

OPENING OF MEETING 11/17/2020

The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, November 17, 2020**, at the Intermediate Service Center, 809 Hecla Street, Hancock, Michigan, beginning at 5:31 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen M. Johnson, presiding; Dale J. Kero, Adam Loukus and Lisa A. Tarvainen. **MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Nels S. Christopherson, Gale W. Eilola, Timothy Palosaari **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Auel, Mike Richardson, Carla Strome and George Stockero. **PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Katrina Carlson, Shawn Kolbus, and Kristina Penfold, **GUESTS:** None

AGENDA & ADDENDUM

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

APPROVE MINUTES 10/20/2020

It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting on October 20, 2020, be approved as presented. It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of October 20, 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. Eilola to accept the financial statements as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

Trustee Timothy Palosaari entered the meeting at 5:35p.m.

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 October 2020, be approved as presented. Dr. Christopherson moved and Mrs. Tarvainen seconded to approve the checks written for the month of October 2020, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$464,545.88
Special Education Fund	407,311.37
Career & Technical Education Fund	71,691.98
REMC Fund	<u>71,508.46</u>
Total	\$1,015,057.69

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 November 17, 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 Mr. Eilola seconded to pay the bills as presented as of November 17, 2020.

General Education Fund	\$40,300.51
Special Education Fund	53,732.02
Career & Technical Education Fund	106,745.66
REMC Fund	<u>82,555.68</u>
Total	\$283,333.87

All yeas; motion carried.

**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 B of the Copper Country Intermediate School District on the 17th day of November, 2020, at 5:30 o’clock p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:31o’clock, p.m. by President Karen Johnson.

Present: Nels S. Christopherson, Gale W. Eilola, Adam R. Loukus, Karen M. Johnson, Dale J. Kero, Timothy Paolsaari and Lisa A. Tarvainen

Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Lisa A. Tarvainen and supported by Member Adam R. Loukus:

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, and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by this Board of Education; and

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 2021 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, 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 2021 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, 2021.**

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: Nels S. Christopherson, Gale W. Eilola, Adam R. Loukus, Karen M. Johnson, Dale J. Kero, Timothy Paolsaari and Lisa A. Tarvainen

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Dale Kero, 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 17, 2020, 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).

Dale Kero, Secretary, Board of Education

**APPROVE
POSTING OF
SUPT. POSITION**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Kero to approve the action of posting the Superintendent Position by the Employment Search and Application Process, advertising with MASA, local news sources for the amount of \$1827.00 and on-line, effective November 18, 2020 through January 15, 2021, as presented by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE NOV.
LEARNING PLAN**

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson, and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the monthly Reconfirmation of the Extended COVID-19 Learning, as recommend by the CCISD Administration Team with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**ACCEPT
RETIREMENT
-S. BARATONO**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Kero to accept with regret the retirement resignation of Susan Baratono, Special Education Teacher at the Copper Country Learning Center, effective December 31, 2020, as recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. Ms. Baratono has been with the CCISD for 19 years. All yeas; motion carried.

**ACCEPT
RETIREMENT
-G. STOCKWELL**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Loukus to accept with regret the retirement resignation of Gwendolyn Stockwell, School Psychologist at the Copper Country Learning Center, effective January 29, 2021, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. Ms. Stockwell has been with the CCISD for 23 years. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE
CHANGE**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Eilola to approve to change the method of adopting NEOLA Policies from a two-step action of First Adoption/Final Adoption to a one-step action of a Final Adoption as recommended by MASB with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**FINAL ADOPTION
NEOLA POLICIES**

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr Eilola to approve the final adoption of the following revised policies in NEOLA Volume 35, Number 1, October 2020 Update, as recommended by NEOLA, Inc., as also recommended by Superintendent George Stockero:

Regular Update:

- Revised Policy 4362.01: Support Staff – *Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members*
- Revised Policy 5610: Students – *Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion of Students*
- Revised Policy 5611: Students – *Due Process Rights*
- Revised Policy 7400: Property – *Facility Security*

All yeas; motion carried.

**ACCEPT
RETIREMENT
-D. SPORBERT**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to accept with regret the retirement resignation of Donna Sporbert, Instruction Aide at the Copper Country Learning Center, effective November 30, 2020, as recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. Ms. Sporbert was with the CCISD for 25 years. All yeas; motion carried.

**ADOPT
NEW POLICY**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to adopt the new board policy Temporary Remote Works Policy for MIOSHA Compliance for the 2020-2021 school year only, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**BOARD
THANK YOUS
-SPEECH PATH.**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Kero to send a thank you to all Speech/Language Pathologists who stepped up to assist students while one of the staff was out on sick leave. All yeas; motion carried.

**BOARD
THANK YOUS
-CORE BOARD**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to send a thank you and kudos to all involved in the Core Board Project located at Barkell Elementary playground, to better help students communicate. This was a project between Special Education and Career and Technical Education. All yeas; motion carried.

**ADMIN.
REPORTS**

The Board reviewed reports submitted by the Administrative Staff

SUPT'S. UPDATE

Superintendent George Stockero updated the board on COVID-19 Updates with LEA Superintendents, Health Department and Hospitals.

Stockero discussed with the board, surveys to be sent out in Superintendent Search Process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.....None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 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