

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN

RECORD OF MINUTES

February 13, 2024

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on February 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the CLK Board Room.

Present were members: Jason Wickstrom, Daniel Zubiena, Melanie Parker, Philip Halonen, Theresa Jacques and James Vertin. Absent was member Phyllis Locatelli. 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; Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal and Krysta Jenks, CLK Elementary School Special Education Teacher. Others present were Riley Powers, Laurium Planning Commission and Susan Nielsen, Rebecca Subert, Jayla Ladd and Shiloh Monroe from the Community Alliance for Progressive Education (CAPE).

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 \$128,042.97, Athletic bills were \$19,477.31, Cafeteria bills were \$18,717.19, Community Service bills were \$1,166.68, Capital Improvement Fund bills were \$21,000.00, for a total of all invoices of \$188,404.15.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Halonen-Jacques) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$732,487.78, plus a Money Market of \$2,451,107.16, plus a CD Bal. (Restricted) of \$76,461.84, less outstanding checks of (\$26,994.60), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$22,459.14), for a total General Fund balance as of January 31, 2024, of \$3,210,603.04.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of January 31, 2024, of \$46,071.08, for a total Athletic Fund of \$46,071.08.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$47,523.35, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$93,594.43.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,807,845.93, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of January 31, 2024, of \$1,807,845.93.

The Capital Bond Projects Fund showed a bank balance of \$0, for a total Capital Bond Projects Fund balance as of January 31, 2024, of \$0

The Board was introduced to Ms. Krysta Jenks, a new Special Education teacher at CLK Elementary School.

The Board heard a presentation from Laurium Planning Commission member, Riley Powers regarding the 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan.

The Board heard a presentation from the Community Alliance for Progressive Education regarding Project Based Learning. Susan Nielsen, Rebecca Subert and student Jayla Ladd addressed the Board.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mrs. Julianne Tuoriniemi on being chosen a February 2024 Superior Educator.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated former Calumet High School Athletic Director, Mr. Sean Jacques, on receiving the 2024 MHSAA Charles E. Forsythe Lifetime Achievement Award.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated those students who placed at the Business Professionals of America Regional Leadership Conference held in Escanaba on January 12th, along with Advisors, Darin Goke and Elsa Green.

Abraham Perala - 1st – JAVA Programming
Nora Harmala – 2nd – Advanced Spreadsheet Applications
Hunter Golden – 3rd – Personal Financial Management
Travis Eck, Xander Hoffman & Nathan Thyron – 5th – Small Business Management Team
Heidi Oja – 9th – Human Resource Management
Damian Skotarczyk – 9th – Prepared Speech
Abraham Perala - 6th – Computer Programming Concepts - Open
Hunter Golden - 10th – Financial Math & Analysis - Open

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated those students who placed in the Calumet VFW Post Voice of Democracy Essay contest. Allison Lammi's essay will now compete in the district contest.

1st place: Allison Lammi
2nd place: Tyler DuPuis
3rd place: Dominic Anderson

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Brody deBeaubien on taking 2nd in the 10-12 age group at the 2024 Elks U.P. Hoop Shoot.

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Erin Johnson, Julia Sykes and Jennifer Torola, the CLK Elementary garden group, on receiving a \$500 2024 Youth Garden Grant.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Heather Hainault on receiving a \$450 grant from the Michigan Nature Association.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Tristan Baranowski for her successful \$523 grant from DonorsChoose.org to provide games and toys for indoor recess.

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education resolved that March 4-8, 2024, 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-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education resolved that February 2024, be designated as Career & Technical Education Month and commended CTE Instructors for their dedicated service to our school district.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Jacques) 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 3rd at CLK Schools.

Calumet High School

Melody Woods - division 1 alto sax solo
Abe Perala - division 1 mallet solo
Jonah Goldner - division 1 alto sax solo
Emma Haataja - division 1 mallet solo
Ione Laramore & Trista Berryman - division 2 flute & tuba duet

Washington Middle School

Lizzy Crouch - division 1 trumpet solo
Annika Stafford & Bethany McParlan - division 1 clarinet duet
Emelea Doolittle & Laci Pintar - division 1 trumpet/baritone duet
Lyla Huuki & Maddie Myhren - division 1 snare & clarinet duet
Abby Bausano - division 1 trombone solo
Race Auger - division 1 snare solo
Jordan Hicks - division 1 clarinet solo
Cannon Wilks - division 1 snare solo

Ava Rauvala & Lizzy Crouch - division 1 alto sax & trumpet duet
Myra Yohe - division 1 alto sax solo
Elli Harju, Myra Yohe, & Abby Bausano - division 1 alto sax & trombone trio
Bethany McParlan - division 1 clarinet solo
Elli Harju - division 1 alto sax solo
Brooklyn Tatman & Jordan Hicks - division 2 alto sax & clarinet duet

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated students who placed in the CLK Spelling Bee on February 9th.

CLK Spelling Bee

5th grade:
Runner-Up: Allison Pennala
Champion: Audrina Kangas

6th grade:
Runner-Up: Rudy Helminen
Champion: Gwyneth Skoog

7th grade:
Runner-Up: Amara Butler
Champion: Grady Johnson

8th grade:
Runner-Up: Ida Ahiale
Champion: Race Auger

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Nathan Nikkila,Carolynn Bruchman, Julia Heflin, and Ione Laramore for earning medals for the Individual Regulation Drill, the Rifle Team on taking 2nd overall and the Knowledge Bowl Team which placed 3rd along with all of the JROTC Cadets who took part in the Upper Midwest Challenge on February 1st and 2nd.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed their appreciation to Superior Polymer and REL, Inc. for their donations of \$700 each 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-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education

approved the students at CLK School District taking the Laurium Planning Commission survey

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the use of a staff survey to be included as a part of the superintendent evaluation system.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the early graduation request of Horizons Alternative High School student, Vayda Kisul-Basto.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated CLK Virtual student, Matthew Moyryla on earning 2nd place in the Overall Auto Mechanics division at the Skills USA competition held at Bay College on February 12th.

On motion, seconded (Jacques-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Danielle Frantti to the Administrative Assistant position at Calumet High School effective February 12, 2024.

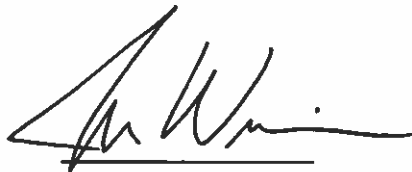
On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education set the 2024-25 drivers' education tuition rates at \$310/district students and \$490/out-of-district students.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education set approved the CCISD CTE Construction Trades course as an option to fulfill the senior year mathematics course graduation requirement.

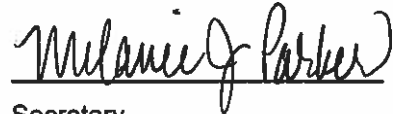
Building Principals updated the Board on "what's happening" in their buildings.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Jacques) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed John Gibson to the 1-year temporary JV softball coach position for the 2023-2024 season.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



President



Secretary