The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on March 12, 2019, at 5:33 p.m., in the Board of Education Room.

Present were members: Michael Luoma, M.D., Melanie Parker, Daniel Zubiena, Maria Campioni, James Vertin and Jason Wickstrom. Absent was member Phyllis Locatelli. Also present were Christopher Davidson, Superintendent; Thomas Sturos, Chief Financial Officer; Elsa Green, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Holly Rivest, CLK Elementary School Principal; Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal, Graham Jaehnig, Daily Mining Gazette reporter, Nora Dee, Washington Middle School Administrative Assistant and Danielle Woods, CLK Elementary School Paraprofessional.

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

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were $303,172.69, Athletic bills were $8,061.56, Cafeteria bills were $14,900.35, Community Service bills were $344.36, for a total of all invoices of $326,478.96.

The Treasurer’s report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of $161,356.88, plus a Money Market of $2,033,101.42, less outstanding checks of ($84,038.27), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of ($99,271.44), less a Transfer in Transit-Cafeteria Fund of ($718.87) plus a Transfer in Transit – Debt Service of $40.43 for a total General Fund balance as of February 28, 2019, of $2,010,470.15.
The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of February 28, 2019, of $22,741.37 for a total Athletic Fund of $22,741.37.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of $31,308.86 plus a Transfer in Transit-General Fund of $718.87 for a total School Service Fund balance of $54,769.10.

The 1995 Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of $1,273,730.69 less a Transfer in Transit – General Fund of ($40.43) for a total 1995 Debt Retirement Fund balance as of February 28, 2019, of $1,273,690.26.

New Staff Introduction:

Danielle Woods – CLK Elementary School Paraprofessional

Bleau – CLK District Therapy Dog

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Jonna Berg, Elicia Giachino, Roxanne Oja, Vera Peterson, Miranda Rich and Kalub Strom on being valedictorians with each having a GPA of 4.000 for the 2019 graduating class.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulates inductees into Calumet High School’s National Honor Society, along with their Advisor Joe Heflin:

Emma Aho          Eden Bedore          Jonna Berg
Danika Billeck    Lilian Bruchman     Morgan Erkkila
Maija Eskola      Olivia Hamlin       Christian Holmstrom
Abby Isaacson     Carli Jacques       Lexi Johnson
Grace Jung        Courtney Kangas     Kristi Keranen
Ayla King         Anna Kingstrom      Scott Loukus
Ada McDonald      Elijah McParlan     Samuel Oja
Gwendalynn Pasich Ty Pellegrini      Lukas Pfau
Abby Pietila      Serenity Snyder    Hannah Soumis
Kalub Strom       Ellen Sturos       Trevor Torola
Hanna Tuoriniemi  Zachary Vaitkevicius Thomas Voelker
Zander Worm
On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended and congratulated the 2019 Boys' Basketball teams and Coaches' Mike Ojala and Frank Bonacors on their seasons. The Board also expressed special recognition to players on their individual honors.

Matthew Ojala       WestPAC All Conference Dream Team
Travis Ojala        WestPAC All Conference First Team – Copper Division
Elijah McParlan     WestPAC All Conference Honorable Mention

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended and congratulated the 2019 Boys' Basketball teams and Coach Mike Ojala on being WestPAC Copper Division Champions.

On motion, seconded (Campioni-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the varsity and junior 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:

Brent Loukus            GLHC Player of the Year
Coach Dan Giachino      GLHC Coach of the Year
Samuel Erkkila          GLHC First Team - Forward
Tanner Rowe              GLHC First Team - Forward
Cameron Kauppinen        GLHC Second Team - Defense
Dean Loukus              GLHC Honorable Mention - Forward
Joshua VanDenburg       GLHC Honorable Mention - Defense
Alexander Studebaker    GLHC Honorable Mention - Goalie

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the varsity hockey teams and coaches' Dan Giachino, Josh Frantti on being the Great Lakes Hockey Conference Champions. The Board also expressed special recognition to the following players on receiving All State honors:

Brent Loukus               All State 1st Team Forward
Samuel Erkkila             All State 1st Team Forward
Tanner Rowe                 All State 2nd Team Forward
Joshua VanDenburg          All State 2nd Team Defense
Camerón Kauppinen          All State Honorable Mention - Defense
Alexander Studebaker       All State Honorable Mention – Goalie
Joshua VanDenburg          Hobey Baker Character Award
Academic All-State Team Award – 3.09 GPA
Academic All-State Individual Awards:
Nickolas Djerf – 3.947
Brent Loukus – 3.915
Dean Loukus – 3.790
Samuel Erkkila – 3.583
Scott Loukus – 3.517

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the girls' varsity and junior varsity basketball teams and coaches' Matthew Laho and Alexis Rowe on their seasons. The Board expressed special recognition to the following players on their individual honors:

Celia Kilunnen
Brea Johnson
WestPAC All Conference First Team – Copper Division
WestPAC All Conference Honorable Mention

On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Tajah Davise on taking 1st at the Poetry Out Loud State Finals on March 1st & 2nd and wished her good-luck at the National Competition to be held in Washington D.C. Congratulations were also extended to her Advisor Lacey O'Donnell.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the varsity bowling team and Coach Bill Bastion on their season.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School Band and Mr. Watt on their Division 1 ratings at the MSBOA District Band Festival held in Houghton of February 22nd.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated CHS Science Olympiad members, coaches and volunteers: Darrell Hendrickson, John Asiata, Nilufer & Soner Onder, Heather and Dave Koskiniemi, Jocelyn Gilliland, Tony Matthys, Peter and Kim Vaitkevicius, Genna Studebaker, Wendy Wiinamaki, and Kris Tienhaara on placing 2nd at the regional tournament and wished them good luck at
the State Finals to be held in Lansing on April 27th:

Ada McDonald & Annastiina Kesti 1st Astronomy
Annavsiina Kesti & Ada McDonald 1st Forensics
Christian Holmstrom & Zach Vaitkevicius 1st Geologic Mapping
Leah Riutta & Emma Aho 1st Sounds of Music
Leah Riutta & Serenity Snyder 1st Water Quality
Zach Vaitkevicius & Serenity Snyder 1st Write Stuff
Ada McDonald & Ani Schneiderhan 1st Write It/Do It
Annavsiina Kesti & Emma Aho 2nd Anatomy/Physiology
Serenity Snyder & Zander Worm 2nd Circuit Lab
Zander Worm & Lowell Torola 2nd Mission Possible
Christian Holmstrom & Annastiina Kesti 2nd Protein Modeling
Zander Worm & Lowell Torola 2nd Thermodynamics
Leah Riutta & Ani Schneiderhan 3rd Disease Detectives
Leah Riutta & Jamie Rogers 3rd Dynamic Planet
Serenity Snyder, Lillian Bruchman, 3rd Experimental Design
& Ani Schneiderhan
Christian Holmstrom & Zach Vaitkevicius 3rd Mousetrap Vehicle

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated WMS Science Olympiad members, coaches and volunteers: Darrell Hendrickson, John Asiala, Nilufer & Soner Onder, Heather and Dave Koskiniemi, Jocelyn Gilliland, Tony Matthys, Peter and Kim Vaitkevicius, Genna Studebaker, Wendy Wiinamaki, and Kris Tienhaara on placing 2nd at the regional tournament and wished them good luck at the State Finals to be held in Lansing on April 27th:

Shelby Wiinamaki 1st Fossils
Abby Tienhaara 1st Disease Detectives
Emma Peters & Shelby Wiinamaki 1st Water Quality
Ava Nagel & Keating Dinsmore 1st Density Lab
Reece White & Abby Tienhaara 1st Disease Detectives
Carolyn Bruchman & Shelby Wiinamaki 1st Fossils
Reece White & Braden Miller 1st Road Scholar
Emma Peters & Shelby Wiinamaki 1st Water Quality
Helen Erickson 2nd Crime Busters
Emma Peters & Shelby Wiinamaki 2nd Heredity
Jaremaay Moreau 2nd Mystery Architecture
Helen Erickson 2nd Potions and Poisons
Helen Erickson 2nd Write It/Do It
Helen Erickson 2nd Crime Busters
Helen Erickson & Meliina Kesti 2nd Game On
Braden Miller & Keating Dinsmore 2nd Game On(Alt. team)
Kailin Aho & Abigayle Harris-Berryman 2nd Heredity
Emma Peters & Shelby Wiinamaki 2nd Mystery Architecture
Jaremaay Moreau & Ava Nagel 2nd Potions and Poisons
Keating Dinsmore & Helen Erickson 2nd Write It & Do It
Helen Erickson & Carolyn Bruchman 3rd Battery Buggy
Jaremaay Moreau & Reece White 3rd Battery Buggy(Alt. team)
Nathaniel Geronimo & Jack Sever 3rd Elastic Launch Glider
Holly Gilliland & Meliina Kesti 3rd
Keating Dinsmore & Melina Kesti 3rd  Anatomy & Physiology
Braden Miller, Ava Nagel & Helen Erickson 3rd  Experimental Design
Carter Worm & Abby Tienhaara 3rd  Dynamic Planet
Jaremay Moreau 3rd  Battery Buggy
Helen Erickson 3rd  Experimental Design
Abby Tienhaara 3rd  Dynamic Planet
Mackenzie Lishinski & Sabrina Wilkins 3rd  Fossils (Alt. team)
Kailin Aho & Ione Laramore 3rd  Water Quality (Alt. team)
Liam Sullivan & Abigayle Harris-Berryman 3rd  Crime Busters (Alt. team)

Alternate Team Members: Mary DeMarois, Liam Sullivan, Sofia Rivera-Lozano, Isaiah Knuuttila, Jared Lundy, Ione Laramore and Maija White, had a strong showing in alternate team competition.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended those who took part in the 16th Annual Wake-Up-And-Read Family Breakfast held at the CLK Elementary School on March 1st.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education nominated the following student and staff members on being recognized at the Copper Country Association of School Boards at their 2019 Award’s Ceremony:

Student Leadership Award: Tajah-Rayne Davise
Outstanding Education Employee Award: Dave Cima
School Service Award: Robert Erkkila
Leadership Award Nominee: Michigan State Police

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Dorothy Jamison for her services as CLK’s Athletic Trainer during March 2019 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 (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education thanked the CLK Health Team on procuring $5500 in grant funds as part of the UP Health
Project to improve nutrition awareness, increase physical activity, and address the social-emotional well-being of elementary students. The CLK Health Team members are Tristan Baranowski, Jennifer Davidson, Julie Fenton, Heather Hainault, Amy Hakala, Matthew Hampton, Carol Janckila, Darren Kinnunen, Mike Ojala, Cathy Olsson, Steve Parks, Deb Pavolich, Holly Rivest, Melissa Schneiderhan, Kathy Wetton, and NMU Student Teacher, Taylor Olson.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulates those students who placed at the Regional Spelling Bee and wishes them good-luck at the U.P. Spelling Bee:

- 5th Grade: Hannah Hyrkas – 2nd Place
- 6th Grade: Carter Worm – 1st Place
- 7th Grade: Sheila McDonald – 2nd Place

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended their appreciation to Meg North for her successful grant totaling $607 from DonorsChoose.org to provide a Monoprice Maker Ultimate 3D printer for her classroom.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Deb Pavolich, CLK Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher, on having her book “Last Chance for Outside” published and available for sale on Amazon.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education established Tuesday, September 3, 2019, as the first day of school for students for the 2018-2019 school year.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted with regret the retirement notice of Mrs. Holly Rivest, effective June 30, 2019.
On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted with regret the retirement notice of Mr. Kevin Heikken, effective July 1, 2019.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approves the change to the Superintendent’s contract:

"Evaluation – Annually, the Board of Education shall review with the Superintendent his performance as Superintendent. The Superintendent shall remind the Board of Education of this responsibility in a timely manner."

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

On motion, seconded (Parker-Wickstrom) 5 yays, Dr. Michael Luoma abstained, the Board of Education terminated the School Nurse contract with Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital and appointed Carey Sullivan to the CLK School Nurse position effective April 1, 2019.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education set the 2019-20 drivers' education tuition rates at $210/district students and $420/out-of-district students.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the revised budgets for the 2018-19 school year.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the Base Bid + Additive Alternate A-2 of H&H Civil Construction for Contract 2 of the Agassiz Field Bond Project.

Building Principals updated the Board on “what’s happening” in their buildings.
On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the resignation notice of Mrs. Joni Carlson as the middle school girls track coach effective immediately and thanked her for coaching our middle school athletes.

The Board of Education was notified that per their request, the meeting scheduled for April 9th has been changed to April 16th.

The Copper Country Association of School Board (CCASB) will be holding their annual school tour and program for area school board members and superintendents on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at the CLK Commons. Following is a schedule for the evening:

5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting of the CCASB
6:00 p.m. – Dinner Buffet for All Attendees
6:30 p.m. – School Tour
7:00 p.m. – Education Technology Presentation by REMC1’s Mike Richardson
7:30 p.m. – Questions

Informational items submitted:
-Parent/Teacher Conference Summary Reports;
-Calumet High School Semester 1 Honor Roll;
-CCASB Spring Award’s Program – Wednesday, April 17th – Magnuson Franklin Square in Houghton.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

President

Secretary