

RECORD OF MINUTES

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on February 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the CLK Board Room.

Present were members: Phyllis Locatelli, Jason Wickstrom, Daniel Zubiena, Melanie Parker, Philip Halonen, Adam Loukus and James Vertin. Also present were Joel Asiala, Superintendent; Trevor Salata, Chief Financial Officer; Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal; Darren Kinnunen, Horizons High School Principal; Troy Reuter, Washington Middle School Principal; Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal; Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal and Stephanie Kesti, CLK Elementary School Great Start Readiness Teacher.

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

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$372,862.59, Athletic bills were \$22,634.69, Cafeteria bills were \$11,448.46, Community Service bills were \$3,748.29 for a total of all invoices of \$410,694.03.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$665,506.32, plus a Money Market of \$2,416,762.59, plus a CD Balance (Restricted) of \$89,074.26, less outstanding checks of (\$195,571.99), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$172,667.58), for a total General Fund balance as of January 31, 2026, of \$2,803,103.60.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of January 31, 2026, of \$52,202.81, for a total Athletic Fund of \$52,202.81.

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The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$44,594.12, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$96,796.93.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$2,388,580.70, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of January 31, 2026, of \$2,388,580.70.

The Board was introduced to Mrs. Stephanie Kesti, the new Great Start Readiness teacher at CLK Elementary School.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated those students who placed at the Business Professionals of America Regional Leadership Conference held in Escanaba on January 16th, along with Advisors, Darin Goke and Elsa Green.

Ozzie Nykanen – 2nd – Digital Media Production
Ozzie Nykanen – 3rd – Personal Financial Management
Orrin Basto, Ida Ahiale & Bethany McParlan – 3rd – Small Business Management Team
Ava Lis – 5th – Human Resource Management
Naomi Baker – 6th – Presentation Individual
Serenity Cane – 6th – Personal Financial Management
Naomi Baker, Emelea Doolittle & Kirra Peterson – 5th – Global Marketing Team
Serenity Cane, Rita Eskola & Ava Lis – 6th – Presentation Team
Kirra Peterson – 8th – Interview Skills
Ida Ahiale – 9th – Banking & Finance
Rita Eskola -10th – Banking & Finance
Bethany McParlan – 16th – Business Law & Ethics
Ozzie Nykanen – 3rd – Digital Communication & Design Concepts – Open

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School JROTC program along with Instructors Major Michael Farley, LTC Jonathan Leiter and 1SG Mark Powell on hosting the annual Upper Peninsula JROTC Challenge (UPJC) on December 18th.

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On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mr. Watt and WMS Band Members on their concert performance on January 15th.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education resolved that February 2026 be designated as Career & Technical Education Month and commended CTE Instructors for their dedicated service to our school district.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended School Resource Officer Ryan Kuntze on February 15, 2026, National School Resource Officer Day and thanked him for his dedication to the students in the CLK School District.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education resolved that March 1-7, 2026, be designated as National School Social Worker Week, and commended CLK School Social Workers Karmen Markham & Darren Kinnunen, CLK Elementary School Social Worker Josie Berg and CCISD School Social Worker Natalie Morgan, for their dedication to the students in the CLK School district.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education resolved that March 2-6, 2026, be designated as National School Breakfast Week, and commended our food service staff for their dedicated and loyal service to our district.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the Career and Technical Education Programs to be recognized by the Copper Country Association of School Boards for the 2026 Education Leadership Award.

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On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated students who placed in the CLK Spelling Bee on February 4th and wished them good-luck in the Regional Spelling Bee to be held on February 18th at E.B. Holman School in Stanton Township.

5th grade:

Runner-Up: Wesley Lund
Champion: Daniel Helminen

6th grade:

Runner-Up: Mayona Maggio
Champion: Eliza Leiter

7th grade:

Runner-Up: Josie Johnson
Champion: Audrey Pennala

8th grade:

Runner-Up: Bella Thompson
Champion: Marshall Baker

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated members of the varsity football team on being chosen to play in the 2026 U.P. Football All-Star game.

Ben Anderson Dirk Koskela

On motion, seconded (Parker-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended appreciation to CLK Elementary School teacher Tristan Taavola for her successful grant from MENSA of Wisconsin Foundation in the amount of \$400 to purchase supplies for the Elementary School Makerspace.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended appreciation to Mr. Carmen Sandretto for his \$1500 donation to the CHS Robotics Program.

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On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School and Washington Middle School Band students who participated in the MSBOA District 14 Solo & Ensemble Festival held on February 7th at Hancock Schools. (Division 1=A, Division 2=B, Division 3=C).

CHS:

Elizabeth Crouch - Trumpet solo - Div. 1
Elli Harju - Alto Sax solo - Div. 1
Mikaela Myers - Sax solo - Div. 1
Laci Pintar - Trumpet solo - Div. 1
Evelyn Robb - Flute solo - Div. 1
Hazel Sever, Payton Curtin, & Olivia Byykkonen - trio - Div. 1
David Makolin, Lillian Fritz, Paxtyn Goulette, & Abigail Bausano - quartet - Div. 1
Laci Pintar, Emelea Doolittle, Zosia Taylor - trio - Div. 1
Merisa Lishinski & Lyla Huuki - duet - Div. 2

WMS:

Emma Bausano - flute solo - Div. 1
Marisa Mattila - flute solo - Div. 1
Makayla Moreno - flute solo - Div. 1
Noah Dyni - bass clarinet solo - Div. 1
Josie Johnson - flute solo - Div. 1
Quinn Alldredge - tenor sax solo - Div. 1
Wyatt Codere - trombone solo - Div. 1
Mateus Taylor - sax solo - Div. 1
Edward Diepen - piano solo - Div. 1
Gwenyth Skoog - trumpet solo - Div. 1
Abigail Howard - trombone solo - Div. 1
Aaliyah Heikkinen & Chloe Myhren - duet - Div. 1
Eden Brewer, Linnea Goulette & Quinn Alldredge - trio - Div. 1
Lilith Meller & Carly Thyrion - duet - Div. 1
Emily Thompson & Eva Robbins - duet - Div. 2
Carly Thyrion - flute solo - Div. 2

On motion, seconded (Parker-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the CLK students on placing in the 2026 Elks U.P. Hoop Shoot competitions held on December 6th and January 10th. The Board also wishes Ben Bonacorsi good-luck at the state contest to be held on February 28th in Big Rapids.

December 6th - Local Lodge competition - 1st place finishers qualified for district competition:
Cole Strom - 1st - 8-9 age group boys
Ben Bonacorsi - 1st - 10-11 age group boys
Brody deBeaubien - 1st - 12-13 age group boys
Kinley McColl - 2nd - 10-11 age group girls
Rylee Strom - 1st - 12-13 age group girls
Abigail Hampton - 2nd - 12-13 age group girls

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January 10th – District competition – 1st place finishers qualified for state competition:
Ben Bonacorsi - 1st – 10-11 age group boys
Brody deBeaubien – 2nd – 12-13 age group boys
Rylee Strom - 2nd – 12-13 age group girls

Building Principals updated the Board on “what’s happening” in their buildings.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education
adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



President



Secretary