

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET

CALUMET, MICHIGAN

May 12, 2026

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The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on May 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the CLK Board Room.

Present were members: Phyllis Locatelli, Jason Wickstrom, Daniel Zubierna, Melanie Parker, Adam Loukus and James Vertin. Absent was Philip Halonen. Also present were Joel Asiala, Superintendent; Trevor Salata, Chief Financial Officer; Jennifer Peters, Calumet High School Principal; Patrick Dwyer, Calumet High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Troy Reuter, Washington Middle School Principal; Darren Kinnunen, Horizons Alternative High School Principal; Matthew Hampton, CLK Elementary School Principal; Julie Giachino, CLK Elementary School Assistant Principal; Daniel Giachino, Director of Virtual Programs; Mr. Joshua Frantti & Mr. Todd Waurio, Calumet High School Teachers, Calumet High School students Grace Dee, Sterling Fryer, Cole Miller, Evelyn Robb, Anders Wild and Beau Jukuri; Kristi Haugland, Marc Pomroy, Becky Pomroy and Brooke Pomroy, community members.

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

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubierna) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$276,718.23; Athletic Fund bills were \$1,548.99; Cafeteria bills were \$24,286.37; Community Service bills were \$2,739.44, and Public improvement bills were \$2,025.00 for a total of all invoices of \$307,318.03.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$585,847.74, plus a Money Market of \$2,205,592.78, plus a CD Balance (Restricted) of \$89,074.26, less outstanding checks of (\$214,922.55), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$22,396.70), for a total General Fund balance as of April 30, 2026, of \$2,643,195.53.

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The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of April 30, 2026, of \$57,446.70, for a total Athletic Fund of \$57,446.70.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance as of April 30, 2026 of \$42,306.06, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$99,752.76.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,147,573.61, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of April 30, 2026, of \$1,147,573.61.

The Calumet High School CopperBots Robotics Team presented their Robot "Snake" to the Board.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School CopperBots Robotics Team on their season. Team members are Grace Dee, Caleb Ely, Lorelei Fryer, Sterling Fryer, Isak Haugland, Keira Johnson, Cole Miller, Vivian Robb and Anders Wild. The team is coached by Todd Waurio and assistant coaches Braden Miller & Brian Miller and Social Media Specialist Kristi Haugland.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated CLK Elementary School Paraprofessional Jason Goulette on receiving the Support Staff Award and 5th Grade student Henrik Hampton on receiving the Make A Difference Award from the Copper Country Intermediate School District's Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Wickstrom), unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the recommendation of High School Principal Jennifer Peters of students who will

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satisfactorily complete diploma requirements and are eligible to receive a Calumet High School diploma at commencement services.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the recommendation of Horizons High School Principal Darren Kinnunen of students who will satisfactorily complete diploma requirements and are eligible to receive a Horizons High School diploma at commencement services.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the recommendation of U.P. Virtual Academy Director, Daniel Giachino of students who will satisfactorily complete diploma requirements and are eligible to receive a High School diploma at commencement services.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Calumet High School Junior, Lewis Nagel on receiving the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Chapter & State Outstanding Cadet Award.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Parker), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Calumet High School JROTC Raider Team on placing 12th in the Mixed Team Division at the Raider National Competition held April 17th-19th at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Cadets who participated are Team Captain Axl Schneiderhan, Co-Captain Lewis Nagel, Abigail Bausano, Lincoln Bory, Amara Butler, Lorelei Fryer, Elli Harju, Julia Heflin, Andrew Janckila, Liam Kenny, Parker Krumm, Adelyn Leiter, Jordyn Wendling and Myra Yohe.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the Washington Middle School and Calumet High School Science Olympiad teams, coaches and volunteers on their season and performance at the Science Olympiad State Tournament held on April 25th.

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On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Ryan Watt and the Washington Middle School and Calumet High School band students on their successful Spring Music Program.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Melody Woods on receiving the 2026 Arion Award, Kate Probst on receiving the 2026 Marching Band Award, Lillian Fritz on receiving the Calumet High School MSBOA Scholar Instrumentalist Award and Quinn Alldredge on receiving the Washington Middle School MSBOA Scholar Instrumentalist Award.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated students on taking 2nd at the 35th Annual BioAthlon held at Michigan Technological University on April 22nd. The team members are Ida Ahiale, Chayse Butkovich, Paige Cadeau and Camilla Palek.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Loukus), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated students that participated in the CHS Drama Club Play "Frozen", along with Director Matthew Riutta.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education thanked Mr. Rob Bohlsen and Mr. Bill Darnell and the Industrial Technology Classes for creating projects for the Camp Josh Fundraiser.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended the CLK Foundation Board for their generous support for the children of the CLK School District. The Foundation funded projects totaling \$50,521.93.

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On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the varsity boys' basketball team on receiving Academic All-State Honors. The Board also congratulated team members receiving BCAM awards and All U.P. Honors.

Team – Academic All-State – GPA 3.52
Peter Torola – BCAM Outstanding Senior Student-Athlete Award
Peter Torola – All U.P. Special Mention
Hayden Rajala – BCAM Team First Award

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the varsity girls' basketball team on receiving Academic All-State Honors. The Board also congratulated Bailey Strom on receiving All U.P. Honors.

Team – Academic All-State – GPA 3.61
Bailey Strom – All U.P. 2nd Team

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended appreciation to CLK Elementary GSRP Teacher, Stephanie Kesti, on receiving a DonorsChoose.org grant in the amount of \$504.82 to provide outdoor chalkboard supplies for the Mighty Kings.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated CLK Virtual Center junior, Dallas Bekkala, on placing 1st in the Automotive Service Technology Division of the Michigan SkillsUSA Competition held in Grand Rapids on April 18th. Dallas now advances to the SkillsUSA National Competition to be held in Atlanta, GA.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education expressed appreciation to Bill Darnell for obtaining a Dr. & Mrs. Ron Lutz MITES Mini Grant in the amount of \$1315.00 to purchase a Kreg Precision Router Table System, Kreg Router Lift and a Bora 3.25 HP Router Motor.

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On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended appreciation to CLK Elementary School teacher, Rebecca Mattila for winning a Chompsaw for the CLK Elementary School in a Teacher Appreciation Day drawing.

On motion, seconded (Loukus- Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated the following students for placing in the VFW Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest sponsored by the Calumet VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary. Nynna and Jailyn advanced to the State VFW Patriotic Art Contest and winners will be announced in June.

2-D Art

Nynna Jarvi – 1st place

Bianna Jarvi – 2nd Place

Mallory McMahon – 3rd Place

3-D Art

Jailyn Kesanen – 1st Place

Mallory McMahon – 2nd Place

Jordan Trevethan – 3rd Place

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education exercised the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act, will, for the purposes of Section 105, accept applications of nonresident students from outside our district who reside within the intermediate school district of which this district is a constituent district for enrollment in our school district for the 2026-2027 school year, and will operate a schools of choice program in our district in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the date of June 15, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room for the Annual Budget Hearing.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin), unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated students for their woodworking, metalworking and machining projects placing at the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Association (MITES) Regional and/or State

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Project Fair along with teachers Rob Bohlsen and Bill Darnell.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena), unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the April revised 2025-2026 General Fund Budget.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the Family Medical Leave for childcare request for Terra Parks under Article 18 Section E of the CEA Contract.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena- Wickstrom) Loukus abstained, the Board of Education approved the 2026-2027 General and Special Education Fund Budgets as submitted by the Copper Country Intermediate School District.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker), Loukus abstained, the Board of Education approved the contract with REMC1 for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the Letter of Agreement between the (ASFCME) Calumet School Employees unit of Local 226 (Union) and the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw (District).

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the Letter of Agreement between the (MESPA) Michigan Education Support Personnel Association (Union) and the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw (District).

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

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approved the Letter of Agreement between the (CEA) Calumet Education Association (Union) and the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw (District).

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the resignation notice of 8th grade girls' basketball coach Sarah Hampton effective immediately. The Board also thanked Mrs. Hampton for coaching our middle school athletes.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the resignation notice of the WMS boys' track coach Ryan Watt effective immediately. The Board also thanked Mr. Watt for coaching our middle school athletes.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the resignation notice of the WMS cross country coach Ryan Watt effective immediately. The Board also thanked Mr. Watt for coaching our middle school athletes.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the resignation notice of the freshmen volleyball coach Callie Rastello effective immediately.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Shannon Lehto to the WMS boys' track coach for the remainder of the 2026 season.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Callie Rastello to the JV volleyball coach position for the 2026-2027 season.

The Board went into closed session at 7:07 p.m. and out at 8:45 p.m. to discuss coaching personnel.

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On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Loukus) 4 yay, 1 nay, the Board of Education approved the non-renewal of the coaching contracts for the current varsity hockey coach and varsity assistant hockey coach for the 2026-2027 school year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Phyllis M. Locatelli
President

Melanie J. Park
Secretary