

**OPENING OF
VIRTUAL
MEETING
2/16/2021**

The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 16, 2021**, virtually, beginning at 5:34 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:** Maria Campioni

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

**APPROVE
MINUTES
1/19/2021**

It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting on January 19, 2021, be approved as presented. It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of January 19, 2021, 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.

**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 January 2021, be approved as presented. Dr. Christopherson moved and Mrs. Tarvainen seconded to approve the checks written for the month of January 2021, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$631,679.30
Special Education Fund	192,563.53
Career & Technical Education Fund	89,156.14
REMC Fund	<u>56,779.73</u>
Total	\$970,178.70

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 February 16, 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 Mr. Eilola seconded to pay the bills as presented as of February 16, 2021.

General Education Fund	\$29,565.90
Special Education Fund	65,070.66
Career & Technical Education Fund	63,254.32
REMC Fund	<u>38,401.72</u>
Total	\$196,292.60

All yeas; motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

Minutes from the Copper Country Superintendents’ Round Table meeting on January 15, 2021, were read and discussed.

Letter of thanks from MiMTSS Director Steve Goodman, Ph.D. praising ISD Staff Member, Lynnette Borree.

It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Kero to send a letter of recognition and thank you to Lynnette Borree. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVE FEB. LEARNING PLAN

It was moved by Dr. Loukus, and seconded by Mr. Palosaari 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.

APPROVE REV. 2020-2021 CTE BUDGET

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the revised Career and Technical Education budget for 2020-2021, as recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel and Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

MASB ELECTION

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Dr. Christopherson that the Board cast their vote in February 2021, for Bradley Baltensperger to be the candidate to represent Region I for a three-year term on the MASB Board of Directors. All yeas; motion carried.

ACCEPT RETIREMENT -D. LUND

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Palosaari to accept with regret the retirement resignation of Doris Lund, Instructional Aide for the Community Transition Program, effective June 11, 2021, as recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. Ms. Lund has been with the CCISD for 16 years. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE
RE-APPOINT
PAC MEMBER**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Dr. Loukus to appoint Amanda Wais to an additional three years term (2021-2024) on the Copper Country ISD Parent Advisory for Special Education, Representing Grant Township School District #2, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE
CUSTODIAN
-J. ERVA**

It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Jason Erva as a Custodian effective February 8, 2021, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE
CUSTODIAN
-K. MARIN**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Loukus to hire Kris Marin as a Custodian effective February 12, 2021, as recommended by Career Tech Director, Shawn Kolbus with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE HELPDESK
TECHICIAN
-J. RHEAULT**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Kero to hire Josh Rheault as a Helpdesk Technician for REMC1, effective February 15, 2021, as recommended by REMC Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE CERT.
O/T ASSIST.
-K GILBERT**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Palosaari to hire Kareen Gilbert as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, effective February 17, 2021, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**ADOPT
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION TO PERMIT SCHOOL BOARDS TO MEET IN PERSON
Copper Country Intermediate School District
Houghton County, Michigan**

The following resolution were offered by Member Mr. Palosaari and supported by Member Mrs. Tarvainen.

WHEREAS, school districts have been strongly encouraged to begin offering in-person instruction by March 1, 2021 and each local school board has the responsibility to make that ultimate decision for their school district, and

WHEREAS, Copper Country Intermediate School District has worked diligently to prepare for and implement the return to in-person learning for all students in grades PreK, K-12 and post-secondary; and

WHEREAS, all students and staff are permitted by the state of Michigan, including the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, to attend school in person; and

WHEREAS, members of school boards are the only individuals within their school districts who are not permitted to meet in person; and

WHEREAS, requiring school boards to meet virtually while encouraging students to attend school in person and for staff to work in person sends a mixed message to our community and staff, and

WHEREAS, Copper Country Intermediate School District would like the ability to meet in person with strong health and safety mitigation measures in place that are consistent with measures taken for all other school classes and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Copper Country Intermediate School District requests that MDHHS and the Governor allow school boards to have the options to meet virtually, in-person or a combination of the two beginning immediately.

All yeas; Motion declared adopted.

Dale J. Kero, Secretary
Board of Education

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Education, Copper Country Intermediate School District, Houghton County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education, Copper Country Intermediate School District, Houghton County, Michigan, at its regular meeting held on February 16, 2021, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of MI, 1976, as amended).

Dale J. Kero, Secretary
Board of Education

**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.

**ADMIN.
REPORTS**

The Board reviewed reports submitted by the Administrative Staff.

SUPT’S. UPDATE

Superintendent George Stockero updated the Board that the Governor came out with next years budget and there is more money going into education.

Mr. Stockero notified the board that although he is retiring, they will still have to evaluate him in March. He will submit an overview of his 2020-2021 school year plan as well as overall career here at the CCISD.

The CCISD coordinated the virtual area-wide in-service day to be held Friday, February 19, 2021, with trained Developmental Psychologist, Dr. Stephanie Grant.

The CCISD has been instrumental in getting area educators vaccinated with the COVID-19 Vaccine. It went very well and the second shot is scheduled for all area educators on Friday, February 19, 2021.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Mrs. Campioni addressed the Superintendent and the Board to voice her displeasure on school not being canceled three times last week due to weather conditions.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Palosaari to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 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