

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD OCTOBER 26, 2020, AT 6:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, IN THE DISTRICT AT THE COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CAFETERIA AT 275 N. FREMONT ST., COLDWATER, MICHIGAN. SUPERINTENDENT WHELAN JOINED VIA ZOOM. THE ZOOM MEETING WAS PROJECTED ON A PROJECTOR SCREEN AND AUDIO WAS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Steven Rutz, Kate Frederick, Ronald Lanford, Jeffrey Holbrook, Clair Dean, Edward C. Lake, Jr.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Nick Krzeminski

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Terry Ann Whelan, Superintendent (via Zoom); Heather Harvey, Executive Secretary, Evelyn Grimes, Julie Slusher, Adam Supianoski, Gary Dancer, Bill Milnes, Krista Searls, Tobi Reardon, Todd and Julie Farmer, Rosalie Courier, *Daily Reporter*, Amanda Miller, Janette Jones, Michael Gruennert, *Hungerford Nichols*, CPAs (via Zoom)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

President Lake brought the Regular Business Meeting to order at approximately 6:02 p.m. Pledge to the flag was conducted. Roll call attendance was taken and recorded as referenced above.

**CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE TO FLAG**

Superintendent Whelan presented the Nice Job Notices.

NICE JOB NOTICES

Superintendent Whelan read the proclamation by Michigan Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, which declares the month of October as Principal Recognition Month. Following the proclamation, President Lake called upon the administrators individually and presented each of the administrators with a gift card.

**PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION
RECOGNITION**

Following the recognition of Principal Appreciation Month, President Lake called for the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit presentation by Hungerford Nichols CPAs. On behalf of Hungerford Nichols, Mr. Michael Gruennert joined by Zoom and provided board members and the public audience in attendance with the final reports from the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit.

**HUNGERFORD NICHOLS 2019-
2020 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT
PRESENTATION**

*Member Rutz excused himself from the meeting during the presentation at approximately 6:33 p.m.

The request for public participation forms was made by President Lake. No forms were submitted.

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION FORMS**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 28, 2020 were given consideration for acceptance and approval.

MINUTES APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

MOTION was made by Member Rutz, supported by Member Dean, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 28, 2020, as submitted.

Resolution approved unanimously.

President Lake called for additions or deletions to the agenda.

AGENDA ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED

There were no additions or deletions made.

Agenda accepted as submitted.

President Lake called for communications. No communications were reported.

CONSENT AGENDA PRESENTED

Superintendent Whelan presented the Personnel Report in its entirety.

Acceptance and approval of gifts report was presented by Member Dean.

Member Holbrook offered the September Accounts for Payment Reports for approval.

PERSONNEL REPORT - APPROVED

MOTION was made and supported respectively by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education resolves to approve the following recommendations: the unpaid leave of absence request of Lisa Renshaw, Max Larsen Elementary Teacher, effective immediately through February 2021, 2020 for medical reasons;

L. RENSHAW

the resignation of Stacey Harris, part-time Human Resources Assistant, effective end of day October 16, 2020;

S. HARRIS

the administrative recommendation to employ Haila Omer for the part-time Kids Club Caregiver position effective September 30, 2020;

H. OMER

the administrative recommendation to hire Gracen Yates for the full-time position of Co-Director of Coldwater Schools' KLA and Kids Club programs, effective immediately upon board approval;

G. YATES

M. BAKER

the transition of Mandi Baker from the full-time Secretary position at LMS to the full-time Attendance Secretary position at Coldwater High School, per the CESP contract, effective immediately upon board approval;

N. ALJABALY

the administrative recommendation to employ Nooh Aljabaly for the part-time Arabic speaking family liaison position, effective immediately upon board approval;

J. ALATORRE

the administrative recommendation to employ Juan Alatorre for the part-time Spanish speaking family liaison position, effective immediately upon board approval;

L. MASSEY

the transition of Luann Massey from the full-time Payroll Manager position to the full-time Secretary position at LMS, effective upon the hire and training of her replacement;

the administrative recommendations for the following extra duty position as outlined below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Trenton Shindorf	LMS Boys' Basketball Coach – Team B

T. SHINDORF

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and further,
that the Board of Education gratefully accepts the gifts donated to Coldwater Schools as shown in the outline and recorded below:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF GIFTS - APPROVED
Scott Merlo on behalf of the Western Michigan University Department of Public Safety	8 Student Calculators	Coldwater High School	N/A	
Elks, B.P.O.E 1023	Monetary funds to purchase a water bottle filling station	Coldwater Schools	\$1,000.00	

and further,
that a letter of appreciation, on behalf of the board, be sent to the donors as recorded above for their worthwhile and generous gifts;
and,
that the Board of Education approves the following September accounts for payment as submitted:
September General Fund accounts in the amount of \$1,985,536.52;
September Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$22,597.02
Resolution approved unanimously.

SEPTEMBER ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - APPROVED

Building reports were acknowledged by President Lake. No further discussion took place.
President Lake called for board committee reports.
No reports were given at this time.
Superintendent Whelan provided the board with an update on the current Covid cases, as well as the progress of the new 4/5 elementary building. Whelan further stated that the district's student count numbers were down by approximately 100 students and that budget amendments to the 2020-2021 budget would be taking place in the near future. Whelan then provided a brief overview of the action items later in the agenda.

BUILDING REPORTS
BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

President Lake presented the request for approval and acceptance of the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit.
MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education accepts the 2019-2020 audit from Hungerford Nichols and authorizes copies be filed with the appropriate authorities.
Roll call vote taken.
Yeas: Members Holbrook, Dean, Lanford, Frederick, Lake
Nays: None
Resolution unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT - APPROVED

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President Lake presented second reading and adoption of new and revised policies.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Frederick that the Board of Education approves the second reading of the new and rescinded board policies, as submitted and are hereby adopted.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Frederick, Lanford, Holbrook, Dean, Lake

Nays: None

Resolution unanimously approved.

**SECOND READING AND
ADOPTION OF NEW AND
REVISED POLICIES –
APPROVED**

President Lake presented the recommendation to reconfirm the Coldwater Community Schools 2020-2021 Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education reconfirms the district's "Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan" in accordance with Public Act 149.

Superintendent Whelan called for Public Comment.

No comments were given at this time.

Resolution approved unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION TO
APPROVE COLDWATER
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2020-
2021 EXTENDED COVID-19
LEARNING PLAN –
APPROVED**

President Lake presented the request for approval of 2020-2021 District and School Improvement Plans.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 District and School Improvement Plans.

Resolution approved unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL
OF 2020-2021 DISTRICT AND
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
PLANS - APPROVED**

President Lake expressed his appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the staff of Coldwater Schools for continuing to provide educational opportunities and safety to our students during the difficult circumstances the district faces as a result of Covid-19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Lake stated that the next regular meeting of the school board is scheduled for November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center located at 401 Sauk River Drive.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Clair Dean, Board Secretary

Heather M. Harvey, Executive Secretary