The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, March 21, 2017**, at the Intermediate Service Center, 809 Hecla Street, Hancock, Michigan, beginning at 5:34 p.m.

The meeting opened with the reciting of the **“Pledge of Allegiance.”**

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert C. Tuomi, presiding; Nels S. Christopherson; Robert L. Roy; Karen M. Johnson; Gale W. Eilola; Robert E. Loukus and Lisa A. Tarvainen.  **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Katrina Carlson, Shawn Oppliger, Kristina Penfold, Mike Richardson and George Stockero.

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT:** Jason Auel, Business Manager; and Lois Weber, Transition Coordinator.  **GUESTS PRESENT:** Chuck Palosaari, Jeffers High School Teacher; Darrell Hendrickson, Washington Middle School Teacher; one student (accompanying Ms. Weber); and Graham Jaehnig, Reporter, Daily Mining Gazette.

**LSSI CASE STUDY PRESENTATION**  
Shawn Oppliger, CCISD Math/Science Center Director, introduced Chuck Palosaari, a teacher at Jeffers High School, and Darrell Hendrickson, a teacher at the Washington Middle School, who are lead teachers for the Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative Teams at their schools. Their projects have been recognized by the EPA as exemplary work engaging students in stewardship work in their communities. They are among 11 schools in Michigan who received this honor. The EPA gave these teachers a small grant to work with the LSSI leadership team to craft case studies to describe why their work is so successful. Chuck and Darrell made a brief presentation to the Board concerning the case studies and the work their teams have done with students.

**TRAIN THE TRAINER PRESENTATION**  
Lois Weber, CCISD Transition Coordinator, brought a student to the meeting to share her experience with the Train the Trainer Program. The purpose of this program was to first bring together juniors and seniors who have learning disabilities who would be willing to help mentor and work with eighth grade student who have learning disabilities. The young lady who addressed the Board described how her confidence grew throughout the program and stated that, before the program, she could not speak in front of groups, but now was able and willing to get up in front of people and give presentations. She also enjoyed helping the eighth grade students prepare for their futures.

**AGENDA**  
It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented. It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to adopt the agenda, as presented. All yeas; motion carried.
APPROVE MINUTES 2/21/17

It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2017, be approved as presented. It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of February 21, 2017, as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

It was recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Robert Roy, that the financial statements be accepted as presented. It was moved by Mr. Roy and seconded by Mr. Loukus to accept the financial statements as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

It was recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Robert Roy, that the checks written for the month of February, 2017, be approved as presented. Mr. Roy moved and Mr. Eilola seconded to approve the checks written for the month of February, 2017, as presented.

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All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Robert Roy, that the bills as of March 21, 2017, as presented, be paid from the General Education Fund, the Special Education Fund and the REMC Fund. Mr. Roy moved and Mr. Loukus seconded to pay the bills as presented as of March 21, 2017.

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All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE CALENDAR

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve Conference Calendar dates for April through June 2017, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero.

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COMMUNICATION

Minutes from the Copper Country Superintendents’ Round Table meeting on February 24, 2017, were presented and discussed.

CCASB AWARDS

It was moved by Mr. Roy and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to submit the following nominations for the annual Copper Country Association of School Boards awards, to be presented at the Magnusen Franklin Square Inn Banquet Room in Houghton on April 19, 2017, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero.

Outstanding Education Employee Award: Kate Larsen, MiCI Program Teacher
School Service Award: Kathy Flagstadt, Michigan Rehab Services Counselor
Student Leadership Award: Karmyn Polakowski, Houghton Health Careers Student

All yeas; motion carried.
COMMUNITY AWARD NOMINATION

It was moved by Mr. Tuomi and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to nominate Mark Massicotte for the Copper Country Association of School Board Community Education Leadership Award, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

HIRE CAMP NESBIT DIRECTOR

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Eilola to hire Jennifer Beaudette as Director for the summer 2017 one-week Camp Nesbit camping session for students with disabilities, as recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and Special Education Director Christine Salo, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

CAREER TECH BLDG. FLOOR DISCUSSION

Superintendent George Stockero initiated a discussion concerning the condition of the upper east side floor at the Career Tech Center.

SEEK FLOOR REPAIR BIDS

It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Roy to seek bids for the repair of the upper east side floor at the Career Tech Center, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

RENEW ADMIN. CONTRACTS

It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve administrative contract renewals as presented, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

ADMIN. REPORTS

The Board reviewed reports submitted by the Administrative Staff.

SUPT’S. UPDATE

Superintendent George Stockero updated the Board on the status of proposed legislation pertaining to school calendars and STEM Centers. He stated that he and a group of nine other ISD Superintendents met with Representative Adam Zemke in the Lower Peninsula, and now the proposal to reduce the centers has been changed to allow for 15 (instead of 10) in the State, with three in the Upper Peninsula (instead of one as originally proposed).

Stockero also discussed his meeting with the Machine Tool class in L’Anse where he learned that students made a water pump shaft that is being used by the Village of L’Anse.

He also provided a brief review of the process for the up-coming biennial board election.

PUBLIC COMMENTS........None.
CLOSED SESSION  It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Roy to recess to closed session at 7:19 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the evaluation of the Superintendent and any other matters pertinent to the Superintendent’s evaluation. All yeas; motion carried.

OPEN SESSION  It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to reconvene to open session at 7:38 p.m. All yeas; motion carried.

SUPT. EVAL. RESULTS  It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Roy to give an evaluation rating of Highly Effective to Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

RENEW SUPT. CONTRACT  It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve renewal of the Superintendent’s contract as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT  It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Roy to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. All yeas; motion carried.

Karen M. Johnson, Secretary
Copper Country ISD Board of Education

Robert C. Tuomi, President
Copper Country ISD Board of Education