

OPENING OF MEETING 11/20/18

The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, November 20, 2018**, at the Intermediate Service Center, 809 Hecla Street, Hancock, Michigan, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nels S. Christopherson, presiding; Robert C. Tuomi (via telephone); Robert E. Loukus; Karen M. Johnson; Gale W. Eilola; Dale J. Kero; and Lisa A. Tarvainen. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None. **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Katrina Carlson, Kristina Penfold, Carla Strome and George Stockero. **OTHER STAFF PRESENT:** Jason Auel, Business Manager. **GUEST PRESENT:** Joshua Vissers, Reporter, Daily Mining Gazette.

Vice President Nels Christopherson ran the meeting, as President Robert Tuomi was participating remotely.

AGENDA

It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented. It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to adopt the agenda, as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES 10/16/18

It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting on October 16, 2018, 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 October 16, 2018, as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

It was recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Robert Loukus that the financial statements be accepted as presented. It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Johnson 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 Loukus that the checks written for the month of October 2018, be approved as presented. Mr. Loukus moved and Mr. Eilola seconded to approve the checks written for the month of October 2018, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$30,040.13
Special Education Fund	131,252.55
Career & Technical Education Fund	106,995.39
REMC Fund	<u>12,098.34</u>

Total **\$280,386.41**

All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Robert Loukus that the bills as of November 20, 2018, as presented, be paid from the General Education Fund, the Special Education Fund, the Career and Technical Education Fund and the REMC Fund. Mr. Loukus moved and Mr. Kero seconded to pay the bills as presented as of November 20, 2018.

General Education Fund	\$67,811.66
Special Education Fund	41,638.78
Career & Technical Education Fund	118,015.10
REMC Fund	<u>4,512.01</u>
Total	\$231,977.55

All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Eilola to approve the following Conference Calendar dates for November 2018 through January 2019, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Staff</u>
11/6-9	Milwaukee, WI	Midwest Conference for School-Based Speech/Language Pathologists	Jane Anderson
11/18-20	Lansing, MI	School Improvement Conference	Emily Gochis
11/28-29	Indian River, MI	Monitors Conference	Emilie Lancour
1/16-18	Lansing, MI	SLIP Mid-Winter Conference/MAASE	Katrina Carlson

All yeas; motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

Minutes from the Copper Country Superintendents’ Round Table meeting on October 26, 2018, were read and discussed.

Minutes from the Copper Country Association of School Boards meeting on November 7, 2018, were read and discussed.

A thank you note from Michigan Technological University was shared with the group. They thanked the ISD for helping to organize the community service project where MTU students went to the local schools to help them with projects.

**ADOPT ANNUAL RESOLUTION –
SUMMER PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

**ANNUAL SUMMER TAX RESOLUTION
COPPER COUNTRY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A **regular meeting** of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the **Copper Country Intermediate School District** was held in Conference Room A of the Copper Country Intermediate School District on the **20th day of November, 2018, at 5:30 o’clock p.m.** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 o’clock, p.m. by **Vice-President Nels Christopherson.**

Present: Robert C. Tuomi (via telephone), Nels S. Christopherson, Robert E. Loukus, Karen M. Johnson, Gale W. Eilola, Dale J. Kero and Lisa A. Tarvainen.

Absent: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Karen M. Johnson and supported by Member Lisa A. Tarvainen:

WHEREAS:

1. This Board of Education **by resolution of November 13, 1989**, determined to impose a summer property tax levy to collect all of school property taxes, including debt services, upon property located within the Copper Country Intermediate School District, **beginning with 1990** and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by this Board of Education; and

2. The Revised School Code, as amended, requires formal action of the Board of Education prior to January 1 every year to continue the summer tax levy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Board of Education, pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended (the “Revised School Code”), hereby invokes for 2019 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer property tax levy of all of school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the Copper Country Intermediate School District, **beginning with 1990** and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by this Board of Education and requests each city and/or township in which this district is located (and in which a local school district or city is concurrently imposing a summer property tax levy) to collect those summer taxes.

2. The Superintendent, Business Manager, or his/her designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which this district is located (and in which a local school district or city is concurrently imposing a summer property tax levy) a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis, and a copy of this resolution requesting that each such city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2019 in the amount specified in this resolution. **Said resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be forwarded so that they are received by the appropriate governing bodies before January 1, 2019.**

3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the Revised School Code, the Superintendent, Business Manager, or his/her designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of this District with the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District's summer property tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under MCLA 380.1611 or MCLA 380.1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before this Board for its approval or disapproval.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members Tuomi, Christopherson, Loukus, Johnson, Eilola, Kero and Tarvainen.

Nays: None.

Resolution declared adopted.

Karen M. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of the Copper Country Intermediate School District, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Education at a regular meeting held on November 20, 2018, the original of which is part of the Board minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the “Open Meetings Act” (1976 PA 267, as amended).

Karen M. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Education

**ACCEPT
RESIGNATION
-K. KOENIG**

It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to accept with regret the resignation of Karina Koenig, School Psychologist, effective January 11, 2019, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by

Superintendent George Stockero. Ms. Koenig has been with the district for the past two years. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPOINT PAC
MEMBER**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to appoint Bobbie Jo Holombo to another three year term as the Houghton-Portage Township School District’s representative on the CCISD Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education, as nominated by the Houghton-Portage Board of Education and recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE EXEC.
SECRETARY TO
SUPT.
-L. ROBERTS**

It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Loret Roberts as Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, effective January 1, 2019, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. Ms. Roberts has been with the District for 23 years and currently serves as General Education Secretary and Pupil Accounting Auditor. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE LC
SECRETARY
-S. TURNER**

It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Kero to hire Sara Turner as a Secretary for the Learning Center, as recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. Ms. Turner has served as an Instructional/Bus Aide for the past four years. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE GEN. ED.
SECY./PUPIL
AUDITOR
-J. JOHNSON**

It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Eilola to hire Jamie Johnson as a Secretary for the General Education Department and Pupil Accounting Auditor, as recommended by General Education Director Carla Strome, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. Ms. Johnson has served as REMC Secretary and Meeting Coordinator for the past two years. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE INST./BUS
AIDE
-K. ESKOLA**

It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Kaarina Eskola as a full-time Instructional/Bus Aide, as recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. Ms. Eskola has been serving as a temporary aide in the Mild Cognitive Impairment Program at Barkell Elementary School this school year. All yeas; motion carried.

**PURCHASE
SCHOOL BUS**

It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to purchase a 2020 IC 77-passenger (non-diesel) school bus with lift and back-up alarm from Zarembo Equipment, Inc., of Gaylord, Michigan, at a cost of \$73,245 (\$88,245 minus \$15,000 trade-in), as recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

SAFETY GRANT PRESENTATION Superintendent George Stockero informed the Board that the Copper Country ISD was granted \$204,000 for a Michigan State Police School Safety Grant, which he and Mike Richardson submitted in September. There were 407 schools that applied and 188 schools were selected, so less than half received funding. With the grant funds, the CCISD will install three major projects. The first will be a new public address system in the Career and Technical Education Center, which will have flashing lights in all the lab spaces to let students and staff who are working around loud equipment be aware of announcements. The second part of the grant is for card readers and door access. We will place card reader access on all outside doors at the CTE Center, Learning Center and main offices, as well as most inside doors, where appropriate. The last part of the grant will allow the ISD to purchase the Access Control System Software, which is the “brain” behind all the hardware.

PURCHASE SOFTWARE It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to purchase S2 Access Control System software from low bidder Newkirk Electric of Flint, Michigan, at a cost of \$31,550, as recommended by REMC Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence 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 reminded the group that at this time of the year the Legislature will soon be off for three weeks. He will be monitoring any legislative action that takes place during this “lame duck” session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.....None.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Kero to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 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