

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN

May 13, 2025

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The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on May 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the CLK Board Room.

Present were members: Phyllis Locatelli, Jason Wickstrom, Daniel Zubiena, Philip Halonen, Adam Loukus and James Vertin. Absent was Melanie Parker. Also present were Joel Asiala, Superintendent; Trevor Salata, Chief Financial Officer; Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal; Troy Reuter, Washington Middle School Principal; Darren Kinnunen, Horizons Alternative High School Principal; Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal; Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal; Daniel Giachino, Director of Virtual Programs; Eric Kinnunen, Facilities Director; James Rautiola, CCISD Superintendent; Callie Rastello, teacher at Washington Middle School and Washington Middle School students Emelea Doolittle, Riley Standridge, Marshall Baker, Daniel Garrow, Audrina Kangas and Abigail Howard.

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

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$281,375.38; Athletic Fund bills were \$6,452.26; Cafeteria bills were \$19,923.48; and Community Service bills were \$6,419.12, for a total of all invoices of \$314,170.24.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,763,117.49, plus a Money Market of \$1,495,204.07, less outstanding checks of (\$78,326.62), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$150,737.16), for a total General Fund balance as of April 30, 2025, of \$3,029,257.78.

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The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of April 30, 2025, of \$47,116.62, for a total Athletic Fund of \$47,116.62.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance as of April 30, 2025 of \$48,142.98, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$95,259.60.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,007,545.37, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of April 30, 2025, of \$1,007,545.37.

Mr. Rautiola presented to the board regarding the upcoming CCISD millage request.

The Washington Middle School Student Senate presented to the board regarding the 2024-2025 school year.

The Board was introduced to Mr. Eric Kinnunen, the new CLK Schools Facilities Director.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the 7th grade girls' basketball team on receiving the Dream Team Award, and Mrs. Trista Soumis on receiving the Special Recognition Award – Retiree from the Copper Country Intermediate School District's Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education.

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

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accepted the recommendation of Horizons High School Principal Darren Kinnunen 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-Loukus), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Calumet High School Junior, Melody Woods on receiving the SAR Chapter Cadet of the Year Award.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Washington Middle School and Calumet High School Science Olympiad teams, coaches and volunteers on their season and performance at the Science Olympiad State Tournament held on April 26th.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Ryan Watt and the Washington Middle School and Calumet High School band students on their successful Spring Music Program.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Loukus), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Nathan Thyron on receiving the 2025 Arion Award, Jacob Garrow on receiving the 2025 Marching Band Award, Sydney Cummings on receiving the Calumet High School MSBOA Scholar Instrumentalist Award and Laci Pintar on receiving the Washington Middle School MSBOA Scholar Instrumentalist Award.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the members of the varsity softball team on receiving NHSCA Academic All-American honors:

Millie Loukus

Lena Myhren

Kaylee Newsom

Amina Tarnowski

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education exercised the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act, will, for the

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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 2025-2026 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 (Loukus-Wickstrom), 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-Halonen), unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the date of June 16, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room for the Annual Budget Hearing.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the administration, faculty and staff at Calumet High School, CLK Elementary School and Washington Middle School on being named Capturing Kids Hearts 2025 National Showcase School District for the third year in a row.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Halonen), unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Melanie Parker as the representative of the CLK Board of Education and James Vertin as the alternate for the Copper Country ISD Biennial Election.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena), unanimous decision, the Board of Education rescinded NEOLA Policy 2265, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities and made a technical correction to NEOLA Policy 2266 to remove reference to the date of applicability.

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On motion, seconded (Loukus-Wickstrom), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Nathan Londo on being chosen to represent Michigan at the 2025 CCM NIT. The tournament took place April 24-27 at the Plymouth Ice Center in Plymouth, MN.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the varsity girls' basketball team on earning Academic All-State honors with a team G.P.A. of 3.50. The Board also congratulated Charlie Kemppainen on being named BCAM Girls State Coach of the Year Division 3 and Jackie Kiilunen for being named BCAM's Best Division 3.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus), unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to the Keweenaw Area Community Foundation and the Kellogg Youth Endowment Fund for a \$1,000 donation to the CLK Elementary Library. The Board also expressed appreciation to Mari Ylitalo and Emily Kobza for securing this grant.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated students for their woodworking, metalworking and machining projects placing at the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Association (MITES) Regional and/or State Project Fair along with teachers Rob Bohlsen and Bill Darnell.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus), unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Rob Bohlsen for obtaining a MITES Mini Grant in the amount of \$1362.44 to purchase a Magnetic Drill Press.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Wickstrom), unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Bill Darnell for obtaining a Dr. & Mrs. Ron Lutz MITES Mini Grant in the amount of \$599.00 to purchase a DeWalt 12" Double Bevel Sliding Compound Miter Saw w/Saw Stand.

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On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the Family Medical Leave for childcare request for Heidi Edwards under Article 18 Section E of the CEA Contract.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Halonen), unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Karl Benda to the Owner's Representative position effective May 20, 2025.

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

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the contract with Lamers Bus Lines for the 2025-2026 school year.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena), Loukus abstained, the Board of Education approved the contract with REMC1 for the 2025-2026 school year.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the purchase of a pick-up truck at a cost of up to \$30,000 from the Public Improvement Fund.

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

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the 2025-2026 school calendar.

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

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appointed Riita Harmala to the Middle School track paraprofessional position for the 2025 season.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus) 4 yay, 1 nay, the Board of Education approved the non-renewal of the coaching contract for the current JV hockey coach for the 2025-2026 school year.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



President



Secretary