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The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on January 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board of Education Room.

Present were members: Phyllis Locatelli, Jason Wickstrom, Melanie Parker, Daniel Zubiena, Adam Loukus and James Vertin. Absent was Philip Halonen. Also present were: Joel Asiala, Superintendent; Jennifer Peters, Calumet H.S. Principal, Darren Kinnunen, Horizons Alternative High School Principal, Troy Reuter Washington Middle School Principal, 1SG Mark Powell, Calumet High School JROTC Instructor; Jaden Ely, Trista Berryman, Emmett Kaurala, Scarlett Futrell, and Lorelei Fryer, JROTC Cadets; Linda Tervo SAIL Summer Work Program Supervisor, Wardie Hammerstrom, Jadeyn LaHaie-Bradley, Evan Ylitalo and Blake Masters-Siddall, SAIL Summer workers.

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

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

On motion, seconded (Loukus-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 2025 year.

This concluded the organizational meeting.

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

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$168,775.84, Athletic bills were \$21,753.33, Cafeteria

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bills were \$8,004.49, and Community Service bills were \$891.33, for a total of all invoices of \$199,424.99.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$894,527.22, plus a Money Market of \$3,242,046.11, less outstanding checks of (\$187,240.17), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$23,709.74), for a total General Fund balance as of December 31, 2024, of \$3,925,623.42.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of December 31, 2024, of \$46,768.54, for a total Athletic Fund of \$46,768.54.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$44,582.51, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$91,351.05.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$2,132,493.85, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of December 31, 2024, of \$2,132,493.85.

Superintendent Joel Asiala recognized our seven board members in observance of January 2025 as School Board Member Recognition Month.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the CLK Elementary School on receiving a \$15,773.00 Additional Instructional Time and Interventions Grant.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the CLK Elementary School and Washington Middle School on receiving MTSS Awards.

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**MTSS Data Utilization**

Washington Middle School - Reading & Behavior  
CLK Elementary School - Reading & Behavior

**MTSS Implementation & Impact**

CLK Elementary School - Tier 1: Behavior – Silver  
CLK Elementary School - Tier 3: Behavior – Bronze  
CLK Elementary School - Advanced Tiers: Reading – Bronze  
Washington Middle School - Tier 1: Behavior – Silver  
Washington Middle School - Tier 2: Behavior - Silver  
Washington Middle School - Tier 3: Behavior – Silver, Behavior Gold  
Washington Middle School - Tier 1: Reading - Silver

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball teams and coach Don Hill on their seasons.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) 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 (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School Band and Director Ryan Watt on their Christmas Band Concert performance.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School Band students who participated in Honors Band along with Director Ryan Watt.

Lillian Fritz	Lewis Nagel
Paxtyn Goulette	Nathan Thyron
Lyla Huuki	Melody Woods
Emett Kaurala	
Ione Laramore	
David Makolin	

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education

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extended their appreciation to Encompass Therapeutic Massage for donating their time to provide chair massages for CLK Staff.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to the James A. Ruppe Foundation for their \$7,500 donation to Horizons Alternative High School and their \$13,000 donation to Calumet High School.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended their appreciation Joan Steck for her donation of \$3000 to the Steck Family Fund.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended their appreciation to The Incredible Bank Foundation and Pats Foods for each donating \$18,000 for the purchase of a scoreboard for the football field.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School seniors who took part in the Senior Class Play, "Rudoph the Red Nosed Reindeer", along with Drama Advisor, Matthew Riutta.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Elli Harju on being named the Poetry Out Loud Champion and wished her good luck in the state level Poetry Out Loud competition to be held in March. The board also congratulated Lorelei Fryer on placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and Grace Dee on placing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Ozzie Nykanen on placing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the District Level for the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest and to Briana Antilla for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the District Level for the Patriot Pen Essay Contest.

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On motion, seconded (Vertin-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to CLK Elementary teacher Marta Thompson for her DonorsChoose.org grant in the amount of \$299.16.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to CLK Elementary teacher Amy Burmeister for her DonorsChoose.org grant in the amount of \$235.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Maria Campioni for her donation of a U Haul for the Band to transport band equipment from the Calumet Theatre after the concert.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the varsity football team and individual members on receiving Academic All-State and All UP Honors.

Team - Academic All-State  
Matthew Frantti– All U.P. 1<sup>st</sup> Team - Offense  
Trent Halonen– Academic All-State  
Viktor Haugland – Academic All-State  
Emett Kaurala– Academic All-State  
Kent Koskela - All U.P. 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Defense  
Kent Koskela– Academic All-State  
Nels Loukus– Academic All-State  
Ted Loukus– Academic All-State  
Micah Pieti– Academic All-State  
Nathan Thyron– Academic All-State

On motion, seconded (Parker-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education passed a resolution declaring February 3-7, 2025 as National School Counseling Week and thanked and congratulated Calumet High School counselor, Mrs. Dianne Goulette for her dedicated service to our school district.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Mr. Carmen Sandretto for his \$1000 donation to the Calumet High

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School Robotics Program.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated students that placed in the 2025 Elks U.P. Hoop Shoot competitions.

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Local Lodge competition – qualified for district competition:

Ben Bonacorsi – 10-11 age group boys

Kinley McColl – 10-11 age group girls

Brody DeBeaubien – 12-13 age group boys

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Local Lodge competition – qualified for state competition:

Ben Bonacorsi – 10-11 age group boys

Kinley McColl – 10-11 age group girls

The Board heard from Superintendent Asiala that the following teacher was receiving Tenure status:

Tyler Sykes – Tenure Status

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) Wickstrom abstained, the Board of Education appointed Christine M. Segina to the Calumet High School Special Education Teacher position for the 2025-2026 school year.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Heidi Oja to the CLK Elementary School Special Education Teacher position effective January 20, 2025.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved Driver Education charges for 2025. \$350 for in district students and \$635 for out of district students.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the 2024-2025 revised budgets.


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On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the purchase and installation of a Greenheck 800 cfm fan for the Spray Room at a cost of \$13,800 from Ronald Hyrkas Contracting.

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

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



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President



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Secretary