

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN

RECORD OF MINUTES

May 14, 2019

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on May 14, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board of Education Room.

Present were members: Phyllis Locatelli, Michael Luoma, M.D., Melanie Parker, Daniel Zubiena, Maria Campioni, James Vertin, and Jason Wickstrom. Also present were Christopher Davidson, Superintendent; Thomas Sturos, Chief Financial Officer; Elsa Green, Executive Administrative Assistant; Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal; Michael Steber, Middle School Principal; Joel Asiala, Horizons Alternative High School Principal, Liz Leach and Amy Machiela, WMS Teachers, Todd Waurio, High School Teacher, Bill Leach, Community Member, Bob Staples and Jim DeRocher, SET/SEG and Brad Baltensperger, MASB.

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

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$74,486.55; Athletic bills were \$776.42; Cafeteria bills were \$20,037.86; and Community Service bills were \$443.59, for a total of all invoices of \$95,744.42.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Luoma-Vertin) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$367,250.33, plus a Money Market of \$1,170,696.23, less outstanding checks of (\$12,152.47), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$14,397.00), plus a transfer in transit (Cafeteria Fund) of \$14,381.13, plus a transfer in transit (Debt Service) of \$40.43, plus a transfer in transit (Athletic Fund) of \$1,000.00, for a total General Fund balance as of April 30, 2019, of \$1,526,818.65.

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The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of April 30, 2019, of \$23,924.16, less a Transfer in Transit of (\$1,000.00) for a total Athletic Fund of \$22,924.16.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$47,192.98, less and Transfer in Transit of (\$14,381.13) for a total School Service Fund balance of \$55,736.01.

The 1995 Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$451,203.68, less a transfer in transit (General Fund) of (\$40.43) for a total 1995 Debt Retirement Fund balance as of April 30, 2019, of \$451,163.25.

Mr. Jim DeRocher, and Mr. Bob Staples, of SET/SEG and Mr. Brad Baltensperger, MASB presented the SET/SEG Education Excellence Award to Mr. Mike Steber, Washington Middle School Principal, and Liz Leach, Washington Middle School Success Teacher for their program "The Mindful Middle School".

Mr. Todd Waurio and the FIRST Robotics Team, the Copperbots #2586, demonstrated the capabilities of their robot.

The Board viewed the projects that competed at the MITES Regional and State competitions.

On motion, seconded (Luoma-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the FIRST Robotics Team, #2586, the Copperbots on competing at the FIRST Robotics State Championship held at Saginaw Valley State University on April 10-13, along with Advisor Todd Waurio. Team members include: Tajah-Rayne Davise, Alexander Laemmrich, Anthony Martin, Jack Miller, Levi Newman, Jason Rogers, Lowell Torola, Christopher Tracey, Zander Worm and Megan Yohe.

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On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Washington Middle School program "the Mindful Middle School" on receiving the SET/SEG Education Excellence Award.

On motion, seconded (Luoma-Wickstrom), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Kasey Kangas on taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Advanced Accounting at the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference held in Anaheim, CA, on May 1-4, along with Advisor Elsa Green

On motion, seconded (Parker- Zubiena), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the BioAthlon team on taking 1<sup>st</sup> place at the BioAthlon held at MTU on May 8<sup>th</sup> along with Biology Teacher, Holly Wright

On motion, seconded (Luoma-Wickstrom), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Matthew Ojala on being named 2019 BCAM's Best Class C by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan and Academic All-State.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated students who passed their welding certification categories at Gogebic Community College on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, along with Welding Teacher Eric Rundman.

1G = Flat Position  
Brian Johnson

3G = Vertical Position  
Ladd Anderson  
Drew Bjorn  
Colin Harmala  
Trevor Hendrickson  
\*Cameron Kauppinen  
Garret Ruonavaara  
Jacob Tanskanen  
Brannon Torola  
Tyler West

\*Cameron Kauppinen also won best looking cover weld – visual inspection AWS.

On motion, seconded (Luoma-Zubiena), unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the Forensics Team on placing 11<sup>th</sup> at the Forensics State Finals held at Oakland

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University on May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, along with Advisor Karen La Cross:

Skye Bragagnini	21st place	Prose Interpretation
Annastiina Kesti	22 <sup>nd</sup> place	Dramatic Interpretation
Serenity Snyder	23 <sup>rd</sup> place	Storytelling
Leah Riutta	25th place	Poetry Interpretation

On motion, seconded (Parker-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended those who took part in the middle and high school music, band and choir performances, along with their Directors Matthew Riutta and Ryan Watt.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Leah Riutta on receiving the Arion Award; Sydney Wickstrom the Marching Band Award, Annastiina Kesti, the MSBOA Scholar Instrumentalist Award and Kalub Strom the Senior Choir Award.

On motion, seconded (Luoma-Wickstrom), unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the High School Bowl team on competing in the 2019 NAQT High School Bowl Small School National Championship in Chicago on May 4<sup>th</sup>, along with Advisor, Dave Torola

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Karen La Cross and members of the Yearbook staff on receiving honorable mention on the 2018 Balfour Yearbook "Best of the Best Yearbook."

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni), unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended those students that participated in the State Science Olympiad Finals held in Lansing on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations were also extended to their coaches and parent volunteers. Coaches: Darrell Hendrickson, John Asiala, Jocelyn Gilliland, Kim Vaitkevicius, Peter Vaitkevicius, Soner Onder, Nilufer Onder, Gina Erickson, Corey Soumis and Tony Matthys. Parent Chaperones/Volunteers: Kris Tienhaara, Gini Brewer, Josh and Jennifer Peters, Wendy Wiinamaki, Stephanie Booth, Brenda DeMarois, Rob Laramore, Shari Rogers,

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Dan Hendrickson and Sonja Bruchman.

Calumet High School & Washington Middle School Medal Winners:

Jaremay Moreau	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Mystery Architecture
Jaremay Moreau/Ava Nagel	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Mystery Architecture
Leah Riutta/Emma Aho	4 <sup>th</sup> place	Sounds of Music
Reese White/Braden Miller	7 <sup>th</sup> place	Road Scholars

Calumet High School Top 20:

Leah Riutta/Christian Holmstrom	12 <sup>th</sup> place	Dynamic Planet
Emma Aho/Ani Schneiderhan	13 <sup>th</sup> place	Write It/Do It
Leah Riutta/Serenity Snyder	18 <sup>th</sup> place	Water Quality
Serenity Snyder/Lillian Bruchman	19 <sup>th</sup> place	Wright Stuff

Calumet HS/Washington Middle School Top 20:

Emma Peters/Shelby Wiinamaki		11 <sup>th</sup> place	Water Quality
Helen Erickson	13 <sup>th</sup> place	Crime Busters	
Shelby Wiinamaki		14 <sup>th</sup> place	Roller Coaster
Abby Tienhaara		15 <sup>th</sup> place	Disease Detectives
Shelby Wiinamaki		17 <sup>th</sup> place	Fossils
Emma Peters/Helen Erickson		18 <sup>th</sup> place	Solar System

On motion, seconded (Luoma-Wickstrom), unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended their appreciation to Jennifer Davidson for her successful \$972 grant from DonorsChoose.org to purchase STEM Resources for her classroom.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena), 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 Friday, May 24, 2019.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the recommendation of High School Principal Asiala of students who will satisfactorily complete diploma requirements and are eligible to receive a Horizons High School diploma at commencement services on Thursday, May 30, 2019.

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

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commended the CLK Foundation Board for their generous support for the children of the CLK School District.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Holly Rivest, Lindsay Conrad, Darren Kinnunen, Christina Lahti, Dawn Steves, Carey Sullivan, Mari Ylitalo, Paxtyn Goulette and Cali Hodges for receiving awards for their dedication to students by the Copper Country Intermediate School District's Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education.

On motion, seconded (Luoma-Wickstrom) 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 2019-2020 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 (Luoma-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education designated Melanie Parker as a voting representative and James Vertin as an alternate for the June 3, 2019 Biennial Election at the Copper Country Intermediate School District.

On motion, seconded (Luoma-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated students whose projects competed at the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society (MITES) State Convention held in Bellaire from May 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> and the Regional MITES competition on May 4<sup>th</sup> along with their Instructors Robert Bohlsen and Corey Soumis:

Zander Worm - 1<sup>st</sup> in the State, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional, Class C Divisional Award – CNC cut Gear Box

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Joshua VanDenburg – 1<sup>st</sup> in the State, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – Great Lakes Depth Map  
Dany Moreno - 1<sup>st</sup> in the State, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Regional – Mexico State Map  
Will Twardzik – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – Shift Knob  
Daegen Tuoriniemi – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – Dinner Table  
Kip Kangas - 4<sup>th</sup> in the State, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – Gun Rack  
Julia Anderson - 4<sup>th</sup> in the State, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Regional – Snow Gauge  
Hannah Soumis - 5<sup>th</sup> in the State, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – Scrap Metal Lamp  
Isaac Peterson - 5<sup>th</sup> in the State, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Regional – Deacons Bench  
Chet Hyrkas - 6<sup>th</sup> in the State, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Regional – Deacons Bench  
Joshua VanDenburg – 7<sup>th</sup> in the State, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – Dresser  
Lia Tervo – 8<sup>th</sup> in the State, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – Beach House Sign  
Sidney Wickstrom – 9<sup>th</sup> in the State, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Regional – Snow Gauge  
Wyatt Anderson - State Honorable Mention, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – House Drawing  
Reino Helppi - State Honorable Mention, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – Adirondack Chairs  
Nels Kangas - State Honorable Mention, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – End Table  
Peter Larson - State Honorable Mention, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – Coffee Table  
Carl Regis - State Honorable Mention, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – Fishing Rod Holder  
Levi Tervo - State Honorable Mention, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – Coffee Table  
Levi Tervo - State Honorable Mention, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional – Shelf  
Will Berg - State Honorable Mention, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Regional – End Table  
Bill Darnell - State Honorable Mention, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Regional – Coffee Table  
Lilianna Kangas - State Honorable Mention, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Regional – Summer Camp Sign  
Richard Probst - State Honorable Mention, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Regional – Coffee Table  
Jana Loukus - State Honorable Mention, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Regional – End Table  
Zachary Larson - State Honorable Mention, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Regional – Knife Block  
Samantha Staricha - State Honorable Mention, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Regional – End Table  
Brevin Antilla - State Honorable Mention, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Regional – Hall Table  
Isaac Harmala - State Honorable Mention, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Regional – Shelf  
Carter Kilpela - State Honorable Mention, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Regional – Coffee Table  
Nate Haapala - Regional Honorable Mention – Shelf  
Henry Han Lee - Regional Honorable Mention – Shelf  
Dylan Jenich - Regional Honorable Mention – End Table  
Matthew Kisul - Regional Honorable Mention – End Table  
Lukas Pfau- Regional Honorable Mention – Knife Block  
Aidan Vairus - Regional Honorable Mention – End Table

On motion, seconded (Zubierna-Luoma) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Tajah-Rayne Davise who competed in the National Endowment for the Arts' Poetry Out Loud Competition in Washington D.C. and was named a Top 8 regional finalist.

On motion, seconded (Luoma-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Lucas Theisen on being named a 2018-19 Outstanding Educator Award Winner for the 110<sup>th</sup> District.

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

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adopted the NEOLA Policy revisions.

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

On motion, seconded (Luoma-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the Bid of Southern Bleacher Co. for Visitors Bleachers of the Agassiz Field Bond Project at a cost of \$41,785.00.

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

On motion, seconded (Luoma-Zubiena), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mr. Sean Jacques, Athletic Director on being voted the 2019 U.P. Athletic Director of the Year by the UP Athletic Directors Association

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mr. Sean Jacques on receiving a Service Award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association for 30 years as a registered MHSAA Official.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Luoma) unanimous decision, the Board of Education recognized and thanked Mr. Josh Loukus, Mr. Doug Jurmu and Halonen Landscaping for the donation of equipment and time to make the sod and soil fund raiser a success for the community and the football program.

Informational items submitted:

- Graduation Speaker Information;
- Honor Banquet Speaker Information;
- Horizons Commencement Services—Thursday, May 30 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Keweenaw Heritage Center.



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On motion, seconded (Vertin-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned  
at 6:33 p.m.

*Phyllis M. Locatelli*

President

*Melanie J. Parker*

Secretary