

**OPENING OF MEETING
7/21/2020**

The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its organizational and regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, July 21, 2020**, 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; Gale W. Eilola; Karen M. Johnson; Dale J. Kero; Lisa A. Tarvainen.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY: Robert E. Loukus, Timothy Palosaari **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

George Stockero, Mike Richardson.

AGENDA & ADDENDUM

It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted agenda, with addendum, 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.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Superintendent George Stockero presided for the election of the President and called for nominations.

PRESIDENT

It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Palosaari that Karen Johnson be nominated for President, and that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Karen Johnson for President. All yeas; motion carried.

President Johnson assumed the chair at this point and continued with the remaining portion of the meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT

It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Kero that Gale Eilola be nominated for Vice-President, and that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Gale Eilola for Vice-President. All yeas; motion carried.

TREASURER

It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Kero that Nels Christopherson be nominated for Treasurer, and that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Nels Christopherson for Treasurer. All yeas; motion carried.

SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Mr. Eilola that Dale Kero be nominated for Secretary, and that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Dale Kero for Secretary. All yeas; motion carried.

**BOARD MTG.
CALENDAR**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Eilola that all remaining meetings for 2020-2021 be held on the third Tuesday of the month beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Copper Country ISD’s Conference Room A, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero.

Board meeting dates follow:

- July 21, 2020
- August 18, 2020
- September 15, 2020
- October 20, 2020
- November 17, 2020
- December 15, 2020
- January 19, 2021
- February 16, 2021
- March 16, 2021
- April 20, 2021
- May 18, 2021
- June 15, 2021

All yeas; motion carried.

**APPOINT
ATTORNEY**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to appoint the Thrun Law Firm, P.C., of Lansing, Michigan, for matters regarding General School Laws, Special Education and Section 504 issues, Bonding and Elections for the 2020-2021 school year, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**BANKS &
SIGNATURES**

It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to deposit our payroll funds in the Superior National Bank, Hancock; and all remaining funds in the Superior National Bank, Hancock; Range Bank, Houghton; and Michigan Liquid Asset Trust. The Board also gave authorization to the Superintendent, Treasurer, Business Manager, Assistant Business Manager, and Executive Secretary to the Superintendent to sign checks, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**AUTHORIZE
ELECTRONIC
TRANSFERS/
DESIGNEE**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to authorize electronic transfers of district funds and to designate Jason Auel, Business Manager, and Jeff Klein, Assistant Business Manager, as the officials authorized to make electronic transfers for the Board, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

- APPOINT AUDITOR** It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to appoint the firm of Rukkila, Negro and Associates, CPAs, P.C., as the District’s Auditor for the 2020-2021 school year, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. 6 yeas, 1 abstain; motion carried.
- REMC BOARD APPOINTMENTS** President Karen Johnson made the following appointments to the REMC Policy Board for the 2020-2021 school year: Gale Eilola, Nels Christopherson and Lisa Tarvainen and Timothy Palosaari as alternate.
- CC ASSOC. OF SCHOOL BOARDS** It was moved by Mr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to appoint Nels Christopherson as the CCISD’s representative to the Copper Country Association of School Boards, and Dale Kero as alternate, for the 2020-2021 school year. All yeas; motion carried.
- MASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY** It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Loukus to certify Karen Johnson as the CCISD’s voting delegate to the Michigan Association of School Boards’ 2020 Delegate Assembly, with Dale Kero as alternate. All yeas; motion carried.
- DESIGNATE SUPT’S. BACKUP** It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to designate Kristina Penfold, Director of Special Education, to handle district responsibilities of George Stockero, Superintendent, in his absence; and to designate Katrina Carlson to serve in this capacity if Ms. Penfold is unavailable, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. These responsibilities would include, but not be limited to: representing, making decisions for, and signing documents on behalf of the Superintendent. All yeas; motion carried.
- REGULAR MONTHLY MTG. AGENDA ITEMS** The reorganization items being concluded, the Board then proceeded with the regular monthly meeting agenda items.
- APPROVE MINUTES 6/16/2020** It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2020, be approved as presented. It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of June 16, 2020, 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 June 2020, be approved as presented. Mr. Loukus moved and Dr. Christopherson seconded to approve the checks written for the month of June 2020, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$749,090.03
Special Education Fund	347,753.28
Career & Technical Education Fund	130,308.57
REMC Fund	<u>99,610.74</u>
Total	\$1,326,762.62

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 July 21, 2020, 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 Dr. Christopherson seconded to pay the bills as presented as of July 21, 2020.

General Education Fund	\$19,145.01
Special Education Fund	6,864.61
Career & Technical Education Fund	20,187.40
REMC Fund	<u>19,613.85</u>
Total	\$65,810.87

All yeas; motion carried.

AWARD ROOF BID

It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Mr. Kero to award a bid for re-roofing of the west wing of the 809 Hecla Street facility to low bidder, Lake State Roofing, Inc. of Iron Mountain, MI, for the cost of \$162,780.18, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero, All yeas; motion carried.

CHANGE AUG. MTG. DATE

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Eilola to change the date for the next regular meeting to Tuesday, August 11, 2020, a 5:30 p.m., as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION -K. ESKOLA

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Eilola to accept with regret the resignation of Kaarina Eskola, Instructional/Bus Aid, effective June 10, 2020, as recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION -D. WAYE

It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Mr. Kero to accept with regret the resignation of David Way, REMC1 System Engineer, effective July 10, 2020, as recommended by REMC1 Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero, All yeas; motion carried.

- ACCEPT RESIGNATION -C. SAYEN** It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Mr. Kero to accept with regret the resignation of Christopher Sayen, Custodian effective July 1, 2020, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero, All yeas; motion carried.
- HIRE SYSTEM ENGINEER -H. SARGENT** It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Hayley Sargent as a System Engineer for REMC 1, effective July 9, 2020, as recommended by REMC Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.
- RENEW REHAB ROOM CONTRACT** It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Palosaari to renew the 2020-2021 rental agreement for office space for the Michigan Rehabilitation Services Counselor, Department of Health and Human Services, at the rate of \$1.00 per year, with the State of Michigan, Department of Technology, Management & Budget, Lansing, MI, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero, All yeas; motion carried.
- HIRE CUSTODIAN -I. FIGURES** It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Ian Figures, part-time custodian effective July 20, 2020, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero, All yeas; motion carried.
- ADMIN.** The Board reviewed reports submitted by the General Education Office, and REMC1.
- SUPT’S. UPDATE** Superintendent George Stockero informed the board that he has set up multiple meetings between all the local superintendents and the health department to work on each schools preparedness plan.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS.....None.**
- ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. All yeas; motion carried.

Dale Kero, Secretary
Copper Country ISD Board of Education

Karen Johnson, President
Copper Country ISD Board of Education