

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET

CALUMET, MICHIGAN

November 11, 2025

RECORD OF MINUTES

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

Present were members: Jason Wickstrom, Melanie Parker, Daniel Zubiena, Philip Halonen, Adam Loukus and James Vertin. Absent was Phyllis Locatelli. Also present were: Joel Asiala, Superintendent; Elsa Green, Executive Administrative Assistant; Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal; 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 Daniel Giachino, Director of Virtual Programs.

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

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$527,838.94 Athletic bills were \$4,918.24, Cafeteria bills were \$23,036.58, Community Service bills were \$2,063.68, Public Improvement bills were \$18,600.00 and Debt Service bills were \$100.00 for a total of all invoices of \$576,557.44.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$664,163.19, plus a Money Market of \$3,007,520.22, less outstanding checks of (\$17,737.59), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS/941/MI SUWH) of (\$140,045.90), plus a CD Balance (restricted) of \$89,074.26, for a total General Fund balance as of October 31, 2025, of \$3,602,974.18.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of October 31, 2025 of \$44,345.39 for a

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total Athletic Fund of \$44,345.39.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$50,332.83, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$94,678.22.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$2,311,195.75, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of October 31, 2025, of \$2,311,195.75.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the 2024-2025 audit report.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education declared the week of December 8-12, 2025, as C-L-K's Inclusive Schools Week, and extended their appreciation to C-L-K staff for their efforts in providing a supportive and quality education to the C-L-K special education students.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Susan Rosemurgy and the Calumet High School LSSI Team on receiving a \$500 SEED Grant.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Loukus Technologies for their \$1000 donation to the varsity football team for playoff travel.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Paul Horton for his \$155,000 donation to the Barb Horton Lifelong Learner Scholarship Fund at Horizons Alternative High School.

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On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Simula Farm & Forest Products for their donation of lumber valued at \$5100 to the Industrial Arts Program.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended members of the Calumet High School and Washington Middle School boys' and girls' cross-country teams and coaches Arnie Kinnunen and Ryan Watt on their season. Congratulations were also extended to Elli Harju, Maija Keranen, Bethany McParlan on being named to the WestPAC All-Conference team and to Maija Keranen and Bethany McParlan on being named to the Division 1 All U.P. Team.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated coaches' Scott Loukus and Tyler Rautio along with members of the JV football team on their season.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended members of the 7th and 8th grade football teams on their seasons, along with their coaches' Steve Parks and Peter Anderson and volunteer coach, Tony Salani.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the 7th & 8th grade girls' basketball teams on their seasons, along with their coaches' Julie Giachino and Sarah Hampton.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Coach Josh Frantti, assistant coaches Frank Bonacorsi, Tyler Loukus and Ivan Niemi and the varsity football team on their season. The Board also congratulated those football players who received WestPAC All-Conference honors.

Ben Anderson— West PAC Copper Division 1st Team – Running Back
Trent Anderson - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 1st Team – Inside Linebacker

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Joe Halonen – WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 1st Team – Defensive Line
Tyler Halonen – WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 1st Team – Outside Linebacker
Dirk Koskela - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 1st Team – Defensive End
Oskar Loukus - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 1st Team – Wide Receiver
Jax Carlson - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 2nd Team – Inside Linebacker
Lyle Lasanen - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 2nd Team – Defensive Line
Erik Loukus - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 2nd Team – Wide Receiver
Robert Loukus - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 2nd Team – Center
Peter Torola - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference 2nd Team – Tight End
Rogan Gronlund - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference Honorable Mention
Michael Johnson - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference Honorable Mention
Lance Newman - WestPAC Copper Division All Conference Honorable Mention

On motion, seconded (Parker-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Coach Kate Bonacorsi and the varsity volleyball team on their season along with congratulating team members who received WestPAC All-Conference honors.

Team – WestPAC Co-Champions (with Hancock)
Jess Anderson – WestPAC All Conference 1st Team - Libero
Chloe Coppo – WestPAC All Conference 1st Team – Right Side
Millie Loukus - WestPAC All Conference 2nd Team – Setter
Amiina Tarnowski – WestPAC All Conference 2nd Team – Middle Hitter

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated coaches Terra Parks and Callie Rastello along with the JV and freshmen girls' volleyball teams on their seasons.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended staff and volunteers for their participation in the CLK Fall Family Night held in the elementary school on October 23rd.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the JROTC Raider Team on their performance at the Ozark, Missouri Raider Challenge. Team members were Abigail Bausano, Lorelei Fryer, Bethany Garrow, Elli Harju, Julia Heflin, Andrew Janckila, Liam Kenny, Parker Krumm, Lewis Nagel, Dreydan Petrov, Axl Schneiderhan, Jordyn Wendling, Melody Woods, and Myra Yohe. The Raider Team qualified for the National Raider Competition which will be held on Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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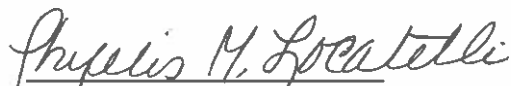
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On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the amended contract with U.P. Engineers & Architects.


On motion, seconded (Loukus-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended, hereby invoked for 2026 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of all of school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the school district except for Osceola Township. The Superintendent is authorized to forward to the governing body of each township, except Osceola, a copy of this resolution requesting that each township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2026.

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 6:27 p.m.



President



Secretary