

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET

CALUMET, MICHIGAN

June 10, 2025

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The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on June 10, 2025, at 5:31 p.m., in the CLK Board Room.

Present were members: Phyllis Locatelli, Jason Wickstrom, Daniel Zubiena, Melanie Parker, Philip Halonen, Adam Loukus and James Vertin. Also present were Joel Asiala, Superintendent; Trevor Salata, Chief Financial Officer; Elsa Green, Executive Administrative Assistant; Darren Kinnunen, Horizons Alternative High School Principal; Troy Reuter, Washington Middle School Principal; Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal; Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal and Savanna Rivest, community member.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) 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 \$124,374.40, Athletic bills were \$9,076.10, Cafeteria bills were \$24,552.08, and Community Service Fund bills were \$706.51 for a total of all invoices of \$158,709.09.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$707,669.21, plus a Money Market of \$2,226,195.14, less outstanding checks of (\$43,338.49), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$25,051.16), for a total General Fund balance as of May 31, 2025, of \$2,865,474.70.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of May 31, 2025, of \$49,792.21, for a total Athletic Fund of \$49,792.21.

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The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$44,195.53, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$93,987.74.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,192,750.81, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of May 31, 2025, of \$1,192,750.81.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Allison Bjorn, the Holly Jean McCullah Award winner and Ted Loukus, the George Gipp Award winner for the 2025 school year.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mr. Darren Kinnunen on being chosen as a June 2025 Superior Educator.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated varsity girls' basketball team member Jackie Kiilunen on earning Academic All-State honors.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated members of the 2024-2025 varsity softball team, head coach Joel Rastello, and assistant coaches Matthew Vertin and John Gibson on their season and extended their congratulations to the team and members on receiving WestPAC All-Conference and MHSSCA District 65 and Academic All-State Honors:

Team – MHSSCA – Academic All-State
Lena Myhren - MHSSCA – Academic All-State
Kaylee Newsom - MHSSCA – Academic All-State
Molly Erkkila - WestPAC Softball All Conference 1st Team
Lena Myhren - WestPAC Softball All Conference 1st Team
Isabella Coppo - WestPAC Softball All Conference 2nd Team
Bethany Garrow - WestPAC Softball All Conference 2nd Team
Chloe Coppo - WestPAC Softball All Conference Honorable Mention
Chloe Coppo – District 65 - All District Team
Isabella Coppo – District 65 - All District Team

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Molly Erkkila – District 65 - All District Team
Lena Myhren – District 65 - All District Team

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended members of the 2024-2025 JV softball team along with head coach Rosalie Kangas on their season.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended members of the 2024-2025 varsity baseball team and coaches Dave Yeo, Abe Voelker and Mark Paulson on their season and extended their congratulations to members of the team receiving WestPAC All-Conference Honors:

Darin Berg - WestPAC Baseball All Conference 1st Team
Nathan Londo - WestPAC Baseball All Conference 2nd Team
Matthew Frantti- WestPAC Baseball All Conference Honorable Mention
Liam Pomroy- WestPAC Baseball All Conference Honorable Mention

On motion, seconded (Halonon-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended members of the 2024-2025 JV baseball team and coach Nick Hendrickson on their season.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended their congratulations to the boys' and girls' track teams, along with coaches Arnie Kinnunen, Steve Parks, Don Hill and Shannon Lehto along with team members who placed at UP Finals, earning All-State honors and to Matthew Frantti who received WestPAC honors.

U.P. Finals Results:

Matthew Frantti: 1st - Discus
Matthew Frantti: 2nd - Shot Put
Trista Berryman, Elli Harju, Bethany McParlan & Bailey Strom – 4th - 4X800 Relay
Allison Bjorn: 4th – Discus
Brayden Krans – 4th - 100 M Dash
Alexa Hoffman: 5th - 100 M Dash; 5th – 200 M Dash
Annika Stafford: 5th – High Jump
Keith Koivisto – 6th - Pole Vault
Jordyn Wendling: 6th – Discus
Alexa Hoffman, Ava Rauvala, Bailey Strom & Jenna Yohe – 6th – 4X100 Relay

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WestPAC Honors:

Matthew Frantti – WestPAC MVP – Field Events

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated coaches Karen La Cross and Joshua Frantti along with the boys' and girls' golf teams on their season. The Board also congratulated team members on being named to the WestPAC All-Conference Team.

Maretta Kangas – WestPAC Girls' Golfer of the Year
Braylinn Antilla – WestPAC All Conference 1st Team
Linnea Pennala – WestPAC All Conference 1st Team
Robert Loukus - WestPAC All Conference 1st Team

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Coaches Tyler Rautio and Ryan Watt, track paraprofessional Riita Harmala and the middle school boys' and girls' track teams on their seasons.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Nynna Jarvi and Braylinn Antilla for placing in the Northern Michigan University LIVE Art and Word Contest.

Nynna Jarvi – 1st place – High School Art Division
Braylinn Antilla – 2nd Place – High School Writing Division

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education is requested to thank Dawn Carlson, Susan Rosemurgy, Eloise Haller and Kim Kolasa of Fork Farms for their efforts in obtaining the donation of a Vertical Farming Unit valued at over \$5000 for the Food Science and Biology classes.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the 6th grade students who took part in the annual Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative (LSSI) Day, held on Friday, May 22nd. The board also extends appreciation to Darrell Hendrickson and the 6th grade teaching team of John Asiala, Frank Bonacorsi, Michael Goldsworthy, Kassie Huhta, Amy Machiela and Timothy Porter.

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On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended their appreciation and thanks to Clay Cotey, Shannon Lehto, Amy Pellizzaro, Tyler Rautio, Ryan Watt, Karmen Markham, Troy Reuter, Nora Dee, cafeteria staff and custodial staff for continuing Grandparents Day in the C-L-K School District.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Matthew Riutta and the CLK Elementary students on a successful Spring Music Program.

On motion, seconded (Halonon -Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mike Ojala, Steve Parks and the 4th & 5th grade students at CLK Elementary on a successful track meet.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended appreciation to the CLK Elementary PTO for their support all year as well as for operating a successful concession stand for students to enjoy during their end of year picnics.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Halonon) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the reappointment of Lynne Robertson to the Library Advisory Board for a two-year term.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education authorized the Treasurer to approve invoices for payment prior to June 30, 2025.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the date of Tuesday, July 8th at 5:30 p.m. to hold its Organizational/Regular July Board meeting to be held in the Board of Education room.

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On motion, seconded (Halonen-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended a thank you to the administration, teachers, staff, custodians and food service for their time and efforts to make all of the May events a success.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Maria Campioni and Campioni True Value for their donation of a Bounce House to use for the Elementary field day.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education, expressed their appreciation to the Estate of Dennis McKaig for the donation of a snare drum valued at \$275 to the Band Program.

The Board reviewed the probationary and tenure status for the following teachers:

<u>CLK Elementary School</u>	<u>Probationary/Tenure Status</u>
Allie Hein	Fourth year probationary status
Julia Sykes	Third year probationary status
Elizabeth Leach	Second year probationary status
Jaime Lishinski	Second year probationary status
<u>Washington Middle School</u>	<u>Probationary/Tenure Status</u>
Michael Goldsworthy	Tenure
Shannon Lehto	Tenure
Timothy Porter	Tenure
Zachary Valen	Fourth year probationary status
Tyler Rautio	Third year probationary status
<u>Calumet High School</u>	<u>Probationary/Tenure Status</u>
Dawn Carlson	Third year probationary status
<u>Horizons Alternative H.S.</u>	<u>Probationary/Tenure Status</u>
Alan Johnson	Fourth year probationary status

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the retirement notice of Calumet High School Science teacher, Mr. Joseph Heflin effective June 6, 2025.

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On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education, approved the contract with U.P. Engineers & Architects in the amount of \$26,500 plus expenses from the Public Improvement Fund.

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

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of hereby delegates to the Superintendent or his designee the responsibility for the supervision and control of said activities, and hereby accepts the Constitution and By-Laws of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and adopts as its own rules, regulations interpretations (as minimum standards), as published in the current handbook as the governing code under which the said school(s) shall conduct its program of interscholastic athletics and agrees to primary enforcement of said rules, regulations, interpretations and qualifications. In addition, it is hereby agreed that schools which host or participate in the association's meets and tournaments shall follow and enforce all tournament policies, procedures and schedules. This authorization shall be effective from August 1, 2025 and shall remain effective until July 31, 2026, during which the authorization may not be revoked.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the CLK All Sports Booster Club and officers for their generous support of our athletic program.

For your information:

MHSAA Representative Council Minutes for May 4-5, 2025

Library Advisory Board Minutes for May 21, 2025

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

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adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Phyllis M. Locatelli
President

William J. Park
Secretary