

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN

July 14, 2026

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 14, 2026, at 5:40 p.m., in the Board of Education Room.

Present were members: Phyllis Locatelli, Jason Wickstrom, Daniel Zubiena, Adam Loukus and James Vertin. Absent were Philip Halonen and Melanie Parker. Also present were Joel Asiala, Superintendent and Amy Maki, Chief Financial Officer.

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

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

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Loukus) 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	11	February	9
September	8	March	9
October	13	April	13
November	10	May	11
December	8	June	8
January	12		

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-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 (Wickstrom-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education established salaries for the 2026-2027 school year at \$800 per year, to include all special

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meetings.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education approved the procedures, by-laws, and policies in effect, on the effective date of July 1, 2026, and shall continue until changed by action of the Board of Education.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education appointed depository of school funds for the 2026-2027 school year to:

Incredible Bank

General Fund
Athletic Fund
Cafeteria Fund
Capital Bond Project Fund
Debt Retirement Fund
Payroll Account
Retirement Account
Horace Mann 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
Horton Certificate of Deposit

Range Bank

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

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-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 (Zubiena-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education designated the Executive Administrative Assistant and the Superintendent as responsible for posting of public notices relative to Board meetings.

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

On motion, seconded (Loukus-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 2026-2027 school year and James Vertin as an alternate.

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Wickstrom) 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 2026-2027 school year.

This concluded the district organization meeting.

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

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the bills were approved to be paid. The General Fund bills were \$246,983.49, Athletic bills were \$10,737.55, Cafeteria bills were \$21,246.90, Community Service bills were \$1,825.00 and Public Improvement Fund bills were \$2,025.00, for a total of all invoices of \$282,817.94.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision. The General Fund showed a bank balance of \$688,621.94, plus a Money Market of \$1,944,917.43, plus a CD Balance (Restricted) of \$89,074.26, less outstanding checks of (\$145,939.52), less ORS/941/MI SUWH Transfer of (\$29,982.85), for a total General Fund balance as of June 30, 2026, of \$2,546,691.26.

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The Athletic Account showed a bank balance as of June 30, 2026, of \$53,416.71 for a total Athletic Fund of \$53,416.71.

The Cafeteria Fund showed a balance of \$49,910.10, for a total School Service Fund balance of \$103,326.81.

The Bond Debt Retirement Fund showed a bank balance of \$1,217,053.59, for a total Debt Retirement Fund balance as of June 30, 2026, of \$1,217,053.59.

Public Comment: An email from Joel Keranen was read to the Board by the Superintendent.

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

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated staff members for being nominated for a 2026 Superior Educator Award.

Leann Fogle – Long Term Substitute
Jason Goulette – CLK Elementary School Paraprofessional
Heather Hainault - CLK Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher
Elizabeth Leach - CLK Elementary School Special Education Teacher
Jaime Lishinski - CLK Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher
Rebecca Mattila - CLK Elementary School 2nd Grade Teacher
Matthew Riutta - CLK Elementary School Music Teacher
Annie Standridge - CLK Elementary School Administrative Assistant
Karen Wild - Long Term Substitute

On motion, seconded (Loukus-Zubiena) unanimous decision, the Board of Education extended a thank you to LTC Jonathan Leiter and 1SG Mark Powell for their efforts in hosting the annual Camp Keweenaw/JCLC from June 8th-12th. The Board congratulated the North Star Battalion graduates: Abigail Bausano, Halie Brady, Amara Butler, Grace Dee, Elli Harju, Liam Kenny, Jack Newman, Lucas Raymond, Delia Reynolds, and Zoe Robinson. The Board

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also congratulated Elli Harju who commanded the composite team that won the Camp Keweenaw drill competition.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Nynna Jarvi for taking 1st place in the State Level VFW Young American Creative Patriotic 2-D Art Contest.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Wickstrom) unanimous decision, the Board of Education congratulated Chief Financial Officer Amy Maki on completing the Michigan School Business Officials Business Manager Academy.

On motion, seconded (Vertin-Loukus) unanimous decision, the Board of Education hired Jamie Pelli as a Talent Together Apprentice Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education renewed the following coaching positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

Peter Anderson	7 th Grade Football
Frank Bonacorsi	Assistant H.S. Football
Frank Bonacorsi	Varsity Boys Basketball
Katie Bonacorsi	Varsity Girls Volleyball
Josh Frantti	Varsity Football
Josh Frantti	Boys Golf
Nicholas Hendrickson	JV Boys Baseball
Don Hill	Assistant Track
Don Hill	7 th & 8 th Grade Boys Basketball
Rosalie Kangas	JV Softball
Charlie Kemppainen	Varsity Girls' Basketball
Levi Kilpela	JV Boys Basketball
Arnie Kinnunen	Varsity Cross Country
Arnie Kinnunen	Varsity Boys Track
David La Cross	Bowling
Karen LaCross	High School Cheerleading
Karen LaCross	Golf
Scott Loukus	Assistant H.S. Football
Tyler Loukus	Assistant H.S. Football
Briana Meneguzzo	WMS Cheerleading
Ivan Niemi	Assistant H.S. Football
Steve Parks	Varsity Girls Track
Steve Parks	8 th Grade Football

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Callie Rastello
Joel Rastello
Tyler Rautio
Tyler Rautio
Adel Riutta
Matthew Vertin
Abe Voelker
David Yeo

7th & 8th Gr. Fundamentals VB
Softball
7th and 8th Grade Girls Track
Junior Varsity Hockey
JV Girls Basketball
Assistant Varsity Softball
Assistant Varsity Baseball
Baseball

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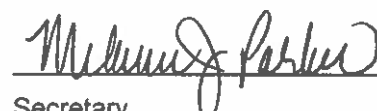
Assistant Varsity Hockey
7th Grade Girls Basketball
8th Grade Girls Basketball
7th & 8th Grade Boys' Track
CHS Assistant Track Coach

Hired at a previous meeting for 2026-2027
Varsity Hockey
JV Volleyball
9th Grade Volleyball
7th and 8th Grade Cross Country

On motion, seconded (Wickstrom-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education accepted the resignation notice of Mrs. Julie Giachino as the 7th grade girls' basketball coach effective immediately. The Board also thanked her for coaching our middle school athletes.

On motion, seconded (Zubiena-Vertin) unanimous decision, the Board of Education adjourned at 6:23 p.m.


President


Secretary