

**OPENING OF MEETING  
12/20/2022**

The Copper Country Intermediate School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, December 20, 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, Steve Kass, Maren Rouleau, Kristina Penfold, Carla Strome and Janel Summers

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

**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  
11/17/2022**

It was recommended by Superintendent James Rautiola that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting on November 17, 2022, be approved as presented. It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Eilola to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of November 17, 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 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 November 2022, be approved as presented. Dr. Christopherson moved and Mrs. Tarvainen seconded to approve the checks written for the month of November 2022, as presented.

General Education Fund	\$738,715.50
Special Education Fund	98,404.50
Career & Technical Education Fund	96,658.43
REMC Fund	<u>143,131.81</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,076,910.24</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 December 20, 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 Mr. Eilola seconded to pay the bills as presented as of December 20, 2022.

General Education Fund	\$32,098.51
Special Education Fund	128,953.71
Career & Technical Education Fund	50,215.32
REMC Fund	<u>36,343.46</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$247,611.00</b>

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>Conference</u>	<u>Staff</u>
1/23	Lansing, MI	SLIP Conference	Maren Rouleau Janel Summers
1/31-2/2	Bellaire, MI	Michigan Construction Teachers Conference	Mike Randell
2/27-3/2	Ann Arbor, MI	MiSTEM Network Quarterly Mtg.	Emily Gochis
2/27/-3/2	Mt. Pleasant, MI	ECC/ECH Convening	JoAnne Danielson Carla Strome
2/28-3/1	Mt. Pleasant, MI	Great Start Readiness Program Conference	Kelly Tuomikoski
3/2-4	Lansing, MI	Michigan Science Teacher Association Conference	Jennifer Lynn Carla Strome
3/15-17	Detroit, MI	MACUL Conference	Steve Kass
4/10/13	Grand Rapids, MI	MCIFN Meeting	Jennifer Lynn
4/11-12	Mt. Pleasant, MI	REMC Association Spring Meet-up	Steve Kass
4/25-27	Grand Rapids, MI	MSBO Annual Conference	Hayley Sargent

All yeas; motion carried.

**COMMUNICA-TION**

Minutes from the Copper Country Superintendents’ Round Table meeting on November 18, 2022 & December 16, 2022, were read and discussed.

- RECOGNITION  
-S. BISHOP** Recognition of Sierra Bishop who is the December recipient of the Superior Educator award through the Portage Health Foundation. Sierra is a valuable asset to our team and we are excited to have her recognized by the greater school community. It was moved by Dr. Loukus and seconded by Mr. Kero that the Copper Country ISD Board of Education congratulate her on this honor. All yeas; motion carried.
- HIRE INST. /  
BUS AIDE  
- J. SANDRIK** It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Jeremy Sandrik as an Instructional/Bus Aide, effective December 6, 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.
- ACCEPT  
RESIGNATION  
-N. MICHAELSON** It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mr. Eilola to accept the resignation of Naomi Michaelson, SET Teacher, effective December 15, 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  
-T. STITES** It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to accept the resignation of Timothy Stites, Welding Instructor, effective December 16, 2022, as recommended by Career Tech Director Shawn Kolbus, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.
- ACCEPT  
RESIGNATION  
-S. LOVEN-GULICK** It was moved by Mr. Eilola and seconded by Dr. Christopherson to accept the resignation of Sabrina Loven-Gulick, School Social Worker/Mental Health Professional, effective January 3, 2022, as recommended by Special Education Director Kristina Penfold, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.
- APPROVE  
POST NEW  
POSITION** It was moved by Mrs. Tarvainen and seconded by Mr. Eilola to post for the position of Project Aware Outreach & Case Manager as recommended by General Education Director Carla Strome, with concurrence by Superintendent James Rautiola. All yeas; motion carried.
- HIRE SPEECH  
LANG PATH  
-J. ERKKILA** It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Mrs. Tarvainen to hire Janie Erkkila as a Speech Language Pathologist with a start date to be determined 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 Rautiola updated the board on the Core Planning Team meeting that took place on December 14. Looking at strategic planning and community needs as we move forward.

Superintendent Rautiola received proposal from UPEA regarding master planning and will contact IDI for a proposal as well.

**ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Mr. Kero and seconded by Dr. Loukus to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 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