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February 14, 2023

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on February 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the CLK Board Room.

Present were members: Jason Wickstrom, Daniel Zubiena, Melanie Parker, Philip Halonen and James Vertin. Absent were members Phyllis Locatelli and Maria Campioni. Also present were Christopher Davidson, Superintendent; Trevor Salata, Chief Financial Officer; Elsa Green, Executive Administrative Assistant; Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal; Darren Kinnunen, Horizons High School Principal; Joel Asiala, Washington Middle School Principal; Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal; and Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal. Community members present were Jessica Yott and Lilith Maxwell.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) 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 \$172,760.69, Athletic bills were \$24,213.07, Cafeteria bills were \$28,289.10, Community Service bills were \$24.69, for a total of all invoices of \$225,287.55.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$561,583.23, plus a Money Market of \$2,913,687.49, plus a CD Bal. (Restricted) of \$75,000.00, less outstanding checks of (\$45,271.79), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$22,864.65), for a total General Fund balance as of January 31, 2023, of \$3,482,134.28.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of January 31, 2023, of \$43,910.10, for a

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total Athletic Fund of \$43,910.10.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$50,134.08, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$98,240.18.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,763,082.51, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of January 31, 2023, of \$1,763,082.51.

The Capital Bond Projects Fund showed a bank balance of \$86,604.51, plus a MILAF Investment of \$187,000.75, for a total Capital Bond Projects Fund balance as of January 31, 2023, of \$273,605.26.

The Board heard a presentation from CLK Elementary Principal, Matthew Hampton, Washington Middle School Principal, Joel Asiala, Calumet High School Principal, Jennifer Peters, and Horizons Alternative High School Principal, Darren Kinnunen on 2022-2023 goal progressions.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mrs. Kristin Wanhala on being chosen a February 2023 Superior Educator.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Kayden Davidson on winning the 2023 Elks U.P. Hoop Shoot and wished him good-luck in the state competition.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education resolved that February 6-10, 2023, be designated as National School Counseling Week, and commended our School Counselors, Dianne Goulette and Troy Reuter, for their dedicated service to our district.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education resolved that March 6-10, 2023, 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 (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education resolved that February 2023, be designated as Career & Technical Education Month and commended CTE Instructors for their dedicated service to our school district.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed their appreciation to Royale, Inc. and REL, Inc. for their donations to the Calumet High School JV hockey team.

On motion, seconded (Parker-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 4<sup>th</sup> at CLK Schools.

Calumet High School

Trista Berryman - flute solo - division 1  
Jonah Goldner - alto sax solo - division 1  
Meliina Kesti - trumpet solo - division 1  
Abe Perala - mallet solo - division 1  
Melody Woods - alto solo - division 1  
Heidi Oja & Nora Harmala - woodwind duet - division 2

Washington Middle School

Abigail Bausano - trombone solo - division 1  
Lizzy Crouch - trumpet solo - division 1  
Paxtyn Goulette - horn solo - division 1  
Bethany McParlan - clarinet solo - division 1  
Braylinn Antilla w/Paxtyn Goulette as accompanist - flute solo - division 1  
Evelyn Robb w/Paxtyn Goulette as accompanist - flute solo - division 1  
Annika Stafford & Bethany McParlan - clarinet duet - division 1  
Myra Yohe & Elli Harju - alto duet - division 1  
Evelyn Robb & Paxtyn Goulette - piano duet - division 1  
Emma Ylitalo, Braylinn Antilla, & Paxtyn Goulette - trio - division 1  
Lucy LaCross & Emma Ylitalo - timpani/tuba duet - division 1  
Lila Hyrkas, Eva Harmala, & Sadie Augustine - woodwind trio - division 1  
Merisa Lishinski, Ava Rauvala, Camilla Palek, & Race Auger - quartet - division 2

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated students who placed in the CLK Spelling Bee on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

CLK Spelling Bee

5th grade:  
Runner-Up: Rudy Helminen  
Champion: Gwyneth Skoog

6th grade:  
Runner-Up: Dryden Keranen  
Champion: Kariann Kupari

7th grade:  
Runner-Up: Nevaeh Kuopus  
Champion: Race Auger

8th grade:  
Runner-Up: John Langdon  
Champion: Lila Hyrkas

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Maria Campioni for her donations to the JV and varsity hockey teams and the bowling team.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to George and Susan Kiiskila for their donations to the JV and varsity hockey teams and the baseball team.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Kim and Gordon Kendall for their donation to the Calumet High School hockey teams in memory of Keith Moyle, Class of 1980.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Heidi Oja and Melody Woods for earning medals in the knockout drill and to the Rifle Team on taking 2<sup>nd</sup> overall along with all of the JROTC Cadets who took part in the Upper Midwest Challenge on February 4<sup>th</sup>.



On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education voted for Brad Baltensperger for the MASB Board of Directors' Region 1.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education nominated Monica Aho to be recognized by the Copper Country Association of School Boards for the Leadership Award.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to the Keweenaw Lions Club for their donation to Horizons Alternative High School.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approves the Student Leadership Advisor Council of the Keweenaw (SLACK) survey.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet Figure Skating team on placing 1<sup>st</sup> in Level B and Level C and 1<sup>st</sup> overall at the U.P. Finals.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Lila Hyrkas on taking 1<sup>st</sup>, and John Langdon on placing 3<sup>rd</sup> for grade 8 and Race Auger on placing 3<sup>rd</sup> for grade 7 at the District Spelling Bee held on February 14<sup>th</sup> at Hancock. The Board also wished Lila good luck at the Regional Spelling Bee).

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education set the 2023-24 drivers' education tuition rates at \$310/district students and \$490/out-of-district students.

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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 addition of a JV boys' baseball club team beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

  
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President  
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Secretary