

**OPENING OF MEETING
3/16/2021**

The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, March 16, 2021**, 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; Nels S. Christopherson, Gale W. Eilola, Adam Loukus, Timothy Palosaari and Lisa A. Tarvainen. **MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Dale J. Kero. **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** George Stockero, Mike Richardson, Jason Auel, Kristina Penfold, Katrina Carlson, Carla Strome, and Shawn Kolbus, **GUEST PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Debbie Bradford

PUBLIC COMMENTS.....None.

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.

**APPROVE MINUTES
2/16/2021**

It was recommended by Superintendent George Stockero that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting on February 16, 2021, be approved as presented. It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Palosaari to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of February 16, 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 Mrs. Tarvainen 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 February 2021, be approved as presented. Dr. Christopherson moved and Mr. Eilola seconded to approve the checks written for the month of February 2021, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$449,148.97
Special Education Fund	135,521.49
Career & Technical Education Fund	75,991.92
REMC Fund	<u>54,869.79</u>
Total	\$715,532.17

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 March 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 Mrs. Tarvainen seconded to pay the bills as presented as of March 16, 2021.

General Education Fund	\$53,065.46
Special Education Fund	53,968.32
Career & Technical Education Fund	8,703.90
REMC Fund	<u>49,055.35</u>
Total	\$164,793.03

All yeas; motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

Minutes from the Copper Country Superintendents’ Round Table meeting on February 26, 2021, were read and discussed.

31n Audit Letter was read and discussed.

ACCEPT 2019-2021 AUDIT REPORT

Debbie Bradford, Auditor from the firm of Rukkila, Negro and Associates, P.C., was present virtually to discuss the audit report and answer any questions. It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Dr. Loukus to accept the 2019-2020 audit report as presented and place it on file, as recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Nels Christopherson and Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVE MAR. LEARNING PLAN

It was moved by Mr. Kero 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.

CCASB CELA NOMINATION

It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Dr. Loukus to submit the nomination for Portage Health Foundation for the annual Copper Country Association of School Boards Community Education Leadership Award, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

HIRE SYSTEM ENGINEER -K. KUJALA-KORPELA

It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Kyle Kujala-Korpela as a Temporary Remote System Engineer for REMC 1, effective March 22, 2021, as recommended by REMC1 Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**ACCEPT
CARPET BID
FOR L.C.**

It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to accept the bid from Kirkish Furniture for the amount of \$34,873.10 for removal and disposal of existing carpet and installing of new carpet tiles in the Learning Center, as recommended by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE
MOVING PSSD
CLASSROOM
TO CLK SCHOOLS**

It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to move the Elementary PSSD Classroom to CLK Elementary for the 2021-2022 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.

**APPROVE
CCISD L.C.
CURRICULUM**

It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Mr. Eilola to approve the Copper Country Learning Center Curriculum. The Curriculum is aligned with the Michigan Alternate Content Expectations for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Each student’s Individualized Education Plan determines the range of complexity a student will be working toward. Life Skills, Physical Education, Art, and Music classes enhance the core academic subjects. As recommended by Special Education Supervisor Katrina Carlson and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

**NEW SUPER.
INTERVIEW
DISCISSION**

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Kero to interview four of the ten candidates. REMC1 Director Michael Richardson, L’Anse Superintendent Susan Tollefson, Baraga Superintendent Richard Sarau and Stanton Superintendent James Rautiola. Letters will be sent to the other candidates that will not be interviewed. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE
CONTRACT
w/MHP**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to approve the contracting of Kristine Maki, Mental Health Professional through WillSub on an as needed basis for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year as recommended by General Education Director Carla Strome with concurrence 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 discussed legislative updates and updated the board on the progress of the June MAISA Summer Conference held in Houghton

CLOSED SESSION -SUPT. EVAL. It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to recess to closed session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the evaluation of the Superintendent and any other matters pertinent to the Superintendent’s evaluation. All yeas; motion carried.

OPEN SESSION It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Palosaari to reconvene to open session at 6:47p.m. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVE MIN CLOSED SESSION It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to approve the minutes of the closed session on March 17, 2020, as presented. All yeas; motion carried

SUPT. EVAL. It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to give an evaluation rating of Highly Effective to Superintendent George Stockero. All yeas; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 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