

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN

RECORD OF MINUTES

November 14, 2023

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

Present were members: Phyllis Locatelli, Jason Wickstrom, Melanie Parker, Daniel Zubiena, Philip Halonen, Theresa Jacques and James Vertin. Also present were: Christopher Davidson, Superintendent; Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal, Darren Kinnunen, Horizons Alternative High School Principal; Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal, Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal; CLK Elementary School Multi-Disciplinary Team members Dianne Goulette, Jaime Pelli, Kristin Wanhala, Kristin Kariainen and Lynnette Borree; Tyler Rautio, WMS teacher, Taylor Vertin, Autumn Salata and Brooke Pomroy, alumni.

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

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$296,240.62 Athletic bills were \$13,409.50, Cafeteria bills were \$29,227.90, Community Service bills were \$2,386.17 for a total of all invoices of \$341,264.19.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Jacques) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$869,078.94, plus a Money Market of \$2,811,916.30, less outstanding checks of (\$39,761.20), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS/941/MI SUWH) of (\$141,057.00), plus a CD Balance (restricted) of \$76,461.84, for a total General Fund balance as of October 31, 2023, of \$3,576,638.88.

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The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of October 31, 2023 of \$55,561.87 for a total Athletic Fund of \$55,561.87.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$43,048.05, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$98,609.92.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,739,551.28, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of October 31, 2023, of \$1,739,551.28.

The Capital Bond Projects Fund showed a bank balance of \$3,387.34, for a total Capital Bond Projects Fund balance as of October 31, 2023, of \$3,387.34.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the CLK Elementary LSSI Team on receiving a \$500 SEED Grant.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education declared the week of December 5-9, 2023, as C-L-K's Inclusive Schools Week, and extended their appreciation to C-L-K staff for their efforts in providing a supportive and quality education to the C-L-K's special education students.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Eric and Jennifer Bjorn for their donation of bottled water, propel water and meal money to the varsity football team for their trip to Charlevoix.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to the freshmen class for their donation of a U.S. flag for the courtyard flag pole.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Maria Campioni for her donation of powderpuff donuts to the Student Senate fundraiser along with her donation of pizza during homecoming week float building.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended members of the Calumet High School and Washington Middle School boys' and girls' cross-country teams and coaches Arnie Kinnunen and Ryan Watt on their season.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated coaches' Ivan Niemi and Scott Loukus along with members of the junior varsity football team on their season.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended members of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade football teams, along with their coaches' Steve Parks and Tyler Rautio and volunteer coaches, Peter Anderson, Tony Salani and Lance Peterlin on their seasons.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball teams on their seasons, along with their coaches' Julie Giachino and Sarah Hampton.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Coach Josh Frantti, assistant coaches Frank Bonacorsi and Tyler Loukus and the varsity football team on their season. The Board also congratulated those football players who received WestPAC All-Conference and All U.P. honors.

Alan Bjorn – West PAC Copper Division Defensive Player of the Year  
Alan Bjorn - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Inside Linebacker  
Alan Bjorn – All U.P. Dream Team – Defense - Linebacker  
Travis Hyrkas - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Guard

Travis Hyrkas – All U.P. First Team – Offense - Guard  
Cam Anderson – WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – Running Back  
Cam Anderson – All U.P. First Team – Offense – Running Back  
Travis Eck – WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – Defensive Line  
Garrett Peterson - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference Honorable Mention

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Coach Kate Bonacorsi and the volleyball players who received WestPAC All-Conference honors.

Kate Bonacorsi –Coach of the Year  
Laina Kariniemi – WestPAC Player of the Year  
Allie Bjorn – WestPAC All Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team  
Caitlyn Strom – WestPAC All Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team  
Jackie Kiilunen - WestPAC All Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team  
Maddie Torola – WestPAC All Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

On motion, seconded (Parker-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the junior varsity and freshmen volleyball teams and coaches Terra Parks and Callie Rastello on their seasons.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended staff and volunteers for their participation in the CLK Elementary Title 1 Fall Family Event and Halloween Carnival on October 26, 2023.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Coach Kate Bonacorsi and the volleyball players who received MIVCA All Region Team Region 1 honors.

Kate Bonacorsi – WestPAC Coach of the Year  
Allie Bjorn – – Division 3 All Region Team – Middle Hitter  
Laina Kariniemi – Division 3 All Region Team – Setter  
Jackie Kiilunen - Division 3 All Region Team – Outside Hitter  
Caitlyn Strom – Division 3 All Region Team – Middle Hitter  
Maddie Torola – Division 3 All Region Team – Right Side

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted with regret, the retirement notice of Major Michael Farley (Ret.), effective June 30, 2024.

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On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended, hereby invoked for 2024 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of all of school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the school district except for Osceola Township. The Superintendent is authorized to forward to the governing body of each township, except Osceola, a copy of this resolution requesting that each township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2024.

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

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) Jacques abstained, the Board of Education appointed Shannon Lehto to the assistant track coach position for the 2023-2024 season.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Phyllis M. Rocatelli

President

Melanie Parker

Secretary