

OPENING OF MEETING 4/19/2022

The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 19, 2022**, 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: Gale Eilola, presiding; Nels S. Christopherson, Adam R. Loukus and Lisa A. Tarvainen. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karen M. Johnson, Dale J. Kero, Timothy J. Palosaari **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Rautiola, Jason Auel, Shawn Kolbus, Kristina Penfold, Mike Richardson, Carla Strome. **GUEST PRESENT** Josh Hiner, Steve Kass, Maren Rouleau

PUBLIC COMMENTS...None

PEER MENTOR/ UNIFIED B BALL GAME UPDATES

Maren Rouleau presented to the Board about Peer Mentoring at Hancock High School. Peer mentors work with one or more students with special needs throughout the Middle School and High School each period of the day. The popularity of this class has grown over the years. In the past four years, 289 students have taken the Peer Mentor class.

The third annual Special Olympics Unified Champion Basketball game will be held April 20, 2022, at 1:00 in the Hancock High School.

AGENDA

It was recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented. It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to adopt the agenda, as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES 3/15/2022

It was recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting on March 15, 2022, be approved as presented. It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of March 15, 2022, as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF CLOSED MTG.

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Dr. Loukus to approve the minutes of the closed meeting held on March 15, 2022. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MTG.

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Loukus to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on March 23, 2022. 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 March 2022, be approved as presented. Dr. Christopherson moved and Mrs. Tarvainen seconded to approve the checks written for the month of March 2022, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$606,024.45
Special Education Fund	133,558.68
Career & Technical Education Fund	49,339.62
REMC Fund	<u>51,956.04</u>
Total	\$840,878.79

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 April 19, 2022, 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 April 19, 2022.

General Education Fund	\$57,917.39
Special Education Fund	75,523.91
Career & Technical Education Fund	66,970.91
REMC Fund	<u>14,011.06</u>
Total	\$214,442.65

All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
TRAVEL**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Loukus to approve the following travel as recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Staff</u>
5/2-3	Traverse City, MI	MPAAA Conference	Jamie Johnson Chris Wilmers Jennifer Norkol
5/5-6	Traverse City, MI	RITS Meeting	Steve Kass
5/10-11	Dearborn, MI	Merit Member Conf.	Doug Jarvi Christine Williams

5/12	Ithaca, MI	GELN Meeting	Carla Strome
5/17-18	Lansing, MI	Project Aware Retreat	Natalie Morgan Andy Kalcich Allie Richmond
6/13-17	Traverse City, MI	GELN/MCIFN Summer Mtgs.	Carla Strome
6/14-15	Holland, MI	EAASE & ECAN	Kristina Penfold
6/15-17	Traverse City, MI	MCIFN Summer Meetings	Angie Elmblad Kristen Kariainen Jennifer Lynn

All yeas; motion carried.

COMMUNICA-TION

Minutes from the Copper Country Superintendents’ Round Table meeting on March 18, 2022, were read and discussed.

Recognize Lloyd Wescoat’s retirement.

Lloyd Wescoat retired from her position at MTU as an LSSI mentor on April 12, 2022. Lloyd has had a huge impact on the region with promoting and implementing Place-based Education and Service Learning and has been an integral part of the LSSI team.

MOVE TO FULL TIME INST. AIDE -R. HILTUNEN

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to move Robert Hiltunen to a full-time Instructional/Bus Aide, effective April 1, 2022, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

APPOINT PAC MEMBER

It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to appoint Lynn Mazzoleni to a three-year term on the CCISD Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education representing the Houghton-Portage Township School District, as recommended by that district’s Board of Education and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

ACCEPT RETIRMENT -S. WOHLLEBER

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Dr. Loukus to accept with regret the retirement of Susan Wohlleber, Executive Secretary to Special Education effective June 30, 2022, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. Sue has worked for the CCISD for 21 years. All yeas; motion carried.

HIRE SYSTEM ENGINEER -E. FELDHUSEN

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to hire Eric Feldhusen as a Remote Senior System Engineer for REMC1, effective May 9, 2022, as recommended by REMC1 Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVED
REPLC
GENERATOR**

It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tavainen approve replacement generator project bid from Bay Electric of Dollar Bay, MI for CCISD for \$32,900, as recommended by REMC1 Director, Mike Richardson with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVED
GENERATOR
GOISD**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to approve generator project bid from Bay Electric, Dollar Bay, MI, for GOISD (REMC fiber project) \$29,200, as BID recommended by REMC1 Director, Mike Richardson with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVED
REPLC AC
FOR REMC1**

It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve Replacement Air Conditioner for REMC1 Data Center bid from Aire Care, Houghton, MI for \$24,000, as recommended by REMC1 Director, Mike Richardson with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVED
REMC1
RESTRUCTURE**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to approve REMC1 Restructure and 2022-2023 Salaries as presented, as recommended by REMC1 Director, Mike Richardson with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE MiCI
TEACHER
-R. ASIALA**

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Dr. Loukus to hire Richard Asiala as the MiCI Teacher in Baraga County, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE SCHOOL
PSYCHOLOGIST
INTERN
-E. MAKALA**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to hire Elizabeth Makala as a School Psychologist Intern for the 2022-2023 school year, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE CAMP
NESBIT
DIRECTOR**

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Jennifer Beaudette as the Director for the one-week summer at camping session at Camp Nesbit for students with disabilities, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. Other staff yet to be determined. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE REV.
2021-2022 GEN.
FUND BUDGET**

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Palosaari to approve the revised General Fund budget for 2021-2022, as recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel and Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

DISCUSS 2021-2022 BUDGET It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to submit the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year to the local districts. All yeas; motion carried.

SUPT’S UPDATES Superintendent James Rautiola updated the Board on the teacher shortage.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to adjourn the meeting at 6:21p.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