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January 9, 2024

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on January 9, 2024, 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; Trevor Salata, Chief Financial Officer; Elsa Green Executive Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Peters, Calumet H.S. Principal, Darren Kinnunen, Horizons Alternative High School Principal, Joel Asiala, Washington Middle School Principal, Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal and Daniel Giachino, Director of Virtual Programs, Ryan Kuntze, District School Resource Officer, Leanne Weeks, Upper Great Lakes Counselor, Emily Lawrence Upper Great Lakes Nurse, Linda Tervo SAIL Summer Work Program Supervisor, Aubrie Dove, Liberty Dumont and Christopher Tracey, SAIL Summer workers and Community member Maretta Halonen.

The organizational meeting was called to order by last year's President, Phyllis Locatelli.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Phyllis Locatelli as President Pro Tem.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Phyllis Locatelli as President; Jason Wickstrom as Vice President, Melanie Parker as Secretary, and Daniel Zubiena as Treasurer for the 2024 year.

This concluded the organizational meeting.

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

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On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$137,737.38, Athletic bills were \$31,497.50, Cafeteria bills were \$9,782.74, and Community Service bills were \$1,977.31, for a total of all invoices of \$180,994.93.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Halonen) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$572,917.35, plus a Money Market of \$2,844,138.45, plus a CD Balance (restricted) of \$76,461.84, less outstanding checks of (\$33,453.80), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$139,503.93), for a total General Fund balance as of December 31, 2023, of \$3,320,559.91.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of December 31, 2023, of \$52,385.18, for a total Athletic Fund of \$52,385.18.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$50,755.60, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$103,140.78.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,794,481.46, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of December 31, 2023, of \$1,794,481.46.

The Capital Bond Projects Fund showed a bank balance of \$584.41, for a total Capital Bond Projects Fund balance as of December 31, 2023, of \$584.41.

Superintendent Christopher Davidson recognized our seven board members in observance of January 2024 as School Board Member Recognition Month.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education declared January 2024 as School Board Recognition Month.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball teams and coach Don Hill on their seasons.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended those who took part in the elementary Christmas program along with their Director Matthew Riutta.

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Jailyn Poshak on being chosen as the Copper Dog 2024 Invited Artist.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended their appreciation to Encompass Therapeutic Massage for donating their time to provide chair massages for CLK Staff.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated CLK Virtual student, Taryn Colbert, on earning 1st place in Pharmacy Science at the U.P. Regional Health Occupations Competition.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended their appreciation to the James A. Ruppe Foundation for their generous donations to Horizons Alternative High School.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended their appreciation to Holly Eskola for being awarded a grant to purchase a Kitchenaid mixer for the Junior Kings classroom at CLK Elementary School.

The Board heard from Superintendent Davidson that the following teachers were receiving Tenure and 3rd & 4th Year Probationary status:

Cara Wightman – Tenure Status
Tyler Sykes – 4th Year Probationary Status

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) Wickstrom abstained, the Board of Education appointed Sydney Wickstrom to the CLK Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher position for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Krysta Jenks to the CLK Elementary School Special Education Teacher position effective February 12, 2024.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education authorized the Family Medical Leave of Rebecca Mattila according to Article 18, Section E of the Board's contract with the CEA.

Building principals updated the board on What's Happening in their buildings.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the one year leave request from JV softball coach, Mrs. Rosalie Kangas.

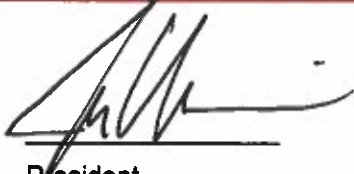
On motion, seconded (Jacques-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the addition of Jeffers High School to the WestPAC conference.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

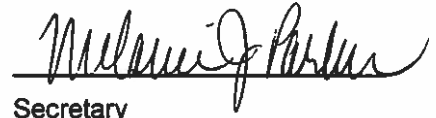
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