

OPENING OF MEETING 11/17/2022 The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, November 17, 2022**, at the Intermediate Service Center, 809 Hecla Street, Hancock, Michigan, beginning at 5:36 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, Timothy J. Palosaari and Lisa A. Tarvainen **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Auel, Shawn Kolbus, Maren Rouleau, Kristina Penfold, Janel Summers and James Rautiola **GUESTS:** Heather Mroz, Naomi Michaelson, Parent, Hancock Police Department

PUBLIC COMMENTS.....None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Eilola to recess to closed session at 5:40.m. for the purpose of discussing student discipline. All yeas; motion carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION It was moved by Mr. Palosaari and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to reconvene to open session at 6:05p.m. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF CLOSED MTG. It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the minutes of the closed meeting at 6:06p.m. held on November 17, 2022. All yeas; motion carried.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Kero to discuss expulsion of student as recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

COPPER COUNTRY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) was held in Conference Room B of the Copper Country Intermediate School District on the 17th day of November, 2022, at 5:30 o’clock in the p.m. (the “Meeting”).

The meeting was called to order by Karen M. Johnson, President

Present: Karen M. Johnson, Gale W. Eilola, Nels S. Christopherson, Dale J. Kero, Adam R. Loukus, Lisa A. Tarvainen, Timothy Palosaari

Absent:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Adam R. Loukus and supported by Member Nels S. Christopherson.

WHEREAS:

1. The administration has recommended that, pursuant to Revised School Code Section 1311a(1), a student whose identity is known to the Board (the “Student”) be expelled for physically assaulting a school employee.

2. The Revised School Code defines physical assault as “intentionally causing or attempting to cause physical harm to another through force or violence.

3. School administrators notified the Student’s parent/guardian of the specific charge underlying the disciplinary recommendation, as well as the date, time, and place of the disciplinary hearing.

4. Pursuant to the request of the Student’s parent/guardian, and as authorized by Michigan Open Meetings Act Section 8(1)(b), MCL 15.268(1)(b), the disciplinary hearing was conducted in closed session meeting of the Board.

5. The hearing afforded the Student and the Student’s representatives an opportunity to respond to the charge and to present pertinent evidence for the Board’s consideration.

6. The Board has carefully considered all the evidence produced in this student discipline hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that on October 21, 2022, the Student physically assaulted a school employee in violation of state law and the Student Code of Conduct.

2. Based on careful consideration of all of the following factors, the Board determines that expulsion is warranted:

- The Student’s age;
- The Student’s disciplinary history;
- Whether the Student has a disability.
- The seriousness of the behavior;
- Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
- Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
- Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

3. The Student is permanently expelled from the District, subject to possible reinstatement under Revised School Code Section 1311a(5).

4. During the time of the expulsion the Student may not be on school grounds or attend any functions at the District without prior written approval from an appropriate administrator.

5. Administrators are directed to refer the Student to the county department of social services or the county community mental health agency and to notify the Student’s parent/guardian of the referral within 3 calendar days of this Resolution.

6. Consistent with Revised School Code Sections 11a and 1311(1), the Board finds that the interests of the District are served by this resolution.

7. Consistent with the Board’s actions taken this date, administration shall promptly meet with the Student’s parent/guardian to determine those appropriate educational services to which the Student may be entitled under state and federal law.

8. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.

9. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Karen M. Johnson, Gale W. Eilola, Nels S. Christopherson, Dale J. Kero,
Adam R. Loukus, Lisa A. Tarvainen, Timothy Palosaari

Nays:

Resolution declared adopted.

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary to the Board of Education of Copper Country Intermediate School District, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at the Meeting, 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 Michigan, 1976, as amended).

Adam R. Loukus, Board Secretary

AGENDA & ADDENDUM

It was recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola 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 10/18/2022

It was recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting on October 18, 2022, be approved as presented. It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of October 18, 2022, as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF CLOSED MTG.

It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the minutes of the closed meeting at 6:26p.m. held on October 18, 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 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 October 2022, be approved as presented. Dr. Christopherson moved and Mrs. Tarvainen seconded to approve the checks written for the month of October 2022, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$559,189.99
Special Education Fund	220,545.02
Career & Technical Education Fund	117,270.50
REMC Fund	<u>110,628.05</u>
Total	\$1,007,633.56

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 November 17, 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 November 17, 2022.

General Education Fund	\$180,429.89
Special Education Fund	63,654.46
Career & Technical Education Fund	89,209.27
REMC Fund	<u>140,195.02</u>
Total	\$473,488.64

All yeas; motion carried

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Staff</u>
11/14-18	Traverse City, MI	Early On Conference	Jennifer Roose Sarah Bodine Amanda Futrell Lori Fortin
1/16-19	Lansing, MI	Michigan OCTE Data and Grants	Shawn Kolbus
1/29-2/1	Grand Rapids, MI	Michigan Career Education Conf.	Shawn Kolbus

All yeas; motion carried.

COMMUNICA-TION

Minutes from the Copper Country Superintendents’ Roundtable meeting on October 11, 2022, were read and discussed.

Minutes from the Copper Country Association of School Boards (CCASB) meeting on October 27, 2022, were read and discussed.

Annual Summer Tax Resolution

Copper Country Intermediate School District (the "District")

A Regular meeting of the board of education of the District (the "Board") was held in the Conference Room B of the Copper Country Intermediate School District, within the boundaries of the District, on the 17th day of November, 2022, at 7:00 o'clock in the p.m. (the "Meeting").

The Meeting was called to order by Karen M. Johnson, President.

Present: Members Karen M. Johnson, Gale W. Eilola, Nels S. Christopherson, Dale J. Kero, Adam R. Loukus, Lisa A. Tarvainen, Timothy Palosaari

Absent: Members

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Lisa A. Tarvainen and supported by Member Gale W. Eilola:

WHEREAS, this Board previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Pursuant to the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1 et seq., the Board invokes for 2023 its previously-adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board and requests that each city and/or township in which the District is located collect those summer taxes.

2. The Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and a copy of this resolution requesting that each such city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2023 in the amount specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the appropriate governing bodies on or before December 31, 2022.

3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Revised School Code Section 1613(1), the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of the District with the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District's summer tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under Revised School Code Sections 1611 or 1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before this Board for its approval or disapproval.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members Karen M. Johnson, Gale W. Eilola, Nels S. Christopherson, Dale J. Kero, Adam R. Loukus, Lisa A. Tarvainen, Timothy Palosaari

Nays: Members

Resolution declared adopted.

Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Copper Country Intermediate School District, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at the Meeting, 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 Michigan, 1976, as amended).

Secretary, Board of Education



**APPROVE
POSITION CHNG.
-E. SOUDERS**

It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve Elizabeth Souders to position of Probationary Teacher after receiving her Special Education Certification, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. Ms. Sounders will be moving from the instructional aide position but served as the teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE
SECRETARY
-S. RANDELL**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to hire Shari Randell, Learning Center Secretary, effective November 7, 2021, as recommended by Special Education Supervisors Janel Summers and Maren Rouleau and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**ACCEPT
RESIGNATION
-J. NORKOL**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to accept the resignation of Jennifer Norkol, Learning Center Secretary, effective November 3, 2022, as recommended by Special Education Supervisors Janel Summers and Maren Rouleau and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**ACCEPT
RESIGNATION
-B. DEMAROIS**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to accept the resignation of Brenda DeMarois, Bus Driver, effective November 4, 2022, as recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE
BUS DRIVER/
INST AIDE
-B. DEMAROIS**

It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Kero to hire Brenda DeMarois, Bus Driver/Instructional Aide, effective November 7, 2021, as recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE
REMODEL**

I was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to approve to remodel unused space in the Service Center, as recommended by James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE
POST NEW
POSITION**

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Kero to post for the position of Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable/Purchasing as recommended by Business Manager, Jason Auel, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE
POST NEW
POSITION**

It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to post for the position of Payroll Assistant as recommended by Business Manager, Jason Auel, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**ADOPTED
REVISED POLICY** It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Eilola to approve the revision in po4140 as recommended by NEOLA, Inc., as also recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola.

**HIRE
SSW/MHP
-S. LOVEN-GULICK** It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Sabrina Loven-Gulick, School Social Worker/Mental Health Professional, effective December 5, 2021, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE
TITLE CHANGE
-D. BROWNING** It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve a title change for Dayna Browning from Mental Health Specialist to Project Award Co-Manager as recommended by General Education Director Carla Strome 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 Rautiola thanked the board for their service.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. All yeas; motion carried.

Adam R. Loukus, Secretary
Copper Country ISD Board of Education

Karen M. Johnson, President
Copper Country ISD Board of Education