

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET

CALUMET, MICHIGAN

June 9, 2026

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The Board of Education of the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw held its regular monthly meeting on June 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the CLK Board Room.

Present were members: Phyllis Locatelli, Daniel Zubiena, Melanie Parker, Philip Halonen, and James Vertin. Absent were Jason Wickstrom and Adam Loukus. Also present were Joel Asiala, Superintendent; Trevor Salata, Chief Financial Officer; 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, Daniel Giachino, Director of Virtual Programs and CLK Elementary School teacher, Mary Bastian.

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

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$157,543.26, Athletic bills were \$14,150.77, Cafeteria bills were \$15,656.94, Community Service Fund bills were \$133.24, and Public Improvement Fund bills were \$2,025.00 for a total of all invoices of \$189,509.21.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$738,878.10, plus a Money Market of \$2,229,871.38, plus a CD Balance (Restricted) of \$89,074.26, less outstanding checks of (\$208,624.09), less a Transfer in Transit (ORS) of (\$30,052.41), for a total General Fund balance as of May 31, 2026, of \$2,819,147.24.

The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of May 31, 2026, of \$41,738.88, for a

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total Athletic Fund of \$41,738.88.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$43,623.05, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$85,361.93.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,207,637.46, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of May 31, 2026, of \$1,207,637.46.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the meeting.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Kiirsi Johnson, the Holly Jean McCullah Award winner and Ben Anderson, the George Gipp Award winner for the 2026 school year.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended members of the 2025-2026 JV softball team along with head coach Rosalie Kangas on their season.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended members of the 2025-2026 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 2nd Team
Joseph Halonen - WestPAC Baseball All Conference 2nd Team
Tyler Halonen - - WestPAC Baseball All Conference Honorable Mention
Nathan Londo - WestPAC Baseball All Conference Honorable Mention
Oskar Loukus- WestPAC Baseball All Conference Honorable Mention
Andrew Junttila- WestPAC Baseball All Conference Honorable Mention

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

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congratulated members of the 2025-2026 JV baseball team and coach Nick Hendrickson on their season.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education commended 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.

U.P. Finals Results:

Keith Koivisto: 3rd - Pole Vault – 11 feet

Alexa Hoffman, Violet Loukus, Bailey Strom & Kyla Strom: 3rd – 1600 M Relay

Ava Rauvala: 4th – 100 M Dash

Annika Stafford: 5th – High Jump

Alexa Hoffman, Ava Rauvala, Bailey Strom & Kyla Strom: 5th – 800 M Relay

Alexa Hoffman: 6th - 200 M Dash

Kyla Strom: 6th – 400 M Dash

Bailey Strom: 6th - Discus

Rita Eskola, Violet Loukus, Lacie Moyryla & Bailey Strom: 6th – 3200 M Relay

Tessa Meneguzzo, Aili McKinstry, Marah Pomroy & Ava Rauvala: 6th – 400 M Relay

On motion, seconded (Parker-Vertin) 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.

Cali Hodges – WestPAC All Conference 1st Team

Linnea Pennala – WestPAC All Conference 1st Team

Ben Anderson - WestPAC All Conference 1st Team

Robert Loukus - WestPAC All Conference 1st Team

Carter Salata - WestPAC All Conference 1st Team

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Coaches Tyler Rautio and Shannon Lehto and the middle school boys' and girls' track teams on their seasons.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended their appreciation and thanks to Shannon Lehto, Amy Pellizzaro, Tyler Rautio, Ryan Watt, Karmen Markham, Troy Reuter, Nora Dee, cafeteria staff and custodial staff for

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continuing Grandparents Day in the C-L-K School District.

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

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) 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 (Halonen-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 (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the reappointment of Ginny Douglas and Ann Miller to the Library Advisory Board for a two-year term.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education authorized the Treasurer to approve invoices for payment prior to June 30, 2026.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the date of Tuesday, July 14th at 5:30 p.m. to hold its Organizational/Regular July Board meeting to be held in the Board of Education room.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Halonen) 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.

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On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education thanked Jan Campioni for her generous \$8000 donation to the Calumet High School CopperBots Robotics Team.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education thanked Stephen Danis for his generous \$101,500 donation to support the purchase of a virtual simulator, the JROTC Program and the CLK Makerspace programs.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education thanked Carmen Sandretto for his generous \$10,000 donation to support the purchase of a virtual simulator.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education thanked 41 Lumber for their generous donation of Dewalt tools valued at over \$4000 to the WMS Makerspace program.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adopted NEOLA policy revisions.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated members of the 2025-2026 varsity softball team, head coach Joel Rastello, and assistant coach Matthew Vertin on their season. The team defeated Jeffers and Westwood to earn their first District Title. The Board also extended their congratulations to the team and members on receiving WestPAC All-Conference and MHSSCA District 65, All Region Team and Academic All-State Honors:

Team – MHSSCA – Academic All-State – 3.19 GPA
Amiina Tarnowski - MHSSCA – Academic All-State
Chloe Coppo - WestPAC Softball All Conference 1st Team
Molly Erkkila - WestPAC Softball All Conference 1st Team

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Bethany Garrow - WestPAC Softball All Conference 2nd Team
Danni Stites - - WestPAC Softball All Conference Honorable Mention
Chloe Coppo – District 65 - All District Team – First Base
Kaydence Christoferson – All District Team – Third Base
Molly Erkkila – District 65 - All District Team – Short Stop
Bethany Garrow – District 65 - All District Team – Outfield
Jailyn Poshak - District 65 - All District Team – Outfield
Danni Stites – District 65 - All District Team – Pitcher
Millie Loukus – District 65 - All District Team – At Large Player
Chloe Coppo – All Region Team – At Large
Danni Stites – All Region Team – Pitcher
Jailyn Poshak – All Regional Team – Outfield

On motion, seconded (Parker-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education
congratulated Calumet High School students for placing in the HOSA Regional competition.

Emma Ylitalo – Nursing Assistant – 1st
Aili McKinstry, Kira Diaz, & Lila Hyrkas – HOSA Bowl – 3rd
Mollia Rollo-Ritzko – Clinical Nursing – 2nd Place
Trinity Leskela & Karah Siirtola – Public Service Announcement – 3rd
Alisa Haapala, Cara Halonen, Alice Lahti & Kaitlyn Pennala – Public Service
Announcement – 5th

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

<u>CLK Elementary School</u>	<u>Probationary/Tenure Status</u>
Allie Hein	Tenure
Elizabeth Leach	Tenure
Julia Sykes	Fourth year probationary status
Jaime Lishinski	Third year probationary status
<u>Washington Middle School</u>	<u>Probationary/Tenure Status</u>
Zachary Valen	Tenure
Tyler Rautio	Fourth year probationary status
<u>Calumet High School</u>	<u>Probationary/Tenure Status</u>
Dawn Carlson	Fourth year probationary status
William Darnell	Second year probationary status
Alexander Hannah	Second year probationary status
Christine Segina	Second year probationary status
Serenity Snyder	Second year probationary status
<u>Horizons Alternative H.S.</u>	<u>Probationary/Tenure Status</u>
Alan Johnson	Tenure

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education
appointed Lara Skoog to the Calumet High School Mathematics teacher position for the 2026-

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2027 school year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved Family Medical Leave for childcare for CLK Elementary Teacher, Rebecca Mattila under Article 18, Section E of the CEA contract.

On motion, seconded (Parker-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved Family Medical Leave for childcare for CLK Elementary Social Worker, Josie Berg.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the recall of faculty and staff for the 2026-2027 school year.

Jenny Futrell – WMS Paraprofessional
Kelly Dostaler – CHS Paraprofessional
Jaime Lishinski – GSRP Teacher
William Darnell – CHS Industrial Arts Teacher

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Parker) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the resignation notice of Jamie Pellil as a Paraprofessional at CLK Elementary School effective August 30, 2026.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Amy M. Maki to the Chief Financial Officer position effective July 1, 2026.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the agreement with the Copper Country ISD to contract business services for the 2026-2027 school year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the quote for the Distinguished Alumni Board from Beacon Creative in the amount of \$19,440.00.

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On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the quote for the Gym scoreboard from Nevco in the amount of \$28,500.00.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the quote for the Fab Lab Virtual Simulator from CMLABS in the amount of \$176,450.00.

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

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the 2026-2027 school calendar.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education ratified the tentative agreement with the Administration Team for the 2026-2027 contract.

Salary 3.5% increase
Phone allowance - \$1,000

On motion, seconded (Parker-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education ratified the tentative agreement with the Administration Assistant Group for the 2026-2027 contract.

Salary 3.5% increase

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) 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

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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, 2026 and shall remain effective until July 31, 2027, during which the authorization may not be revoked.

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

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Greg Olson to the freshman volleyball coach position for the 2026-2027 school year.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated CHS varsity football coach Josh Frantti on being elected to serve as the Region 1 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Representative for a two-year term.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Zach Valen to the WMS cross country coach position for the 2026-2027 school year.

On motion, seconded (Halonen-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed Glenn Patrick to the varsity hockey coach position for the 2026-2027 school year.

For your information:

MHSAA Representative Council Minutes for May 3-4, 2026

Library Advisory Board Minutes for May 20, 2026

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On motion, seconded (Vertin-Halonen) unanimous decision, the Board of Education
adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


President


Secretary