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On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Nathan Londo and Ted Loukus on receiving hockey All-State honors.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, appointed Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan C. Leiter to the JROTC Senior Army Instructor position at Calumet High School for the 2025-2026 school year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Loukus) the Board of Education accepted the bid of SEHI for Wireless Access Points throughout campus.


On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) the Board of Education accepted the bid of ERICO Electric for Wiring New Access Points throughout campus.

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

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the resignation notice of Ms. Tristan Baranowski as the WMS girls' track coach effective immediately. The Board also thanked Ms. Baranowski for coaching our middle school athletes.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:37 p.m.


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The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on March 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the CLK Board Room.

Present were members: Jason Wickstrom, Melanie Parker, Daniel Zubiena, Philip Halonen, Adam Loukus and James Vertin. Absent was Phyllis Locatelli. Also present were Joel Asiala, Superintendent; Trevor Salata, Chief Financial Officer, Elsa Green, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal; Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal; Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal; Darren Kinnunen, Horizons Alternative High School Principal, and Daniel Giachino, Director, CLK Virtual Programs.

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

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$231,232.24, Athletic bills were \$23,917.60, Cafeteria bills were \$18,329.75, and Community Service bills were \$608.52, for a total of all invoices of \$274,088.11.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$775,750.70, plus a Money Market of \$2,829,261.98, less outstanding checks of (\$210,086.73), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$147,572.95), for a total General Fund balance as of February 28, 2025, of \$3,247,353.00.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of February 28, 2025, of \$46,375.88, for a total Athletic Fund balance of \$46,375.88.

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The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$50,788.62 for a total School Service Fund balance of \$97,164.50.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$2,156,062.97 for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of February 28, 2025, of \$2,156,062.97.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Adrienne Kangas, Jackie Kiilunen, Carter Worm and Liisa Ylitalo on being named valedictorians, each with a GPA of 4.000 for the 2025 graduating class.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the following CCASB Awards:

Student Leadership Award: Allison Bjorn
Outstanding Education Employee Award: Jayna Johnson
School Service Award: Karmen Markham

On motion, seconded (Parker-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the students who placed in the Regional Spelling Bee held in Lake Linden on February 19th and wished Gwenyth, Bella and Sophia good-luck at the U.P. Spelling Bee.

Gwenyth Skoog – 1st – 7th grade
Bella Thompson – 2nd – 7th Grade (Runner-up)
Audrina Kangas – 3rd -6th grade (Alternate)
Sophia Mattila – 2nd – 5th grade (Runner-up)

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended CLK Paraprofessionals on April 2, 2025, Paraprofessional Appreciation Day.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the JROTC Battalion who took part in the Upper Midwest Challenge in St. Paul, MN on February 6th & 7th. The Northstar Battalion placed 2nd overall.

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On motion, seconded (Parker-Loukus) 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 February 27th.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education recognized the 2025 varsity and JV hockey teams and coaches' Dan Giachino, Josh Frantti and Todd Lightfoot, along with volunteer coaches Levi Erkkila, Jon Primeau and Trevor Salata on their seasons. The Board congratulated Coach Dan Giachino on his 150th Victory (vs. Brighton) and also congratulated the JV hockey team on winning the UP Championship. The Board expressed special recognition to the following players on their individual honors:

Team – Academic All State – 3.414 GPA
Beau Jukuri – GLHC 1st Team – Goalie
Nathan Londo – GLHC 1st Team – Forward
Nathan Londo – John Sherf Captain's Award (A)
Nels Loukus – Academic All-State
Nels Loukus - Hobey Baker Character Award
Ted Loukus – GLHC 2nd Team – Defense
Ted Loukus – Academic All-State
Ted Loukus – John Sherf Captain's Award (C)
Brendan Boberg – GLHC Honorable Mention – Forward
Brendan Boberg – John Sherf Captain's Award (A)

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education recognized the 2025 boys' basketball teams and Coaches' Frank Bonacorsi and Levi Kilpela on their seasons. The Board also expressed special recognition to players on their individual honors.

Gavin Sturos - WestPAC All Conference 1st Team – Guard - Copper Div.
Micah Pieti - WestPAC All Conference 1st Team – Guard - Copper Div.
Kent Koskela - WestPAC All Conference Honorable Mention – Copper Div.
Jared Larson – WestPAC All Conference All Defensive Team

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

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

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commended the gymnastics team and coach DeeAnna Gariepy on their season.

Regional Meet

All Around

Nora Keranen – 40th

Brooklyn Tatman – 41st

On motion, seconded (Parker-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the 2025 varsity cheerleading squads and their coach Karen La Cross on their season. Team members include:

Fall Squad:

Serenity Cane

Laci Jarvi

Nynna Jarvi

Nevaeh Kuopus

Lucy La Cross

Ava Lis

Merisa Lishinski

Madeline Meilahn

Veronica Prados Meseguer

Justice Tadych

Brooklyn Tatman

Marissa Thyron

Winter Squad:

Laci Jarvi

Nynna Jarvi

Nevaeh Kuopus

Lucy La Cross

Merisa Lishinski

Justice Tadych

Brooklyn Tatman

Marissa Thyron

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the JROTC JLAB Leadership and Academic Teams on advancing to the National Academic Bowl Championships to be held in Washington D.C. in June. Leadership Team members are Natalie Chapoton, Saima Erickson, Lorelei Fryer, Annika Haugland, Lewis Nagel and Kate Probst. Academic Team members are Aster Davis, Claire Goss, Julie Heflin, Evelyn Robb, Axl Schneiderhan and Melody Woods.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Washington Middle School and Calumet High School Science Olympiad members, coaches and volunteers: Darrell Hendrickson, John Asiala and Timothy Porter. The Board also thanked chaperones Angie Weber, Jodi Skoog and Abigail Alldredge. The Washington Middle School team placed 1st in Division B at the Region 1 Science Olympiad competition held at Northern Michigan University of February 22nd earning their way to the

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State competition. Calumet High School team members placing first also earned a gold bid to compete at the state conference.

Medaling for Washington Middle School:

Quinn Alldredge/Justin Weber - 1st Place: Fossils
 Chloe Myhren/Jack Jones - 2nd Air Trajectory
 Tenley Goldsworthy/ Josie Johnson - 2nd Place: Disease Detectives
 Vivian Robb/Chloe Myhren - 2nd Place: Bridge
 Marshall Baker - 2nd Road Scholar
 Jack Jones/Marshall Baker/Alli Kesanen - 2nd Experimental Design
 Justin Weber/Tenley Goldsworthy - 2nd Helicopter
 Gwen Skoog/Vivian Robb - 2nd Potions and Poisons
 Josie Johnson/Alli Kesanen - 2nd Reach for the Stars
 Gwen Skoog/Quinn Alldredge - 3rd Ecology
 Gwen Skoog/Justin Weber - 3rd Meteorology(Climate)
 Jack Jones/Alli Kesanen - 3rd Optics
 Josie Johnson/Tenley Goldsworthy - 3rd Scrambler
 Vivian Robb/Chloe Myren - 3rd Tower

Calumet High School Students Medaling for Washington Middle School:

Jack Jones - 2nd Place: Air trajectory
 Jack Jones - 2nd Place: Experimental Design
 Jack Jones - 3rd Place: Optics

Medaling for Calumet High School:

Keira Johnson, Byron David - 1st Place: Forensics
 Lorelei Fryer - 1st Place: Dynamic Planet (glaciers)
 Byron David/Keira Johnson - 2nd Place: Chemistry Lab
 Byron David/Keira Johnson - 2nd Place: Experimental Design
 Byron David/Lorelei Fryer - 2nd Place: Fossils
 Lorelei Fryer - 2nd Place: Geologic Mapping
 Merisa Lishinski/Olivia Byykkonen - 2nd Place : Towers
 Lorelei Fryer - 3rd Place: Optics

On motion, seconded (Halonen-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.

CLK Elementary

Tia Anderson
 Arya Daling
 Milli Harju
 Aria Jollimore
 Sean Kinnunen
 Milo Larson
 Louis LeHreaux
 Piper Meneguzzo
 Lillie Raisanen

Olivia Bett
 Riley Froberg
 Grey Hyrkas
 Joe Kaura
 Orion Kraniak
 Iver Lassila
 Allison Loukus
 Harper Patrick
 Finn Suhonen

Teagan Brouillette
 Drake Harju
 Anita Jarvi
 Madelyn Kesti
 Emma Kytta
 Ella L'Esperance
 Annelise Martz-Thiel
 Penelope Peterson
 Zander Tammelin

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WMS

Bella Fredrickson
James Haapala
Cece Jurmu

Juliet Futrell
Karla Helppi
Rylee Strom

Ava Giachino
Travis Hendrickson

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Frank Bonacorsi, Levi Kilpela, Paul Torola, Charlie Kemppainen, Adel Riutta, Julie Giachino, Casey Strom, Savanna Rivest, Marce Halonen, Sarah Hampton, Nicole L'Esperance, Carol Janckila, Judy Emery and Megan Hembree along with the many volunteers along with the many volunteers who assisted with the elementary basketball tournament for grades 3-6 on Saturday, February 8, 2025. The tournament has now been named The Mike Steber Elementary Tournament to honor Mr. Mike Steber who started the tournament 25 years ago.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Aspirus Athletic Trainers, Brad Anderson and Maddie Eddy during March 2025 - National Athletic Trainer Month.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) 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 (Halonen-Parker) 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 7th. The staff and volunteers were: Kristin Wanhala for greeting and running the Title 1 information table, Jaime and Franklin Lishinski, Heather Hainault, Lucia Mercado, Marta Thompson, Liz Leach, Heidi Edwards, Julie Giachino, and Matthew Hampton for their help serving breakfast; Dave Luokkanen and Jim Chopp for keeping the cafeteria clean and Carol Janckila & the food service staff for their efforts and preparation of breakfast.

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On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) 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. Team Viper members include Caleb Ely, Zoe Robinson, Jack Jones, and Edward Diepen. Evelyn Robb, Grace Dee and Natalie Chapoton have also been helping out with the team. The team has been strong this year, winning the Hancock competition and placing in the middle of the pack at states. They also received the Inspire award at the state competition for their passion and positive attitudes. The team has earned their way to compete at the JROTC national competition in Dallas, TX in May.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated WMS 7th grader Gwenyth Skoog and Calumet High School sophomore Grace Dee on each placing 2nd in the Upper Peninsula Story Contest "The Dandelion Cottage Contest" sponsored by the Upper Peninsula Publishers Authors Association.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mrs. Lucia Mercado on being chosen as a March 2025 Superior Educator.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the JROTC Raider Team on placing 1st at the Auburn Raider Competition held in Rockford, IL in March 1st. The Raider Team is made up of Abigail Bausano, Jaden Ely, Lorelei Fryer, Elli Harju, Annika Haugland, Emmett Kaurala, Liam Kenny, Lena Myhren, Lewis Nagel and Axl Schneiderhan.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed their appreciation to Mr. Paul Horton for his generous donation to the Horizons Alternative High School.