

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN
RECORD OF MINUTES

February 11, 2025

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on February 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the CLK Board Room.

Present were members: Jason Wickstrom, Daniel Zubiena, Melanie Parker, Philip Halonen, Adam Loukus and James Vertin. Absent was member Phyllis Locatelli. Also present were Joel Asiala, Superintendent; Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal; Darren Kinnunen, Horizons High School Principal; Troy Reuter, Washington Middle School Principal; Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal; Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal and Heidi Oja, CLK Elementary School Special Education Teacher. Others present were Multidisciplinary Team members Kristin Wanhala and Kristen Kariainen.

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

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$183,428.95, Athletic bills were \$5,884.61, Cafeteria bills were \$17,227.74, Community Service bills were \$3,120.93 for a total of all invoices of \$209,662.23.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Halonen-Loukus) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$410,530.67, plus a Money Market of \$3,011,605.12, less outstanding checks of (\$66,973.47), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$171,453.54), for a total General Fund balance as of January 31, 2025, of \$3,183,708.78.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of January 31, 2025, of \$54,077.27, for a

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total Athletic Fund of \$54,077.27.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$58,008.92, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$112,086.19.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$2,146,723.66, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of January 31, 2025, of \$2,146,723.66.

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

The Board heard a presentation the CLK Elementary MDT Team.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the CLK School District on receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the VFW Auxiliary Post 3900.

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School JROTC program along with Instructors Major Michael Farley and 1SG Mark Powell on hosting the 4th annual Upper Peninsula JROTC Challenge (UPJC).

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Zubiena) 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 17th, along with Advisors, Darin Goke and Elsa Green.

Ava Lis, Nathan Thyron & Kristen Ylitalo – 2nd – Small Business Management Team
Kayla Standridge – 3rd – Fundamentals of Web Design
Nathan Thyron – 6th – Human Resource Management
Damian Skotarczyk – 10th – Extemporaneous Speech

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Kayla Standridge - 4th – Digital Communication & Design Concepts - Open
Kayla Standridge - 8th – Computer Programming Concepts - Open

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mr. Watt and WMS Band Members on their concert performance on January 15th.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) 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 1st at CLK Schools.

CHS:

Abby Bausano - Trombone solo - div. 1
Trista Berryman - Flute solo - div. 1
Lizzy Crouch - Trumpet solo - div. 1
Paxtyn Goulette - Horn solo - div. 1
Elli Harju - Alto solo - div. 1
Lyla Huuki - Snare drum solo - div. 1
Ione Laramore - Tuba solo - div. 1
Bethany McParlan - Clarinet solo - div. 1
Nathan Thyron - Trombone solo - div. 1
Melody Woods - Alto solo - div. 1
Myra Yohe - Alto sax solo - div. 1
Ava Rauvala, Maddie Myhren, & Lizzy Crouch - Sax/Clarinet/Trumpet trio - div. 1
Alex Fritz & Paxtyn Goulette - Horn duet - div. 1

WMS:

Quinn Alldredge - Tenor sax solo - div. 1
Emma Bausano - Flute solo - div. 1
Deegan Bieser - Snare drum solo - div. 1
Edward Diepen - Mallet solo - div. 1
Laci Pintar - Trumpet solo - div. 1
Carly Thyron - Flute solo - div. 1
Jacob Dove & Quinn Alldredge - Sax duet - div. 1
Linnea Goulette & Jacob Dove - Flute/Sax duet - div. 1
Cameron Egan, Payton Curtin, Hazel Sever, & Harper Haataja - Trombone, Sax, & Flute quartet - div. 1
Teagan Rivest, Sophie Bonen, & Zosia Taylor - Trumpet/Flute/Clarinet trio - div. 1
Gwenyth Skoog & Makayla Moreno - Trumpet/Flute duet - div. 2
Zosia Taylor & Laci Pintar - Clarinet/Trumpet duet - div. 2
Dimitry Petrov & Daniel Garrow - Sax/Snare drum duet - div. 2

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On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education resolved that February 2025 be designated as Career & Technical Education Month and commended CTE Instructors for their dedicated service to our school district.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended School Resource Officer Ryan Kuntze on February 15, 2025, National School Resource Officer Day and thanked him for his dedication to the students in the CLK School District.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education resolved that March 2-8, 2025, be designated as National School Social Worker Week, and commended CLK School Social Workers Karmen Markham & Darren Kinnunen as well as Social Worker Josie Berg, for their dedication to the students in the CLK School district.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education resolved that March 3-7, 2025, 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-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved NEOLA Policies and Administrative Guidelines.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the Early Graduation Request of Horizons Alternative High School student, Annamarie Lester.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved Shelby Turnquist to be recognized by the Copper Country Association of School Boards for the 2025 Education Leadership Award.

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On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated students who placed in the CLK Spelling Bee on February 5th and wished them good-luck in the Regional Spelling Bee to be held on February 19th at Lake-Linden Hubbell Schools.

5th grade:

Runner-Up: Elizabeth Heikkinen

Champion: Sophia Mattila

6th grade:

Runner-Up: Allison Pennala

Champion: Audrina Kangas

7th grade:

Runner-Up: Bella Thompson

Champion: Gwenyth Skoog

8th grade:

Runner-Up: Sofie Wild

Champion: Kariann Kupari

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the Drinking Water Management Plan.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed their appreciation to Royale, Inc., Superior Polymer and REL, Inc. for their donations to the Calumet High School JV hockey team to help with the travel costs of their trip to lower Michigan on January 30th-February 2nd.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated members of the varsity football team on being chosen to play in the 2025 U.P. Football All-Star game.

Matthew Frantti

Kent Koskela

Jared Larson

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended appreciation to Stephen Danis for his generous donation of \$99,110.82 to support

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the Calumet High School Fab Lab and the Washington Middle School and CLK Elementary School Maker Space Programs.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated students who placed in the Northern Shores StoryWork Writing Project hosted by Northern Michigan University.

Regional 2025 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards:
Aili Heflin – Gold Key & American Voices Nomination in Personal Essay
Jada Hendrickson – Silver Key – Personal Essay
Sophie Brewer – Honorable Mention – Poetry
Levi Mills – Honorable Mention – Critical Essay
Kaylie Newsom – Honorable Mention – Personal Essay
Ozzie Nykanen – Honorable Mention – Short Story

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Diana Langdon to the CCISD Parent Advisory Committee to represent the CLK School District.

Building Principals updated the Board on “what’s happening” in their buildings.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



President



Secretary