

OPENING OF MEETING The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 19, 2019**, 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:** Robert C. Tuomi, presiding; Robert E. Loukus; Karen M. Johnson; Dale J. Kero; Lisa A. Tarvainen and Nels S. Christopherson. **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Katrina Carlson, Kristina Penfold, Mike Richardson, Carla Strome, Jason Auel and George Stockero. **GUEST PRESENT:** Joshua Vissers, Reporter, Daily Mining Gazette.

READING GRANT PRESENTATION School Psychologist, Lynnette Borree gave a demonstration to the board on the reading grant that many local schools have been participating in with the University of Oregon and Michigan's Behavior and Learning Support Initiative. The focus of the project, called ECRI (Enhanced Core Reading Instruction) is on using strategies to enhance existing reading materials by increasing student engagement. The grant provided training and coaching support for teachers.

AGENDA It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted agenda with addendum 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 1/15/19 It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting on January 15, 2019, be approved as presented. It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Kero to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of January 15, 2019, 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. Tarvainen 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 January 2019, be approved as presented. Mr. Loukus moved and Mrs. Tarvainen seconded to approve the checks written for the month of January 2019, as presented.

General Education Fund \$203,726.10

Special Education Fund	79,902.76
Career & Technical Education Fund	31,012.18
REMC Fund	<u>14,576.80</u>
Total	\$329,217.84

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 February 19, 2019, 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 Mrs. Johnson seconded to pay the bills as presented as of February 19, 2019.

General Education Fund	\$84,909.75
Special Education Fund	62,969.31
Career & Technical Education Fund	51,704.46
REMC Fund	<u>4,605.08</u>
Total	\$204,188.60

All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE CALENDAR

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Christopherson to approve the following Conference Calendar dates for February through March 2019, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Staff</u>
2/7-10	Detroit	MASB Winter Institute	Robert Tuomi
3/3-5	Wisconsin Dells	Brainstorm	Derek Etheridge Will Nankervis
3/14-15	Ann Arbor	MAISA Spring Meeting	George Stockero
3/20-22	Detroit, MI	MACUL	Doug Mechlin, Anton Pinter

All yeas; motion carried.

ACCEPT BUS GARAGE BID

It was moved by Bob Loukus and seconded by Mr. Kero to award the bid to build the CCISD Bus Garage to DP Construction, Inc. of Chassell, Michigan, at the cost of \$248,820 as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero.

HIRE CTE INSTRUCTOR/PARA PRO -J. SCHULZE It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Christopherson to hire Jordan Schulze as a CTE Instructor/Para Professional, effective January 28, 2019, as recommended by CTE Director, Shawn Kolbus, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

HIRE HELPDESK TECHNICIAN -C. STOPEL It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to hire Cody Stopel as a Helpdesk Technician for REMC 1, effective February 18, 2019, as recommended by REMC1 Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

HIRE PART-TIME PERM. INSTRUCT AIDE/BUS AIDE -M. LARSON It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Michelle Larson as a Part-time, Permanent Instructional Aide/Bus Aide, effective February 19, 2019, as recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. Ms. Hirzel is an ABA Technician and has a BS in Psychology. All yeas; motion carried.

CCASB AWARDS DISCUSSION Discussion took place concerning nominations for this year’s Copper Country Association of School Boards awards, which will be presented at a ceremony at the banquet room at the Magnuson Inn (Franklin Square) in Houghton on April 17, 2019. Nominations for the Community Education Leadership Award are due on March 20 and the employee, student and school service awards are due on April 5.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION -J. TICAR It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Kero to accept with regret the resignation of Jezzel Ticar, School Psychologist, effective April 1, 2019, as recommended by Special Education Director, Kristina Penfold with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

ADMIN. REPORTS The Board reviewed reports submitted by the Administrative Staff. Presentations by Lynnette Borree.

SUPT’S. UPDATE Superintendent George Stockero discussed that Gov. Whitmer said Michigan has seen the lowest growth in education spending in 25 years, and per-pupil revenue has fallen by 15 percent in the same time. Gov. Witmer wants to create the MI Opportunity Scholarship. This will offer two years debt-free community college or two years tuition assistance at a four-year college or university for students who qualify.

The Career Tech Center hosted sophomores and juniors to visit each program for 15 minutes in the 8 different classes offered in Houghton County. Each teacher gave a presentation on their class. Students were

given the opportunity to sign up for more in-depth tours at a later date. Overall the tours were successful and garnered positive comments. Cost for transportation was paid for by a grant from the Western Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Initiative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.....None.

CLOSED SESSION -SUPT. EVAL. It was moved by Mr.Kero and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to recess to closed session at 6:17 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. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Kero to reconvene to open session at 6:54 p.m. All yeas; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. All yeas; motion carried.

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

Robert C. Tuomi, President
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