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CALUMET, MICHIGAN

RECORD OF MINUTES

May 11, 2021

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on May 11, 2021, at 5:28 p.m., in the CLK Commons.

Present were members: Phyllis Locatelli, Jason Wickstrom, Melanie Parker, Daniel Zubiena, Maria Campioni, Philip Halonen and James Vertin. 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; Joel Asiala, Horizons Alternative High School Principal, Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal, Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal, Amy Hakala, CLK Elementary School Teacher, Arnold Parks, Zachary Vaitkevicius, Janine Kiilunen and Tara Aho, community members.

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

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Campioni) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$207,574.93; Athletic Fund bills were \$5,131.64; Cafeteria bills were \$22,287.29; and Community Service bills were \$5,868.36, for a total of all invoices of \$240,862.22.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Parker-Halonen) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$590,485.53, plus a Money Market of \$2,222,724.12, less outstanding checks of (\$114,308.27), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$126,814.86), for a total General Fund balance as of April 30, 2021, of \$2,572,086.52.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of April 30, 2021, of \$100,834.60, for a

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total Athletic Fund of \$100,834.60.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$36,371.75, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$137,206.35.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$304,433.33, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of April 30, 2021, of \$304,433.33.

The Capital Bond Projects Fund showed a bank balance of \$26,367.14, less outstanding checks of (\$4,658.00), plus a MILAF Investment of \$735,140.24, for a total Capital Bond Projects Fund balance as of April 30, 2021, of \$756,849.38.

Public comment was given by Janine Kiilunen, Tara Aho and Joel Asiala.

The Board presented CCASB Awards to:  
Zachary Vaitkevicius – Student Leadership Award  
Mr. Arnold Parks – School Service Award

The Board viewed a presentation by the Calumet High School Robotics Team.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated CLK Elementary administration, faculty and staff on being named a Capturing Kids Hearts Showcase School.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Dean Loukus on being named to the Michigan High School Hockey Dream Team.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Elissa Djerf on being named Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan

(BCAM) D-3 All-State and Associated Press Division 3 First Team All-State.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Coach Matt Laho on being named Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Girls' Region 15 Coach of the Year.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Forensics team on taking 10<sup>th</sup> place in Class C/D at the Virtual Forensics State Tournament. Helen Erickson placed 16<sup>th</sup> in Impromptu Speaking and Serenity Snyder placed 18<sup>th</sup> in Storytelling.

On motion, seconded (Campioni-Parker), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Zander Worm on winning the gold medal at the State of Michigan SkillsUSA Overall Automobile Competition and wished him the best of luck in the National SkillsUSA competition.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Wickstrom), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Maddie Longpre-Harrer on receiving the 2021 Senior Choir Award.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Wickstrom), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Emma Aho on receiving the 2021 Arion Award and Madison Teddy on receiving the 2021 Marching Band Award.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mrs. Jennifer Peters on receiving the Administrator Award and Kassandra Huhta on receiving the Special Education Teacher Award, from the Copper Country Intermediate School District's Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Karen La Cross and members of the Yearbook staff on receiving honorable mention on the 2020 Balfour Yearbook "Best of the Best Yearbook."

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker), unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the recommendation of High School Principal Jennifer Peters of students who will satisfactorily complete diploma requirements and are eligible to receive a Calumet High School diploma at commencement services.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the recommendation of Horizons High School Principal Joel Asiala of students who will satisfactorily complete diploma requirements and are eligible to receive a Horizons High School diploma at commencement services.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the CLK Foundation Board for their generous support for the children of the CLK School District.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education exercised the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act, will, for the purposes of Section 105, accept applications of nonresident students from outside our district who reside within the intermediate school district of which this district is a constituent district for enrollment in our school district for the 2021-2022 school year, and will operate a schools of choice program in our district in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena), unanimous decision, the Board of Education declared May 12, 2021 as National School Nurse Day and extended their appreciation to CLK School Nurse, Carey Sullivan for her contributions to the health and learning of CLK's

students.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Wickstrom), unanimous decision, the Board of Education designated Melanie Parker as a voting representative and Jim Vertin as an alternate for the June 7, 2021 Biennial Election at the Copper Country Intermediate School District.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Zander Worm on winning the 2021 FutureTechs Rock Awards Grand Prize.

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

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) Campioni opposed, the Board of Education approved the continued progression of CLK Schools towards a more personalized competency based approach to learning.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted with regret the retirement notice of Mrs. Sally Koppana, CLK Elementary School Administrative Assistant, effective June 23, 2021.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appointed Brian Rogers to the CLK Custodian position, effective May 12, 2021.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the General and Special Education Fund Budgets as submitted by the Copper Country Intermediate School District.

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On motion, seconded (Zubierna-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education authorized the borrowing up to \$1,500,000 for 2021-2022 school operations. The Board further authorizes administration to borrow said funds through Notes in anticipation of State School Aid or through a local depository.

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

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubierna) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Phyfelis M. Locatelli

President

Melanie J. Parker

Secretary