

**OPENING OF MEETING  
12/17/19**

The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, December 17, 2019**, at the Intermediate Service Center, 809 Hecla Street, Hancock, Michigan, beginning at 5:35 p.m.

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

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nels S. Christopherson, presiding; Gale W. Eilola; Robert E. Loukus; Karen M. Johnson; Dale J. Kero; Timothy Paolsaari and Lisa A. Tarvainen. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None  
**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kristina Penfold, Mike Richardson, Shawn Kolbus, Jason Auel and George Stockero. **GUEST PRESENT:** Debbie Bradford

**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 Mr. Eilola to adopt the agenda, as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES  
11/19/19**

It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting on November 19, 2019, be approved as presented. It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Kero to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of November 19, 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. Eilola 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 November 2019, be approved as presented. Mr. Loukus moved and Mrs. Tarvainen seconded to approve the checks written for the month of November 2019, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$452,466.12
Special Education Fund	199,498.95
Career & Technical Education Fund	80,270.96
REMC Fund	<u>64,273.48</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$796,509.51</b>

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 December 17, 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 Mr. Eilola seconded to pay the bills as presented as of December 17, 2019.

General Education Fund	\$69,797.83
Special Education Fund	106,489.61
Career & Technical Education Fund	10,889.72
REMC Fund	<u>9,647.55</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$196,764.71</b>

All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE CALENDAR**

It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the following Conference Calendar dates for January through March 2020, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Staff</u>
1/6-8	Lansing, MI	MICIFN	Carla Strome
1/13-16	Lansing, MI	OCTE Data & Grant Discussion	Shawn Kolbus
1/16-17	Lansing, MI	SLIP Winter Conference	Katrina Carlson
1/20-23	Lansing, MI	MSBO Financial Strategies Conf.	Jason Auel
1/26-29	Grand Rapids, MI	Career Education Conference	Shawn Kolbus
3/11-14	Grand Rapids, MI	MACUL Conference	Steve Kass

All yeas; motion carried.

**COMMUNICATION**

Minutes from the Copper Country Superintendents’ Round Table meeting on November 22, 2019, were read and discussed.

CTE Director Shawn Kolbus shared details from the annual Non-Traditional Day at the CTE Center. 89 sophomore girls from eight local high schools came to the CTE to visit Auto Tech, Construction Trades, Welding Class and the Engineering Class. The attendance grew about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> from last year.

- ACCEPT 2018-19  
AUDIT REPORT** Debbie Bradford, Auditor from the firm of Rukkila, Negro and Associates, P.C., was present to discuss the audit report and answer any questions. It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mr. Loukus to accept the 2018-19 audit report as presented and place it on file, as recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Robert Loukus and Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.
- CHANGE JAN.  
MTG. DATE** It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Eilola to change the date for the next regular meeting to Thursday, January 30, 2020, a 5:30 p.m., as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.
- ACCEPT  
RESIGNATION  
-M. KAIPIO** It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to accept with regret the resignation of Mary Kaipio, REMC1 Secretary and Meeting Coordinator, effective December 13, 2019, as recommended by REMC1 Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero, All yeas; motion carried.
- HIRE REMC  
SECRETARY/  
MTG. COORD.  
-M. POWELL** It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to hire Mariah Powell as REMC1 Secretary and Meeting Coordinator, effective December 11, 2019, as recommended by REMC1 Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.
- HIRE SYSTEM  
ENGINEER  
-D. WAYE** It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Eilola to hire David Waye as a System Engineer for REMC 1, effective January 2, 2020, as recommended by REMC Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.
- HIRE  
INSTRUC./BUS  
AIDE  
-D. VERRAN** It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Loukus to hire Dale Verran as a full-time, permanent Instructional/Bus Aide, effective December 17, 2019, as recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.
- HIRE  
INSTRUC./BUS  
AIDE  
-H. L'ESPERANCE** It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Heather L'Esperance as a full-time, permanent Instructional/Bus Aide, effective December 17, 2019, as recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**PURCHASE  
THREAT MGT.  
APPLIANCE** It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Eilola to purchase Fortinet Unified Threat Management appliance with 5 years of support and licensing from Delta Network Services of Bloomfield Twp, MI for an amount not to exceed \$747,822.50, as recommended by REMC1 Director Mike Richardson with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero.

**APPROVE EMG.  
RESPONSE  
GUIDE** It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Loukus to approve the updated Emergency Response Guide, submitted and recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and 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

**SUPT'S. UPDATE** Superintendent George Stockero reported about the recent Michigan Legislative supplemental agreements. 1) Funding for isolated or rural districts. 2) The State will fund Literacy Coaches. We will post for a second Literacy Coach in the Spring of 2020. 3) Legislator added language that states the Lawmakers will need to pass and present appropriations bills for the upcoming fiscal year to the Governor by July 2020.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.....**None.

**ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Palosaari to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. All yeas; motion carried.

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

Dr. Nels S. Christopherson, President  
Copper Country ISD Board of Education