

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN

RECORD OF MINUTES

April 20, 2021

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on April 20, 2021, at 5:33 p.m., in the upper level of the CLK Commons.

Present were members Phyllis Locatelli, Jason Wickstrom, Melanie Parker, Daniel Zubiena, Philip Halonen & James Vertin. Absent was Maria Campioni. Also present were Christopher Davidson, Superintendent; Elsa Green, Executive Administrative Assistant; Thomas Sturos, Chief Financial Officer, Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal, Michael Steber, Washington Middle School Principal, Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal, Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal, Joel Asiala, Horizons Alternative High School Principal and Matthew Vertin, Director of CLK Virtual Programs. Community members present were Larry Kristapovich and Darrell Hendrickson.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) 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 \$219,000.57, Athletic bills were \$12,826.98, Cafeteria bills were \$19,541.94, Community Service bills were \$1,601.13, for a total of all invoices of \$252,970.62.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Halonen-Wickstrom) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$870,406.44, plus a Money Market of \$2,348,589.56, less outstanding checks of (\$51,841.50), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$18,334.81 for a total General Fund balance as of March 31, 2021, of \$3,148,819.69.

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The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of March 31, 2021, of \$58,688.04, for a total Athletic Fund of \$58,688.04.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$31,579.17, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$90,267.21.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,469,070.29, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of March 31, 2021, of \$1,469,070.29.

The Capital Bond Projects Fund showed a bank balance of \$26,363.89, plus a MILAF Investment of \$735,115.90, for a total Capital Bond Projects Fund balance as of March 31, 2021, of \$761,479.79.

The Board presented CCASB Awards to:

Mr. Darrell Hendricson – Outstanding Education Employee Award  
Mr. Joel Asiala – Outstanding Education Employee Award  
Mr. Larry Kristapovich – School Service Award

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

Kailey Butkovich  
Elissa Djerf  
Mellina Kesti  
Katelyn Newman  
Sofia Rivera-Lozano

Nicholas Camp  
Helen Erickson  
Ava Lahti  
Brooke Pomroy  
Nicole Thyron

Mary DeMarois  
Grant Fredrickson  
Everest Leach  
Taylor Probst  
Reece White

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the 2021 girls' varsity and junior varsity basketball teams and coaches' Matthew Laho and Tristan Baranowski on their seasons. The Board expressed special recognition to the following players on their individual honors:

Elissa Djerf

WestPAC Player of the Year

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Alexis Strom	WestPAC Defensive Player of the Year
Matt Laho	WestPAC Coach of the Year
Marybeth Halonen	WestPAC All Conference Dream Team
Alexis Strom	WestPAC All Conference Dream Team
Jana Loukus	WestPAC All Conference First Team Copper

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the 2021 varsity hockey team and coaches' Dan Giachino and Josh Frantti on the season. The Board expressed special recognition to the following players on their individual honors:

Dean Loukus – GLHC Player of the Year  
Dan Giachino – GLHC Coach of the Year  
Jackson Rilei – GLHC First Team – Forward  
Tom Erkkila – GLHC Second Team – Defense  
Aksel Loukus – GLHC Second Team - Goalie  
Noah Jukuri – GLHC Honorable Mention – Forward  
Cliff Jurmu - GLHC Honorable Mention – Defense

Academic All-State Team Award 3.407 GPA  
Caden Lehto - Academic All-State Individual  
Dean Loukus - Academic All-State Individual  
Lukas Pfau - Academic All State Individual  
Elliot Sturos - Academic All State Individual

Dean Loukus - All State 1st Team - Forward  
Jackson Rilei - All State 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Forward  
Tom Erkkila - All State 1<sup>st</sup> Team - Defense  
Aksel Loukus - All State 1<sup>st</sup> Team - Goalie  
Noah Jukuri - All State 2<sup>nd</sup> Team - Forward  
Cliff Jurmu - All-State 2<sup>nd</sup> Team - Defense

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended and congratulated the 2021 Boys' Basketball teams and Coaches' Frank Bonacorsi and Caleb Katz on their seasons. The Board also expressed special recognition to players on their individual honors.

Brevin Antilla	WestPAC All Conference First Team
Dryden Nelson	WestPAC All Conference Second Team
Kip Kangas	WestPAC All Conference Honorable Mention

On motion, seconded (Zubiena -Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the 2021 varsity cheerleading squads and their coach Karen La Cross on their season. Team members include:

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Fall Squad:

Mckenzie Crouch  
Sarah Gamper  
Alli Johnson  
Briana Meneguzzo  
Kalee Parisot  
Yujin Seong  
Giorgio Strazzula  
Amelia Sturos  
Polina Voronaya

Winter/Spring Squad:

Mckenzie Crouch  
Sarah Gamper  
Briana Meneguzzo  
Kalee Parisot  
Federica Simone  
Giorgio Strazzula  
Polina Voronaya

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the JROTC JLAB Leadership Team on qualifying for the National Championship to be held in Washington D.C. in June. Team members are: Nicholas Camp, Helen Erickson, Ava Nagel, Dawn Oja, Emma Perala and Ani Schneiderhan.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Washington Middle School Science Olympiad Team and coaches/volunteers Darrell Hendrickson, John Asiala, Peter & Kim Vaitkevicius, Gina Erickson and Kris Tienhaara on placing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the U.P. Science Olympiad Competition and wished them good-luck at the state competition to be held virtually on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Byron David  
Carolynn Bruchman/Melody Woods  
Maija White/Melody Woods  
Liisa Ylitalo/Maija White  
Carolynn Bruchman/Byron David  
Ione Laramore/Byron David  
Maija White/Liisa Ylitalo  
Ione Laramore  
Ione Laramore/Byron David

Circuit Lab	1 <sup>st</sup>
Crime Busters	1 <sup>st</sup>
Write It/Cad It	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dynamic Planet	1 <sup>st</sup>
Fossils	1 <sup>st</sup>
Machines	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Road Scholars	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Disease Detectives	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Mousetrap Vehicle	3 <sup>rd</sup>

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School Science Olympiad Team and coaches/volunteers Darrell Hendrickson, John Asiala, Peter & Kim Vaitkevicius, Gina Erickson and Kris Tienhaara

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on placing 1<sup>st</sup> at the U.P. Science Olympiad Competition and wished them good-luck at the state competition to be held virtually on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Keating Dinsmore/Meliina Kesti	Anatomy/Physiology	1 <sup>st</sup>
Zach Vaitkevicius/Abby Tienhaara	Astronomy	1 <sup>st</sup>
Meliina Kesti/Keating Dinsmore	Chemistry Lab	1 <sup>st</sup>
Serenity Snyder/Lillian Bruchman	Circuit Lab	1 <sup>st</sup>
Jamie Rogers/Serenity Snyder/Lillian Bruchman	Codebusters	1 <sup>st</sup>
Lillian Bruchman/Shelby Wiinamaki	Designer Genes	1 <sup>st</sup>
Reece White	Digital Structures	1 <sup>st</sup>
Jamie Rogers	Detector Building	1 <sup>st</sup>
Abby Tienhaara/Reece White	Disease Detectives	1 <sup>st</sup>
Abby Tienhaara/ Zach Vaitkevicius	Dynamic Planet	1 <sup>st</sup>
Helen Erickson/Serenity Snyder	Experimental Design	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Meliina Kesti/Helen Erickson	Forensics	1 <sup>st</sup>
Shelby Wiinamaki/Lillian Bruchman	Fossils	1 <sup>st</sup>
Zack Vaitkevicius/Reece White	Geologic Mapping	1 <sup>st</sup>
Helen Erickson	Gravity Vehicle	1 <sup>st</sup>
Zach Vaitkevicius	Helicopters	1 <sup>st</sup>
Shelby Wiinamaki	Machines	1 <sup>st</sup>
Keating Dinsmore/Helen Erickson	Ornithology	1 <sup>st</sup>
Lillian Bruchman	Protein Modeling	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Emma Aho/Zach Vaitkevicius	Sounds of Music	1 <sup>st</sup>
Serenity Snyder/ Jamie Rogers	Water Quality	1 <sup>st</sup>
Serenity Snyder/Reece White	Write It/Cad It	1 <sup>st</sup>

On motion, seconded (Parker-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Calumet High School and Washington Middle School Band members who participated at the MSBOA Virtual Solo & Ensemble Festival in March.

**Calumet High School**

Emma Aho - Proficiency 2 Flute Solo - Division 1 (75 out of 75)  
 Carolyn Bruchman & Emma Aho - Flute Duet - Division 1  
 Carolyn Bruchman - Flute Solo - Division 1  
 Helen Erickson - Alto Sax Solo - Division 1  
 Jonah Goldner - Alto Sax Solo - Division 1  
 Meliina Kesti & Megan Yohe - Trumpet/Horn Duet - Division 1  
 Madison Teddy & Sofia Rivera-Lozano - Clarinet Duet - Division 1  
 Emma Perala - Proficiency 1 Trumpet Solo - Division 1 (67 out of 75)  
 Gracia & Abe Perala - Mallet Duet - Division 1  
 Nora Harmala & Heidi Oja - Flute/Oboe Duet - Division 2  
 Gracia Perala - Mallet Solo - Division 2  
 Jordan Redd - Proficiency 1 Trombone Solo - Division 2 (62 out of 75)  
 Serenity Snyder - Flute Solo - Division 2

**Washington Middle School**

Sidney Cummings, Estella Soumis, & Jenna Yohe - Alto Sax/Mallet Duet - Division 1  
 Andrew Ellis - Trumpet Solo - Division 1  
 Molly Erkkila, Maija Keranen, & Grace Keranen - Flute/Clarinet/Alto Sax Trio - Division 1  
 Lillian Fritz & Jordyn Wendling - Horn/Clarinet Duet - Division 1

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Claire Harmala & Hannah Heinonen - Flute Duet - Division 1  
Maija Keranen - Piano Solo - Division 1  
Paige Lahti & Anakin Pasich - Mallet/Snare Drum Duet - Division 1  
Melody Woods - Alto Sax Solo - Division

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education established Tuesday, September 7, 2021, as the first day of school for students for the 2021-2022 school year.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended School Library staff on April 2021 being School Library Month.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended CLK Administrative Professionals on April 21, 2021, being Administrative Professionals Day.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended CLK Educators on May 3-7, 2021 being Teacher Appreciation Week.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education considered the resolution to appoint a District Representative and will commence on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 2021, to appoint said representative and an alternate for the CCISD Biennial Election.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended appreciation to Rebecca Eskola for her successful \$80.00 grant from Simple Kindness for Youth (SKY) to provide a trampoline for the CLK Elementary School Sensory Room.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended appreciation to Heather Hainault for her successful \$261.00 grant from

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DonorsChoose.org to provide two trampolines for the CLK Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education waived the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) graduation requirement for the graduating classes of 2021 and 2022 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the seventeen (17) month contract with The Marketing Department.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education updated the CLK COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan to match the recent State of Michigan Guidelines for Operating School Safely.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the High School Bowl team on placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2021 NAQT Michigan State Championship and Lowell Torola on receiving All-State Second Team honors.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated members of the varsity girls' basketball team on receiving All U.P. Honors.

All U.P. Division 3 – Team of the Year  
Elissa Djerf – All U.P. Dream Team  
Marybeth Halonen – All U.P. 1<sup>st</sup> Team  
Alexis Strom – All U.P. 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

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

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mr. John Croze and Mr. Joshua Frantti on being Assistant Coaches at the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star football game.

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On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the funding of JV and varsity softball, varsity baseball and JV hockey in a manner consistent with all other school sponsored athletics.

Informational items submitted:

Calumet High School Semester 1 Honor Roll

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

*Phyllis M. Locatelli*  
President

*Melanie J. Parker*  
Secretary