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The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on April 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the CLK Board Room.

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

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

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$563,679.17, Athletic bills were \$28,791.96, Cafeteria bills were \$16,386.28, and Community Service bills were \$2041.74, for a total of all invoices of \$610,899.15.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$756,758.83, plus a Money Market of \$2,137,006.02, plus a CD Balance (Restricted) of \$89,074.26, less outstanding checks of (\$32,601.84), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$156,447.64 for a total General Fund balance as of March 31, 2026, of \$2,793,789.63.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of March 31, 2026, of \$47,671.74, for a total Athletic Fund of \$47,671.74.

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The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$50,311.83, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$97,983.57.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$2,415,163.65, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of March 31, 2026, of \$2,415,163.65.

CCISD Superintendent Jim Rautiola and CTE Director Corey Soumis presented to the Board regarding the upcoming CTE Millage Renewal.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated inductees into the Calumet High School National Honor Society, along with Advisor, Katie Bonacorsi.

Miles Aho
Abigail Bausano
Rita Eskola
Keith Koivisto
Bethany McParlan
Peter Torola

Ida Ahiale
Jax Carlson
Elli Harju
Molly Koivisto
Linnea Pennala
Myra Yohe

Trent Anderson
Sadie Erkkila
Lila Hyrkas
Tara Lassila
Carter Salata

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Bella Thompson and Daniel Helminen on their performance at the U.P. Spelling Bee held in Ishpeming and Negaunee on March 12th.

Bella Thompson – 4th – Grade 8
Daniel Helminen – 3rd – Grade 5

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Ben Bonacorsi on placing 2nd in the 10-11 age bracket at the 2026 Elks Regional Hoop Shoot competition held on March 14th in Indiana. Ben competed against the winners of the Indiana and Ohio state competitions.

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

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congratulated Calumet High School students Tessa Meneguzzo and Mazie McPherson along with the entire Harter's Girls hockey team on winning the 2026 Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Tier III U19 state championship.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Calumet High School students Naomi Baker, Serenity Cane, Ava Lis and Kirra Peterson on competing in the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference held in Grand Rapids from March 12-15, along with BPA Advisors Darin Goke and Elsa Green.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Washington Middle School 6th grade band on receiving a Division 1 Rating at the Keweenaw Music Educators Association Band Clinic/Festival held at Dollar Bay Schools on March 18th.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Calumet High School student Eleanna Hokenson for her performance at the Poetry Out Loud State Finals held in Lansing on March 14th.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Calumet High School Freshman Cali Hodges for her performance in the Horizons 55 Fiction Contest. She was the runner-up in the category "The Future".

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the following members of the varsity hockey team who were named to the Team Michigan Roster. The players were selected as the top 20 seniors/juniors in the state and will represent Michigan at the CCM NIT Invite on April 23-26 in Plymouth, MN.

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Senior Nathan Londo - Forward
Senior Drake Niemela - Defense
Junior Luke Hamlin – Forward
Junior – Beau Jukuri - Goalie

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education recognized the WMS Girls Developmental volleyball team and coaches Rebecca Michaelson and Kaylie Halonen on their season.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mrs. Amanda Willmert on being named a Copper Shores January 2026 Do Good Volunteer.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mrs. Lisa Naber on being named a Copper Shores March 2026 Do Good Volunteer.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) Halonen abstained, the Board of Education congratulated Ms. Kaylie Halonen on being chosen as an April 2026 Superior Educator.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed their appreciation to Joan Steck for her generous donation of \$7,500 to support the CLK Makerspace Programs.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed their appreciation to Dan Steck for his generous donation of \$52,300 to support the CLK Hands-On Programming.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed their appreciation to Patricia Nevala for her generous donation of \$50,000

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establishing the Karvonen Family Fund to support the CLK Makerspace Programs.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education established Tuesday, September 8, 2026 as the first day of school for students for the 2026-2027 school year.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended School Library staff on April 2026 being School Library Month.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended CLK Administrative Professionals on April 22, 2026, being Administrative Professionals Day.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended CLK Educators on May 4-8, 2026, being Teacher Appreciation Week.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education honored CLK Food Service Staff on National School Lunch Hero Day, Friday, May 1, 2026.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education honored the UGL-CLK School Nurses, Jessica Coltas and Carie Leiter, on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, being declared School Nurse Day.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the administration, faculty and staff at CLK Elementary School for being named a Capturing Kids Hearts National Showcase School for the 6th year in a row.

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

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approved changing the start time at Washington Middle School from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. beginning with the 2026-2027 school year to align with the CLK Elementary School schedule.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the Preliminary Qualification of Bonds application and called for an election to put the project proposal on the ballot at the regular school election to be held on August 4, 2026.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to CLK Elementary School teacher Mrs. Rebecca Mattila for her efforts in obtaining a donation of \$400 from Walmart to purchase books for CLK Elementary School. The Board also expressed appreciation to Walmart for the donation.

The Board was notified that Ms. Rebecca Michaelson, a teacher at Washington Middle School, has accepted the Voluntary Separation Agreement effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Michaelson has been with the CLK Schools for 15 years.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Vertin) Halonen abstained, the Board of Education accepted the resignation notice of Ms. Kaylie Halonen, effective April 13, 2026.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the contract with The Donovan Group in the amount of \$8,100.00 from the Public Improvement Fund.


On motion, seconded (Halonen- Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the E-Rate bid for battery backups throughout campus from SEHI at a cost of \$25,987.00. The total estimated cost to the district will be \$3,898.05.

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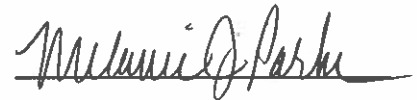
Building Principals updated the Board on "what's happening" in their buildings.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the resignation notice of Ms. Rebecca Michaelson as a WMS Developmental Volleyball coach effective immediately. The Board also thanked her for coaching our middle school athletes.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



President



Secretary