

**OPENING OF
VIRTUAL
MEETING
1/19/2021**

The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021**, virtually, beginning at 5:31 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY: Karen M. Johnson, presiding; Nels S. Christopherson, Gale W. Eilola, Dale J. Kero, Adam Loukus, Timothy Palosaari and Lisa A. Tarvainen. **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** George Stockero, Mike Richardson, Jason Auel, Kristina Penfold, Katrina Carlson, Carla Strome, and Shawn Kolbus, **GUEST PRESENT:** David Narhi

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. Palosaari to adopt the agenda, as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE
MINUTES
12/15/2020**

It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting on December 15, 2020, be approved as presented. It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Eilola to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of December 15, 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 Dr. Loukus 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 December 2020, be approved as presented. Dr. Christopherson moved and Mr. Kero seconded to approve the checks written for the month of December 2020, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$7,892,437.63
Special Education Fund	67,557.52
Career & Technical Education Fund	34,118.80
REMC Fund	<u>28,543.36</u>
Total	\$8,022,657.31

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 January 19, 2021, 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 January 19, 2021.

General Education Fund	\$35,819.03
Special Education Fund	113,255.30
Career & Technical Education Fund	62,530.17
REMC Fund	<u>29,359.49</u>
Total	\$240,963.99

All yeas; motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

A. Certificate of Excellence to the Copper County ISD for achieving a 100% Pass Rate for School Bus Safety Inspections for 2019-2020 School Calendar Year.

It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to send a thank you and congratulation letter to the Transportation Director and his staff. All yeas; motion carried.

B. Mrs. Kay Latvala donated 46 knitted hats for school children. It was a way for her to pass the time during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to send a thank you Mrs. Latvala. All yeas; motion carried.

C. Donation to KEDA for Scholarship Program Silent Auction Thank you.

D. Thank you to the Board from Donna Sporbert, who retired in November, 2020.

BOARD RECOGNITION

January is School Board Recognition Month. Superintendent George Stockero thanked the board for their countless hours of dedication and work on the behalf of the 6,500 students in the Copper Country.

APPROVE DEC. LEARNING PLAN

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

- HIRE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL -A. BENNETT** It was moved by Mr. Kero, and seconded by Mr. Palosaari to hire Amber Bennett as a Mental Health Professional, as recommended by General Education Director Carla Strome, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.
- HIRE MENTAL HEALTH SER. SPECIALIST -A. KALCICH** It was moved by Mr. Eilola, and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Andrew Kalcich as a Mental Health Services Specialist, as recommended by General Education Director Carla Strome, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.
- HIRE MENTAL HEALTH SER. SPECIALIST -A. RICHMOND** It was moved by Mr. Eilola, and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Allison Richmond as a Mental Health Services Specialist, as recommended by General Education Director Carla Strome, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.
- APPROVE ENG. SERVICES** It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Dr. Loukus to approve the engineering services of Traverse Engineering Services, PC, not to exceed \$8950 for the proposal of removal, replacement and drainage improvements to the Auto Tech classroom floor as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero, All yeas; motion carried.
- APPROVE EXTENDED EPSLA PAY** It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Kero to extend Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) pay through March 31, 2021 as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero, All yeas; motion carried.
- HIRE HELPDESK TECHICIAN -M. HEINONEN** It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Eilola to hire Mark Heinonen as a Helpdesk Technician for REMC1 as recommended by REMC Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.
- APPROVE BEHAVIOR SER. AGREEMENT** It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Loukus to approve an agreement between Functional Behavior Services, LLC and the Copper Country ISD for Behavior Support Services as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motioned carried.
- ADMIN. REPORTS** The Board reviewed reports submitted by the Administrative Staff.
- SUPT’S. UPDATE** Superintendent George Stockero reported that the legislature is not meeting due to the unrest in the country. Stockero was also instrumental in coordinating COVID-19 vaccinations for the local schools in our service area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.....None.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mr. Kero to adjourn the meeting at 6:17p.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