

**OPENING OF MEETING 10/18/2022**

The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, October 18, 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, Adam R. Loukus, and Lisa A. Tarvainen.  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dale J. Kero, Timothy J. Palosaari.  
**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Rautiola, Jason Auel, Joshua Hiner, Steven Kass, Shawn Kolbus (virtually), Kristina Penfold and Janel Summers. **GUESTS:** Lynnette Borree, Parent

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.....None.**

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to recess to closed session at 5:33.m. for the purpose of discussing student discipline.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to reconvene to open session at 6:16p.m. All yeas; motion carried.

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Dr. Loukus to discuss expulsion of student until June 12, 2023, 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 the Copper Country ISD Conference Room A at 809 Hecla Street, within the boundaries of the District, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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, Adam R. Loukus, Lisa A. Tarvainen

Absent: Dale J. Kero, Timothy Palosaari

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

**WHEREAS:**

1. The administration has recommended that, pursuant to Revised School Code Section 1311a(2), a student whose identity is known to the Board (the “Student”) be expelled for making a bomb threat or similar threat.

2. 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.

3. 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(b), the disciplinary hearing was conducted in closed session meeting of the Board.

4. 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.

5. 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 [August 18, 2022], the Student made a threat similar to a bomb threat directed at a school building, other school property, or a school-related event 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

3. The Student is expelled until June 12, 2023.

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. The Board authorizes Administration to reduce or modify the disciplinary consequence contained in this Resolution if Administration determines, in its sole discretion, that an appropriate alternative or lesser intervention would adequately address the Student’s behavior in a manner that ensures the safety of other students and staff.

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, Adam R. Loukus, Lisa A. Tarvainen

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

**PRESENTATIONS** **Lynnette Borree, MTSS Coordinator**, presented on the efforts surrounding Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports in the area. Several area school districts and buildings have received state recognitions for their MTSS implementation and student impact for the 2021-22 school year. Efforts this year include data reviews, PBIS in the Classroom trainings, Tier 2/Tier 3 structuring for students who need extra academic or behavioral support, and a research grant participation for Calumet and Baraga schools that involves individualizing supports for students in 1st and 2nd grade who are in need of reading intervention.

**Janel Summers, Special Education Supervisor**, presented on 98C funds that are available to make up for loss of learning through the Pandemic. The Learning Center will be purchasing parts of the Second Step social emotional learning curriculum with the funds that are received from the 98c monies.

**AGENDA  
W/ ADDENDUM**

It was recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola that the submitted agenda with addendum be adopted as presented. It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Eilola to adopt the agenda as presented. All yeas; motion carried.

**APPROVE  
MINUTES  
9/27/2022**

It was recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting on September 27, 2022, be approved as presented. It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of September 27, 2022, 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 September 2022, be approved as presented. Dr. Christopherson moved and Dr. Loukus seconded to approve the checks written for the month of September 2022, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$609,874.11
Special Education Fund	110,541.33
Career & Technical Education Fund	117,996.92
REMC Fund	<u>94,672.45</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$933,084.81</b>

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 October 18, 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 October 18, 2022.

General Education Fund	\$31,918.86
Special Education Fund	52,605.93
Career & Technical Education Fund	73,309.27
REMC Fund	<u>41,670.89</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$199,504.95</b>

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>Conference</u>	<u>Staff</u>
10-19/20	Lansing, MI	Middle College Workshop	Shawn Kolbus
10/26-28	Ann Arbor, MI	School Social Work Conf.	Natalie Morgan
11/7-9	Lansing, MI	REMC SAVE Advisory Committee Mtg and REMC Association Business Mtg (lodging provided by REMC Assoc.)	Steve Kass
11/9-11	Lansing, MI	MAISA Gen. Membership Mtg	Jim Rautiola
11/10/	Marquette, MI	YoopCon	Steve Kass
11/16-18	Ithaca, MI	ECAN and GELN Exe. Board	Carla Strome
11/29-30	Lansing, MI	MiMTSS Annual Conference	MTSS Team 5+
1/17-20	Kalamazoo, MI	MAISA Midwinter Conf.	Jim Rautiola
3/1-3	Lansing, MI	MAISA Gen. Membership Mtg.	Jim Rautiola
6/20-23	Traverse City, MI	MAISA Summer Conference	Jim Rautiola

All yeas; motion carried.

**COMMUNICATION**

It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Eilola to issue a recognition letter to Kyle Timmerman from the board. *CCISD Onsite Tech Support Specialist Kyle Timmerman is highly skilled at writing computer code. He used his talents last year to create a leave request system to automate requests for sick and personal leave time, greatly improving efficiencies. This year, he created a work from home request program for the ISD which allows administrators to track and approve requests. The systems appear to be simple but are quite complex and would have cost thousands of dollars had they been purchased as a commercial software. Kyle has always been willing to use his talents to help the ISD. The CCISD administrators would like to publicly thank him for his work!*

**HIRE INST. / BUS AIDE -N. PINAR**

It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to hire Noelle Pinar as an Instructional/Bus Aide, effective October 11, 2022 as recommended by Special Education Supervisors Maren Rouleau and Janel Summers and Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**HIRE MENTAL H. PROFESSIONAL -E. ARUNDEL**

It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Eilola to hire Eric Arundel as a Mental Health Professional effective October 24, 2022, as recommended by General Education Director Carla Strome, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**ADOPTION  
NEOLA POLICIES** It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to approve the adoption of new and revised polices in the regular update, as recommended by NEOLA, Inc., as also recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola

**Regular Update Vol. 37, No. 1:  
New Policies**

po6108 – Authorization to use Electronic Fund Transfers  
po8805 – New Flags and Displays

**Revised Policies**

po0144.1 – Bylaws – Compensation  
po 6460 – Vendor Relations  
po 6700 – Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)  
po 7440.03 – Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems  
po 9150 – School Visitors

All yeas; motion carried.

**PURCHASE  
SCHOOL BUS** It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to purchase a to purchase a 2024 Model Year IC School Bus from Zarembo Equipment, Inc. Gaylord, MI at a cost of \$127,265.00, as recommended by Business Manager Jason Auel, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.

**ADMIN.  
REPORTS** The Board reviewed reports submitted by the Administrative Staff

**ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Dr. Christopherson and seconded by Mr. Eilola to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.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