steber, Washington Middle School Principal; Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal, Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary Assistant Principal and Matthew Vertin, Director of CLK Virtual Programs. Community members present via Zoom were Todd Overbeek, Eugene P and Nermi.

The organizational meeting was called to order by last year's President, Phyllis Locatelli.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Phyllis Locatelli as President Pro Tem.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Phyllis Locatelli as President; Jason Wickstrom as Vice President, Melanie Parker as Secretary, and Daniel Zubiena as Treasurer for the 2021 year.

This concluded the organizational meeting.

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

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On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$213,063.44, Athletic bills were \$2,178.95, Cafeteria bills were \$9,011.42, and Community Service bills were \$1,922.37, for a total of all invoices of \$226,176.118.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Parker-Wickstrom) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$501,723.49, plus a Money Market of \$2,339,122.22, less outstanding checks of (\$126,899.44), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$116,551.89), less a Transfer in Transit (Cafeteria) of (\$718.87), plus a Transfer in Transit (Debt Service) of \$40.43, for a total General Fund balance as of December 31, 2020, of \$2,596,715.94.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of December 31, 2020, of \$56,239.32, for a total Athletic Fund of \$56,239.32.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$29,868.96, plus a Transfer in Transit (General Fund) of \$718.87 for a total School Service Fund balance of \$86,827.15.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,406,544.62 less a transfer in transit (General Fund) of (\$40.43), for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of December 31, 2020, of \$1,406,504.19.

The Capital Bond Projects Fund showed a bank balance of \$32,899.51, plus a MILAF Investment of \$813,836.27, for a total Capital Bond Projects Fund balance as of December 30, 2020, of \$846,735.78.

Superintendent Christopher Davidson recognized our seven board members in observance of January 2021 as School Board Member Recognition Month. Governor

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Gretchen Whitmer issued the following resolution honoring board members:

WHEREAS, Michigan is home to roughly 600 local boards of education that work to enrich the lives of Michigan's students and directly influence instruction in Michigan's public schools; and,

WHEREAS, Article VIII Section 2 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 states that the Legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools, and every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color or national origin; and,

WHEREAS, local school board members are exceptional individuals who have committed themselves to this duty by governing school districts and advancing student achievement in the schools and communities in which they serve; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has posed new challenges in education, and school board members have worked tirelessly to implement innovative and effective solutions to ensure our students have the resources and support they need to learn and engage with their teachers and peers on digital platforms; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we join with the Michigan Association of School Boards, Michigan Department of Education, local school districts, and community organizations to recognize and raise awareness of the countless efforts and contributions of local school boards and school board members throughout Michigan; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim January 2021 as School Board Recognition Month in Michigan.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education declares January 2021 as School Board Recognition Month.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extends their appreciation to Matthew Hampton for his efforts in obtaining an Additional Instructional Time and Interventions grant in the amount of \$19,801.00.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball teams and coach Don Hill on their seasons.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended those who took part in the elementary virtual Christmas program along with their Director Matthew Riutta.

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On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extends their appreciation to the James A. Ruppe Foundation for their \$5000 donation to the Horizons Alternative High School for their Maker Space.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extends their appreciation to Mark Ozanich for his \$200 donation to the Horizons Alternative High School for their Maker Space.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extends their appreciation to the Incredible Bank for buying lunch for the CLK Faculty & Staff.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education made no changes to the CLK Return to Learn plan and Extended Learning plan.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approves extending the CLK student rate for Driver's Education for the 2020-2021 only to all students who were enrolled in the CLK School District during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education does not extend unused FFCRA paid leave beyond the December 31, 2020 expiration.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approves the Letter of Support from the Houghton County Board of Commissioners to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, MDHHS Director Robert Gordon, Rep. Greg Markkanen and Sen. Ed McBroom.

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

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appointed Tyler Sykes to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Instructor position at Washington Middle School for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the recall of Julia (Smit) Sykes to the full time paraprofessional position at CLK Elementary School for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board heard from Superintendent Davidson that the following teachers were receiving their next Probationary status:

Tristan Baranowski – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Probationary Status  
Terra Parks – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Probationary Status  
Holly Wright – 4<sup>th</sup> Year Probationary Status  
Cara Wightman – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Probationary Status

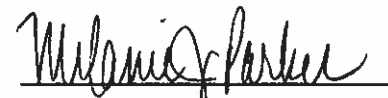
Building Principals updated the Board on "what's happening" in their buildings.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the salary adjustment for Superintendent, Mr. Christopher Davidson.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education agreed to partially fund the Softball team matching the teams fundraising efforts up to \$1500.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

  
President

  
Secretary