

**OPENING OF MEETING  
9/15/2020**

The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, September 15, 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:** Karen M. Johnson, presiding; Gale W. Eilola, Nels S. Christopherson, and Lisa A. Tarvainen. **MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Dale J. Kero and Timothy Palosaari **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Auel, Mike Richardson and George Stockero. **PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Kristina Penfold, Shawn Kolbus, **GUESTS:** Joshua Vissers Reporter, Daily Mining Gazette

**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  
8/11/2020**

It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting on August 11, 2020, be approved as presented. It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of August 11, 2020, as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

It was recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Nels Christopherson that the financial statements be accepted as presented. It was moved by Dr, Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Palosaari 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 Nels Christopherson that the checks written for the month of August 2020, be approved as presented. Dr. Christopherson moved and Mrs. Tarvainen seconded to approve the checks written for the month of August 2020, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$648,097.28
Special Education Fund	182,634.99
Career & Technical Education Fund	16,412.07
REMC Fund	<u>504,601.76</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,351,746.10</b>

All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

It was recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Nels Christopherson that the bills as of September 15, 2020, as presented, be paid from the General Education Fund, the Special Education Fund, the Career and Technical Education Fund and the REMC Fund. Dr. Christopherson moved and Mrs. Tarvainen seconded to pay the bills as presented as of September 15, 2020.

General Education Fund	\$102,441.67
Special Education Fund	113,558.36
Career & Technical Education Fund	31,534.06
REMC Fund	<u>55,739.05</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$303,273.14</b>

All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE EXT. LEARNING PLAN**

It was moved by Mr. Eilola, and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the State of Michigan’s PA-149 Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan, as recommend by the CCISD Administration Team with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE TEACHER LTR AGREEMENT**

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Palosaari to approve a one year Letter of Agreement between the CCIEA, the CCESP and the CCISD for the 2020-2021 school year as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero, All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE HIRE HC/CNA TEACH. ASSISTANT -H. JOHNSON**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Eilola to hire Heather Johnson as the Health Careers/CNA Teaching Assistant for CTE as recommended by Career Tech Director Shawn Kolbus with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE AMERICORPS CONTRACT**

It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Mr. Eilola to approve a contract with Superior AmeriCorps for assignment of one AmeriCorps member to provide literacy/reading services to CCISD students in special education programs at the Copper Country Learning Center and Barkell Elementary School at a cost of \$6000 for the 2020-2021 school year, as recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**RENEW MICH. REHAB. CASH MATCH**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to renew the agreement to provide a local cash match payment of \$17,550 to Michigan Rehabilitation Services for funding to provide transitional services for eligible special education students in the three-county area, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried

**APPROVE BLDG. INSPECTOR AUTHORITY** It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve having a local inspector take over inspections from the State inspector with regard to renovations to the Career and Technical Education Center, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE HOSA COORDINATORS -A. HERMANSON -L. MAKI** It was moved by Mr. Eilola seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Amanda Hermanson and Lorie Maki as the HOSA Coordinators for the 2020-2021 school year with an annual stipend of \$500, as recommended by Career Tech Director, Shawn Kolbus, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION -W. GREEN** It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to accept with regret the resignation of William Green, Truancy Officer as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION -K. TERVO** It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to accept with regret the resignation of Kristin Tervo, Instructional/Bus Aide as recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPOINT BOARD MEMBER -A. LOUKUS** Members reviewed applications for the vacancy on the Board created by the retirement of Robert Loukus. It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Mr. Kero to appoint Dr. Adam Loukus to fill the vacancy on the Board until the June 7, 2021, election. All yeas; motion carried.

**ACCEPT RETIREMENT OF SUPT.** It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Eilola to accept with regret the retirement resignation of Superintendent George G. Stockero, Jr., effective June 30, 2021. All yeas; motion carried.

**ADMIN. REPORTS** The Board reviewed reports submitted by the Administrative Staff

**SUPT’S. UPDATE** Mr. Stockero believes that the local districts will not see a cut in their foundation. The budget must be decided by October 1, 2020.

Mr. Stockero also noted that the Portage Health Foundation made a donation of \$15,900 for additional supplies needed for the COVID Response and Reopening Plan.

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

**ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. All yeas; motion carried.

Dale J. Kero, Secretary  
Copper Country ISD Board of Education

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