

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN

RECORD OF MINUTES

March 10, 2020

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on March 10, 2020, at 5:33 p.m., in the Board of Education Room.

Present were members: Jason Wickstrom, Melanie Parker, Daniel Zubierna, Maria Campioni, and James Vertin. Absent were members Phyllis Locatelli and Philip Halonen. Also present were Christopher Davidson, Superintendent; Elsa Green, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal, Michael Steber, Washington Middle School Principal, Clay Cotey, John Larson, Liz Leach and Amy Machiela, teachers at Washington Middle School and Karmen Markham, School Social Worker.

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

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$69,499.80, Athletic bills were \$3,806.62, Cafeteria bills were \$18,711.24, Community Service bills were \$64.69, for a total of all invoices of \$92,082.56.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$650,569.62, plus a Money Market of \$1,465,275.98, less outstanding checks of (\$64,802.89), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$15,374.06), less a Transfer in Transit-Cafeteria Fund of (\$718.87) plus a Transfer in Transit – Debt Service of \$40.43 for a total General Fund balance as of February 29, 2020, of \$2,034,990.21.

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The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of February 29, 2020, of \$46,261.32 for a total Athletic Fund of \$46,261.32.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$49,450.73 plus a Transfer in Transit-General Fund of \$718.87 for a total School Service Fund balance of \$96,430.92.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,553,367.13 less a Transfer in Transit – General Fund of (\$40.43) for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of February 29, 2020, of \$1,553,326.70.

Clay Cotey, Liz Leach, Amy Machiela, Karmen Markham and John Larson updated the board on the Positive Behavior Intervention Support program and the implementation of Capturing Kids Hearts at Washington Middle School.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated all CLK Employees on their efforts and commitment to the Trauma Informed School Initiative and the recent award from the Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce Spark Plug Awards "Project of the Year."

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Molly Helminen, Courtney Kangas and Ada McDonald on being valedictorians with each having a GPA of 4.000 for the 2020 graduating class.

On motion, seconded (Campioni-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulates inductees into Calumet High School's National Honor Society, along with their Advisor Joe Heflin:

Nikolas Djerf
Gloria Hendrickson
Maddie Longpre-Harrer
Gracia Perala

Annika Heflin
Benjamin Jackson
Mackenzie Miller
Emma Peters

Alyssa Helminen
Malorie Klobuchar
Dawn Oja
Greta Poyhonen

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Jason Rogers
Abby Tienhaara
Megan Yohe

Ani Schneiderhan
Lowell Torola

Madison Teddy
Shelby Wiinamaki

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Serenity Snyder on taking 1st, Gracia Perala on taking 2nd and Everest Leach on taking 3rd at the Poetry Out Loud Competition held on February 18th and wished Serenity good-luck at the State Competition to be held in Lansing on March 13th & 14th.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the varsity bowling team and Coach Laura Miller on their season.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School and Washington Middle School Bands and Mr. Watt on their Division 1 ratings at the MSBOA District Band Festival held in Marquette on March 4th.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Washington Middle School Science Olympiad members, coaches and volunteers: Darrell Hendrickson, John Asiala, Nilufer & Soner Onder, Peter and Kim Vaitkevicius, Gina Erickson, Wendy Wiinamaki, Kris Tienhaara and Nikki Lahti on placing 1st at the regional tournament and wished them good luck at the State Finals to be held in Lansing on April 25th:

Reece White & Keira Johnson	1 st	Disease Detectives
Carolynn Bruchman & Byron David	1 st	Fossils
Maija White & Liisa Ylitalo	1 st	Dynamic Planet
Reece White & Liam Sullivan	1 st	Road Scholar
Jared Lundy & Keira Johnson	1 st	Meteorology
Carolynn Bruchman & Mellina Kesti	1 st	Crime Busters
Aubrie Dove	2 nd	Fossils (Alternate Team)
Elyzabeth Brewer & Lillian Provost	2 nd	P. P. Parachute (Alt. Team)
Byron David & Kailin Aho	2 nd	Game On
Liisa Ylitalo & Keira Johnson	2 nd	Water Quality
Abigayle Harris-Berryman & Kailin Aho	2 nd	Heredity
Keating Dinsmore, Kailin Aho & Maija White	2 nd	Experimental Design

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Mackenzie Lishinski & Sabrina Wilkins	2 nd	Reach for the Stars
Meliina Kesti & Keating Dinsmore	2 nd	Density Lab
Byron David & Ione Laramore	2 nd	Mousetrap Vehicle
Ione Laramore & Byron David	2 nd	Machines
Jared Lundy & Liam Sullivan	3 rd	Circuit Lab
Meliina Kesti & Abigayle Harris-Berryman	3 rd	Anatomy/Physiology
Keating Dinsmore & Abigayle Harris-Berryman	3 rd	Ornithology
Reece White & Ione Laramore	3 rd	Booilever
Keating Dinsmore & Liam Sullivan	3 rd	Ping Pong Parachute

WMS also had strong showings from alternate teams: Aubrie Dove, Jason Bruchman, Lillian Provost, Elyzabeth Brewer, Anakin Pasich, Paige Lahti, Eric Kesti, and Melody Woods.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Calumet High School Science Olympiad members, coaches and volunteers: Darrell Hendrickson, John Asiala, Nilufer & Soner Onder, Peter and Kim Vaitkevicius, Gina Erickson, Wendy Wiinamaki, Kris Tienhaara and Nikki Lahti on placing 3rd at the regional tournament and wished them good luck at the State Finals to be held in Lansing on April 25th:

Ada McDonald & Zach Vaitkevicius	1 st	Astronomy
Zach Vaitkevicius & Abby Tienhaara	1 st	Geologic Mapping
Lillian Bruchman & Shelby Wiinamaki	1 st	Fossils
Shelby Wiinamaki & Jaremay Moreau	2 nd	Ping Pong Parachute
Lillian Bruchman, Ava Nagel & Abby Tienhaara	2 nd	Experimental Design
Ada McDonald & Mariana Kessler	2 nd	Forensics
Mariana Kessler & Emma Aho	3 rd	Anatomy/Physiology
Serenity Snyder	3 rd	Circuit Lab
Helen Erickson & Ani Schneiderhan	3 rd	Gravity Vehicle
Serenity Snyder & Jamie Rogers	3 rd	Water Quality
Emma Peters & Shelby Wiinamaki	3 rd	Machines
Ani Schneiderhan & Abby Tienhaara	3 rd	Disease Detectives
Ani Schneiderhan & Emma Aho	3 rd	Code Busters

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended those who took part in the 17th Annual Wake-Up-And-Read Family Breakfast held at the CLK Elementary School on March 5th.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education nominated the following student and staff members on being recognized at the Copper Country Association of School Boards at their 2020 Award's Ceremony:

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Student Leadership Award: William Twardzik
Outstanding Education Employee Award: Todd Waurio
School Service Award: Adele Hill
Leadership Award Nominee: Simple Kindness for Youth

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Dorothy Jamison for her services as CLK's Athletic Trainer during March 2020 National Athletic Trainer Month.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) 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 (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulates those students who placed at the Regional Spelling Bee and wishes them good-luck at the U.P. Spelling Bee:

5th Grade: Levi McDonald – 2nd Place
7th Grade: Liisa Ylitalo – Alternate
8th Grade: Audrey Erkkila – 2nd Place

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended their appreciation to Mr. Joseph Heflin and the National Honor Society for holding three blood drives for the UP Regional Blood Center this school year.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Lillian Bruchman, Vincent Llamas, Miles Brown, Dawn Oja, Jason Rogers and Johan Wilkins on placing 2nd overall at the Artic Raider Competition held on February 22nd.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School JROTC JLAB Leadership Team on qualifying for the National Championship to be held in Washington D.C.

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On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the following Calumet High School students on placing at the local Michigan History Day competition and wishes them good-luck at the state competition to be held in April at Central Michigan University.

Serenity Snyder – Performance – The Copper Strike of 1913
Gracia Perala & Madison Teddy – Exhibit – Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte , 1st Native U.S. Physician
Ally Johnson, Taylor Vertin & Amelia Sturos – Documentary – N.W.A. The World's Most Dangerous Group
Hanna Tuoriniemi – Documentary – Dr. Judith Rodin: Breaking Barriers in Academia

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Meg North, Luke Theisen and Troy Jarvi and to the Keweenaw Community Foundation for their \$2400 donation to Horizons Alternative High School.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Luke Theisen, Trevor Colombe, Breianna Taylor and Piper Curtin for their successful \$1661 grants from Kids to Parks Day National School Contest to fund a trip to Copper Harbor Township Park.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Zackary Alder for his donation of an Evans Drum Set to the Music Program.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to LTC (Ret) Stephen Danis for his \$101,616.31 donation to the JROTC Program.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Mr. Carmen Sandretto for his \$5,000 donation to the JROTC Program.

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On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to American Legion Post #90 for their \$500 donation to Horizons Alternative High School.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Margery Gronlund as Elementary Robotics Coach for grade 3 effective immediately and expressed their thanks for working with our elementary students.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Terra Erkkila to the Elementary Robotics Coach position for grade 3.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended the Superintendent's current two (2) year continuing contract for an additional year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education set the 2020-21 drivers' education tuition rates at \$210/district students and \$420/out-of-district students.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the revised budgets for the 2019-20 school year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Campioni) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the bid of Keweenaw Automation for Building Automation System Design at \$38,975.00.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the bid of Interkal Spectator Seating for the Bleacher System at \$46,353.00.

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On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved moving \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Public Improvement Fund.

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


The Copper Country Association of School Board (CCASB) will be holding their annual school tour and program for area school board members and superintendents on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at the Houghton-Portage Township Schools. Following is a schedule for the evening:


5:30 p.m. - CCASB Meeting, HPTS Board Room (*only the CCASB members need to attend this portion, although others may sit in on the meeting if they like*)
6:00 p.m. - Dinner – High School Cafeteria
6:30 p.m. – Houghton High School Students Presentation – High School Library
7:00 p.m. – CCASB Presentation – High School Library
Tour available after presentation

Informational items submitted:

- Parent/Teacher Conference Summary Reports;
- Calumet High School Semester 1 Honor Roll;
- CCASB Spring Award's Program – Wednesday, April 22nd – Magnuson Franklin Square in Houghton.
- Thank you
Keweenaw Glass & Door
L'Anse Schools

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


President


Secretary