## PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET CALUMET, MICHIGAN

#### RECORD OF MINUTES

The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its business organizational and regular monthly meeting on July 8, 2025, at 5:33 p.m., in the Board of Education 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, and Elsa Green, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

The district business organizational meeting was called to order by Board President, Phyllis M. Locatelli.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education established the second Tuesday of the month as the date of Board meetings commencing at 5:30 p.m., in the Board of Education Room, and that the resolution be publicized in the news media:

| August    | 12 | February | 10 |
|-----------|----|----------|----|
| September | 9  | March    | 10 |
| October   | 14 | April    | 14 |
| November  | 11 | May      | 12 |
| December  | 9  | June     | 9  |
| January   | 13 |          |    |

On motion, seconded (Parker-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved no charge will be assessed to individuals or organizations that request a notice of Board meetings.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education established salaries for the 2025-2027 school year at \$800 per year, to include all special meetings.

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On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the procedures, by-laws, and policies in effect, on the effective date of July 1, 2025, and shall continue until changed by action of the Board of Education.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed depository of school funds for the 2025-2026 school year to:

Incredible Bank General Fund Athletic Fund Cafeteria Fund Capital Bond Project Fund Debt Retirement Fund Payroll Account Retirement Account

Superior National Bank

Calumet High School Internal Checking Account Washington Middle School Internal Checking Account C-L-K Elementary School Internal Checking Account Calumet High School Scholarship Account Locatelli Certificate of Deposit

Range Bank CHS and Locatelli Scholarship Account Barb Horton Scholarship Account Sandretto JROTC Account Sandretto General Account

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education designated the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer as the individuals responsible for authorizing contracts, agreements and purchase orders.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education designated Elsa Green and Joel Asiala as responsible for posting of public notices relative to Board meetings.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education designated payroll signature authority to Elsa Green and Joel Asiala, accounts payable and prepaid accounts by signature stamp of Board President, Secretary and Treasurer.

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On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Jason Wickstrom to serve as the district's representative on the Copper Country Association of School Boards for the 2025-2026 school year and James Vertin as an alternate.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Philip Halonen to serve as the district's representative on the Calumet Public Library Advisory Board for the 2025-2026 school year.

This concluded the district organization meeting.

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

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$249,860.68, Athletic bills were \$13,383.47, Cafeteria bills were \$10,594.18, Community Service bills were \$125.00, for a total of all invoices of \$273,963.33.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$823,147.66, plus a Money Market of \$2,152,966.03, less outstanding checks of (\$252,647.05), less ORS/941/MI SUWH Transfer of (\$30,580.06), for a total General Fund balance as of June 30, 2025, of \$2,692,886.58.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of June 30, 2025, of \$59,600.99 for a total Athletic Fund of \$59,600.99.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$48,087.05, for a total School Service Fund

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balance of \$107,688.04.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,197,139.60, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of June 30, 2025, of \$1,197,139.60.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the JROTC JLAB Leadership Team on placing 15<sup>th</sup> out of 40 teams and the JROTC JLAB Academic Team on placing 15<sup>th</sup> out of 32 teams at the JROTC National Academic Bowl Championships held in Washington DC in June.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to area law enforcement agencies for their participation in Handle with Care.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Mrs. Julie Giachino, Ms. Jayna Johnson, Mr. Charlie Kemppainen, Mrs. Melissa Olli, Mrs. Annie Standridge and Mrs. Jenni Torola on being nominated for a 2025 Superior Educator Award.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended a thank you to the Pauline Johnson Estate and Personal Representative Mrs. Kim Spelich for their donation of two (2) forty-acre parcels in Schoolcraft Township, \$25,000 for the CLK Elementary School Music Program and \$339,235.27 to set up a scholarship account.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adopted the NEOLA administrative guidelines, bylaws and policy revisions.

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On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Serenity Snyder to the Science Teacher position at Calumet High School for the 2025-2026 school year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the contract with UHL up to the amount of \$18,600 from the Public Improvement Fund.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education ratified the tentative agreement with the Administration Team for the 2025-2026 contract.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education ratified the tentative agreement with the Administrative Assistant Group for the 2025–2026 contract.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education renewed the following coaching positions for the 2025-2026 school year:

Frank Bonacorsi

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Katie Bonacorsi

Josh Frantti

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Dan Giachino

Julie Giachino

Sarah Hampton

Nicholas Hendrickson

Don Hill

Don Hill

Rosalie Kangas

Charlie Kemppainen

Levi Kilpela

Arnie Kinnunen

Arnie Kinnunen

David La Cross

Karen LaCross

Karen LaCross

Shannon Lehto

Assistant H.S. Football

Varsity Boys Basketball

Varsity Girls Volleyball

Varsity Football

Assistant Varsity Hockey

**Boys Golf** 

Varsity Hockey

7th Grade Girls Basketball

8th Grade Girls Basketball

JV Boys Baseball

**Assistant Track** 

7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball

JV Softball

Varsity Girls' Basketball JV Boys Basketball

Varsity Cross Country

Varsity Boys Track

Bowling

High School Cheerleading

Golf

Assistant Track

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Scott Loukus
Tyler Loukus
Briana Meneguzzo
Rebecca Michaelson

Ivan Niemi Steve Parks Steve Parks Terra Parks Mark Paulson Callie Rastello Callie Rastello Joel Rastello Tyler Rautio Tyler Rautio Adel Riutta Matthew Vertin Abe Voelker Ryan Watt Ryan Watt David Yeo OPEN

Assistant H.S. Football
Assistant H.S. Football
WMS Cheerleading

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Fundamentals VB Assistant H.S. Football Varsity Girls Track

8th Grade Football JV Volleyball

Assistant Varsity Baseball 7th & 8th Gr. Fundamentals VB

9th Grade Volleyball

Softball

7th Grade Football

7th and 8th Grade Girls Track

JV Girls Basketball
Assistant Varsity Softball
Assistant Varsity Baseball
7th and 8th Grade Cross Country
7th and 8th Grade Boys Track

Baseball

Junior Varsity Hockey

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Tyler Rautio to the JV hockey coach position for the 2025-2026 school year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Yhyllis M. Sycatelle President Mulanu Flarku Secretary