

**OPENING OF MEETING
3/15/2022**

The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, March 15, 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: Karen M. Johnson, presiding; Nels S. Christopherson, Gale W. Eilola, Dale J. Kero, Adam Loukus and Lisa A. Tarvainen. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Timothy J. Palosaari.
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: James Rautiola, Jason Auel, Shawn Kolbus, Kristina Penfold and Carla Strome.
GUEST PRESENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS.....None.

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

**APPROVE MINUTES
2/15/2022**

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF CLOSED MTG.

It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the minutes of the closed meeting held on February 15, 2022. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MTG.

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on March 3, 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 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 February 2022, be approved as presented. Dr. Christopherson moved and Mrs. Tarvainen seconded to approve the checks written for the month of February 2022, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$609,113.68
Special Education Fund	254,736.89
Career & Technical Education Fund	97,318.71
REMC Fund	<u>71,469.79</u>
Total	\$1,032,639.07

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 15, 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 Dr. Loukus seconded to pay the bills as presented as of March 15, 2022.

General Education Fund	\$51,960.70
Special Education Fund	46,933.75
Career & Technical Education Fund	26,965.70
REMC Fund	<u>25,590.96</u>
Total	\$151,451.11

All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Staff</u>
4/11-13	Lansing, MI	MAASE--Facilitate your way to Collaborative IEP Mtgs.	Janel Summers
4/12-13	Charlotte, MI	MCIFN	Angela Elmblad
4/26-28	Grand Rapids, MI	MSBO Conference	Jason Auel
5/3-6	Grand Rapids, MI	OCTE Spring Update/ACTE Region 1	Shawn Kolbus
5/10-11	Dearborn, MI	Merit Member Conference	Josh Hiner
5/11-13	Grand Rapids, MI	MAASA Conference	Emilie Lancour
6/15-17	Traverse City, MI	REMC Summer Conference	Steve Kass

All yeas; motion carried

**COMMUNICA-
TION**

Minutes from the Copper Country Association of School Boards meeting on February 16, 2022, were read and discussed.

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

**CCASB CELA
NOMINATION**

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Kero to nominate the 12 Local Police Departments in Baraga, Houghton & Keweenaw Counties for the Copper Country Association of School Boards Community Education Leadership Award, as recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**CCASB AWARDS
NOMINATIONS**

It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to submit the following nominations for the annual Copper Country Association of School Boards awards, to be presented at the Awards Dinner to be held on April 27, 2022, as recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola.

Outstanding Education Employee Award: Steven Kass

School Service Award: Lloyd Wescoat

Student Leadership Award: Learning Center Student, Emma Lasanen

Student Impact Award: Career Tech Student Isabella Hebert

All yeas; motion carried.

**RENEW
REHAB ROOM
CONTRACT**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Eilola to renew the 2021-2022 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 James Rautiola, All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE MENTAL
HEALTH PROF.
-M. SMITH**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Kero to hire Michelle Smith as a Mental Health Professional effective March 1, 2022, as recommended by General Education Director Carla Strome with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE REV.
2021-2022 CTE
BUDGET**

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

**APPROVE
3-SERVERS
PURCHASE**

It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Dr. Loukus to approve the purchase of three (3) Dell PowerEdge R750xs servers from Presidio Networked Solutions Group at the cost of \$13,110 each for a total of \$39,330.00, as recommended by REMC1 Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**ACCEPT
RETIRMENT
-M. RICHARDSON**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to accept with regret the retirement of Michael Richardson, REMC1 Director effective April 19, 2022, as recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola. Mike has worked for REMC1 for 27 years with the last 16 years as the Director. This is the longest tenure in the 50-year history of REMC1. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE SYSTEM
ENGINEER
-D. SARGENT**

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Doug Sargent as a System Engineer effective March 15, 2021, as recommended by REMC1 Director Mike Richardson, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE NEW
CLASSROOM
BARAGA CTY.**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Eilola to approve to start a MS/HS Mild Cognitively Impaired Classroom in Baraga County Classroom in Baraga County, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**ADMIN.
REPORTS**

The Board reviewed reports submitted by the Administrative Staff.

SUPT’S. UPDATE

Superintendent James Rautiola updated the board on MDE continuing to address the educator shortage issue.

Rautiola also shared with the board that the ISD has a therapy dog in training. One of the Mental Health Specialists is the handler for the dog and has enrolled the dog in a training program with the intent to certify the dog once he is old enough. The therapy dog stays with the handler and attends therapy sessions with students.

**CLOSED SESSION
-SUPT. EVAL.**

It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to recess to closed session at 6:11 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 Mr. Kero and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to reconvene to open session at 7:01p.m. All yeas; motion carried.

SUPT. EVAL. It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Eilola to give an evaluation rating of Highly Effective to Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Eilola to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 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