

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN

RECORD OF MINUTES

March 12, 2024

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on March 12, 2024, at 5:32 p.m., in the CLK Board Room.

Present were members: Jason Wickstrom, Melanie Parker, Daniel Zubiena, Philip Halonen, Theresa Jacques and James Vertin. Absent was Phyllis Locatelli. Also present were Christopher Davidson, Superintendent; Trevor Salata, Chief Financial Officer, Elsa Green, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal; Joel Asiala, Washington Middle School Principal; Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal; Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal; Darren Kinnunen, Horizons Alternative High School Principal, Daniel Giachino, Director, CLK Virtual Programs; and community members Maretta Halonen and Joel Keranen.

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

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$81,772.07, Athletic bills were \$14,217.99, Cafeteria bills were \$24,571.51, and Community Service bills were \$832.29, for a total of all invoices of \$121,393.86.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$871,688.87, plus a Money Market of \$2,477,709.09, plus a CD (restricted funds) of \$76,461.84, less outstanding checks of (\$52,785.72), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$20,976.07), for a total General Fund balance as of February 29, 2024, of \$3,352,098.01.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of February 29, 2024, of \$52,280.00, for

a total Athletic Fund balance of \$52,280.00.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$46,088.49 for a total School Service Fund balance of \$98,668.49.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,839,209.18 for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of February 29, 2024, of \$1,839,209.18.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Audrey Erkkila on being the valedictorian with a GPA of 4.000 and Kaylie Kero for being the salutatorian with a GPA of 3.985 for the 2024 graduating class.

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mrs. Karmen Markham on being chosen as a March 2024 Superior Educator.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the WMS Band members who took part in the concert held on January 31, 2024 along with Band Director Ryan Watt.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the students who placed in the Regional Spelling Bee held in Houghton on February 21st and wished Race Auger and Rudy Helminen good-luck at the U.P. Spelling Bee.

Race Auger – Grade 8 – 1st
Rudy Helminen – Grade 6 – 1st
Ida Ahiale – Grade 8 – 5th
Amara Butler – Grade 7 – 5th

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended CLK Paraprofessionals on April 3, 2024, Paraprofessional Appreciation Day.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended appreciation to Royale, Inc. for their donation of \$700 to the Calumet High School JV hockey team to help with the travel costs of their trip to Lower, Michigan on February 1st-4th.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the 2024 varsity and JV hockey teams and coaches' Dan Giachino, Josh Frantti and Todd Lightfoot on their seasons. The Board expressed special recognition to the following players on their individual honors:

Team – Academic All State – 3.38 GPA
Hunter Tuoriniemi – GLHC Second Team – Goalie
Hunter Tuoriniemi – Academic All-State Individual
Hunter Tuoriniemi – Hobey Baker Character Award
Cam Anderson – GLHC Second Team – Forward
Brendan Boberg – GLHC Honorable Mention - Forward

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the 2024 boys' basketball teams and Coaches' Frank Bonacorsi and Lenny Torola on their seasons. The Board also expressed special recognition to players on their individual honors.

Blake Tarvis - WestPAC All Conference 1st Team – Guard - Copper Div.
Alan Bjorn - WestPAC All Conference Honorable Mention – Copper Div.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the bowling team and coach David La Cross on their season.

Division 2, Region 9 Finals

Team:

Boys – 7th

Girls – 10th

Singles:

Xander Hoffman – 20th

AJ Dulong – 37th

Zion St. Louis – 47th

Jayden Nuttall – 48th

Alex VanDenburg – 62nd

Kaili Kantner – 33rd
Lucy La Cross – 35th
Nynna Jarvi – 43rd
Aubrey Kalcich – 48th
Laci Jarvi – 55th

Team UP Finals – February 17th

X Team – 4th
Boys – 4th
Girls – 8th

Girls UP Finals – February 10th

Kaili Kantner – 12th
Lucy La Cross – 18th
Nynna Jarvi – 36th
Laci Jarvi – 42nd
Aubrey Kalcich – 48th

Boys UP Finals – February 3rd

Brayden Krans – 8th
Xander Hoffman – 13th
Jayden Nuttall – 15th
AJ Dulong – 20th
Zion St. Louis – 26th
Alex VanDenburg – 29th
Jack Sever – 32nd
Mickel Popp – 40th
Linkin Carlin – 45th
Isaiah Knuutila – 69th

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the gymnastics team and coach DeeAnna Gariepy on their season.

Floor

Nora Keranen – 28th
Marissa Bukovich – 48th
Tori DeForge – 49th
Abby Schulte – 54th
Kate Probst – 57th

All Around

Tori DeForge – 31st
Nora Keranen – 33rd
Abby Schulte – 37th
Marissa Bukovich – 52nd
Kate Probst – 55th

Vault

Tori DeForge – 36th
Marissa Bukovich – 36th
Abby Schulte – 42nd
Kate Probst – 44th

Bars

Tori DeForge – 38th
Abby Schulte – 42nd
Kate Probst – 44th
Nora Keranen – 45th
Marissa Bukovich – 52nd

Beam

Nora Keranen – 41st
Tori DeForge – 49th
Marissa Bukovich – 55th
Abby Schulte – 58th
Kate Probst – 59th

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the varsity football players chosen to play in the 2024 U.P. Football All-Star game.

Cam Anderson
Travis Hyrkas

Alan Bjorn

Travis Eck

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the 2024 varsity cheerleading squads and their coach Karen La Cross on their season. Team members include:

Fall Squad:

Serenity Cane
Saima Erickson
Laci Jarvi
Nynna Jarvi
Chloe Kelly
Lucy La Cross
Mollia Rollo-Ritzko
Jenna Sturos

Winter Squad:

Laci Jarvi
Nynna Jarvi
Lucy La Cross
Jenna Sturos

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the JROTC JLAB Leadership Team on advancing to the National Academic Bowl Championship to be held in Washington D.C. in June.

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Washington Middle School Science Olympiad members, coaches and volunteers: Darrell Hendrickson, John Asiala, Timothy Porter, Kim Vaitkevicius, Justin Erkkila,

Nilufer Onder and Soner Onder on taking second place at the Region 1 Science Olympiad competition held at Northern Michigan University of February 24th. The Board also wished the Washington Middle School Science Olympiad team good-luck at the state competition to be held on May 4th.

Medaling for WMS:

Jack Jones/Gwenyth Skoog - 1st Place: Can't Judge a Powder
Jack Jones/Sterling Fryer - 1st Place: Flight
Emelea Doolittle/Sofie Wild - 1st Place: Roller Coaster
Quinn Alldredge/Justin Weber - 1st Place: Fossils
Jack Jones/Sterling Fryer - 2nd Place: Air Trajectory
Merisa Lishinski/Bella Newsom - 2nd Place: Towers
Emelea Doolittle/Sofie Wild - 2nd Place: Anatomy Physiology
Emelea Doolittle/Sofie Wild - 2nd Place: Wheeled Vehicle
Quinn Alldredge/Justin Weber - 2nd Place: Fast Facts
Quinn Alldredge/Gwenyth Skoog - 2nd Place: Forestry
Gwenyth Skoog/Justin Weber - 2nd Place: Meteorology
Sterling Fryer - 2nd Place: Optics
Emelea Doolittle/Sofie Wild - 2nd Place: Reach for the Stars
Quinn Alldredge/ Gwenyth Skoog - 3rd Place: Ecology
Emelea Doolittle/Sofie Wild - 3rd Place: Write It/Do It

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Calumet High School Science Olympiad members, coaches and volunteers: Darrell Hendrickson, John Asiala, Timothy Porter, Kim Vaitkevicius, Justin Erkkila, Nilufer Onder and Soner Onder, on their performance at the Region 1 Science Olympiad competition held on February 24th at Northern Michigan University. The Board wished good-luck to those high school students who qualified to compete at the state competition to be held on May 4th.

Medaling for CHS:

Byron David/Keira Johnson - 1st Place: Forensics
Byron David/Lorelei Fryer - 1st Place: Fossils
Byron David/Keira Johnson - 1st Place: Towers
Lorelei Fryer - 2nd Place: Forestry
Lorelei Fryer - 2nd Geologic Mapping

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the students chosen to have their art projects displayed at the Copper Country Community Arts Center "Celebrate Youth Arts Month" showcase.

Quinn Alldredge
Olivia Bett

Hayden Anderson
Andy Bjorn

Olivia Baird
Quinn Goulette

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Rhys Harris
Luke Johnson
Alli Kesanen
Braxton Kinsinger
Cooper Lizzadro
Sophia Mattila
Kinley McColl
Drew Sillers

Emily Harju
Ahmeilia Karppinen
Cody Kinnunen
Fiona Lasanen
Mayona Maggio
Jaida Mattison
Isabel Peterson
Eva Spelich

Hallie Hyrkas
Ava Karstu
Sean Kinnunen
Dixie LeFebvre
Kenzie Mattila
Camden McColl
Brianna Siirtola

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Frank Bonacorsi, Lenny Torola, Paul Torola, Charlie Kempainen, Adel Riutta, Julie Giachino, Casey Strom, Chris Davidson, Marce Halonen, Carol Janckila, Judy Emery and Megan Hembree along with the many volunteers who assisted with the elementary basketball tournament for grades 3-6 on Saturday, February 17, 2024.

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Heather Hainault for her successful \$820.00 grant from DonorsChoose.org to provide Harry Potter books for all students in the 4th grade to keep them reading in their journey of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Marta Thompson for her successful \$475.00 grant from DonorsChoose.org to provide snacks for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade special education students.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School JROTC Instructors, Major Michael Farley and 1SG Mark Powell and the JROTC Battalion on holding their fourth annual Upper Peninsula JROTC Challenge (UPJC).

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended Aspirus Athletic Trainers during March 2024 - National Athletic Trainer Month.

On motion, seconded (Jacques-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 (Jacques-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to staff and volunteers for their participation in the successful CLK Elementary Wake Up & Read Breakfast held in the elementary school on March 6th. The staff and volunteers were: Tristan Baranowski, Joan Darnell, Heather Hainault, Lara Skoog, Marta Thompson, Kristin Wanhala, Sydney Wickstrom, Mari Ylitalo, and Matthew Hampton for their help serving breakfast; Dave Luokkanen and Jim Chopp for keeping the cafeteria clean and Carol Janckila & the food service staff.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Washington Middle School VEX Robotics team on their season along with advisor Cara Wightman and assistant, Major Michael Farley.

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed their appreciation to Thermoanalytics for their donation of \$250 to the Calumet High School Art Program.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed their appreciation Susan Rosemurgy for being awarded a grant from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed their appreciation to LTC (Ret.) Stephen Danis for his generous donation to the CLK Advancement Program.

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School and Washington Middle School Bands on earning Division 1 ratings at the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Festival held on March 6th.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the 2024 girls' varsity and junior varsity basketball teams and coaches' Charlie Kempainen and Adel Riutta on their seasons. The Board also expressed special recognition to Coach Kempainen and players on their individual honors:

Coach Charlie Kempainen - WestPAC Coach of the Year
Caitlyn Strom - WestPAC All Conference Dream Team – Guard
Caitlyn Strom - WestPAC All Conference Defensive Team
Kiirsi Johnson - WestPAC All Conference 1st Team – Guard – Copper

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Nora Harmala for her performance at the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference, as well as advisor Darin Goke on receiving his Five (5) Year Service Award.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Cam Anderson and Ted Loukus on receiving hockey All-State honors.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Liisa Ylitalo for competing at the State Poetry Out Loud competition on March 9th in Lansing.

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, appointed Michelle Meneguzzo to the Administrative Assistant position at the CLK Virtual Center effective April 8, 2024.

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On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education authorized the family medical leave of Timothy Porter according to Article 18, Section E of the Board's contract with the CEA.


On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) Jacques abstained, the Board of Education approved the contract with World of Wood for the All Sports Booster Club Trophy Case Project.

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

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the one year leave request from JV volleyball coach, Mrs. Terra Parks.

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approves changes to the Athletic handbook with editorial changes permitted.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



President



Secretary