

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD NOVEMBER 23, 2020, AT 6:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-154 THROUGH ZOOM WITH IDENTIFICATON NUMBER .

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Rutz, Nick Krzeminski, Kate Frederick, Ron Lanford, Jeff Holbrook, Clair Dean, Edward C. Lake, Jr.

**ATTENDANCE**

**BOARD MEETING ABSENT:**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Terry Ann Whelan, Superintendent; Heather Harvey , Executive Secretary, Evelyn Grimes, Amanda Miller, Bill Milnes, Krista Searls, Julie Slusher, Adam Supianoski, Gary Dancer, Tobi Reardon and others

\*In consideration of the health and safety concerns relative to COVID-19, this meeting was presented virtually, via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. The pledge was conducted and attendance called and recorded as noted above. District administrators, as well as several other district employees and community members connected through a ZOOM Meeting link that was published on our website.

**ZOOM MEETING**

President Lake made the request for public participation. There were four public participation requests. The first public participant was Monica Downs. Monica addressed the board with questions and concerns regarding Varsity Basketball practice and the continuation of the basketball season. The second public participant was Chris Rodesiler. Chris addressed the board with questions regarding the recent Covid testing of athletes and expressed other various concerns about athletics. Cindy Kirschberg was the third public participant and shared the idea of the board hosting a public forum to answer questions. The final public participant request came from Jeff Paarlberg who was unable to comment due to his audio not working.

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORMS**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 26, 2020 were given consideration for acceptance and approval. MOTION was made by Member Lanford and supported by Member Dean, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 26, 2020, as submitted. Resolution approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 10/26/2020**

President Lake called for additions or deletions to the current agenda. There were no changes made to the agenda. Agenda approved as submitted.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

President Lake called for communications. No communications were reported. Superintendent Whelan presented the personnel report. Member Holbrook presented the October Accounts for Payment and Financial Statements for approval.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

Member Rutz presented the acceptance and approval of gifts.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education approves the following recommendations:

after 34 years of teaching, the retirement resignation of Dawn Supianoski from the full-time teaching position at Jefferson Elementary, effective December 31, 2020;

and further,

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

D. SUPIANOSKI

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	
The Scott Brayton Memorial Fund of the Branch County Community Foundation	Grant	Lakeland Elementary Leaders are Readers Program	\$1,500.00	APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS
David Neitzert	Room Purifier	His Granddaughter's Classroom at Jefferson Elementary	\$650.00	
Christina Shaffer	50 Boxed Lunches from JT's	Staff at Legg Middle School During Parent-Teacher Conferences	N/A	
Wes & Connie Rigot	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Leaders are Readers Program	\$270.00	
David & Carol Coyle	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Leaders are Readers Program	\$100.00	
David & Cindy Smoker	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Leaders are Readers Program	\$270.00	
Walmart Distribution 6043	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Leaders are Readers Program	\$2,500.00	
Dollar General Literacy Foundation	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Leaders are Readers Program	\$3,000.00	
Michigan Gas Utilities	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Leaders are Readers Program	\$500.00	
Good Better Best	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Leaders are Readers Program	\$500.00	
Sharon Hillquist	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Leaders are Readers Program	\$500.00	

CISD Mini-Grant/Binda	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Leaders are Readers Program	\$1,000.00
Meijer Store of Coldwater	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Leaders are Readers Program	\$500.00

and further,

a letter of appreciation, on behalf of the board, be sent to the donors as recorded above for their worthwhile and generous gifts;

and finally,

the Board of Education approves the following October accounts for payment as submitted:

October General Fund accounts in the amount of \$2,323,729.72

October Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$299,816.34

Resolution approved unanimously.

ACCOUNTS FOR  
PAYMENT

President Lake called for Board Committee Reports.

President Lake shared that the Budget and Finance Committee met recently to review and discuss CEA negotiations and other matters relative to salary expenses and potential increases.

Superintendent Whelan further reported that the district is down by approximately 124 students for this school year and provided an overview of the FTE funding from the state. Whelan further explained the factors that have affected this year's budget.

BOARD COMMITTEE  
REPORTS/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

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.

Discussion ensued.

Resolution passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:  
RECOMMENDATION  
TO RECONFIRM THE  
COLDWATER  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS 2020-2021  
EXTENDED COVID-19  
LEARNING PLAN -  
APPROVED

President Lake presented the recommendation to adopt "Temporary Remote Work Policy for Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) Compliance".

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education approves the "Temporary Remote Work Policy for Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) Compliance" with all supporting documentation.

Discussion ensued.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION  
TO ADOPT  
"TEMPORARY WORK  
POLICY FOR  
MICHIGAN  
OCCUPATIONAL  
SAFETY AND HEALTH  
ADMINISTRATION  
(MIOSHA)  
COMPLIANCE" -  
APPROVED

President Lake presented the request to consider levying summer tax in the City of Coldwater.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 451 of 1976, as amended, hereby invokes, for 2021 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service and sinking fund, upon property located within the City of Coldwater and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by this Board and requests the City of Coldwater to collect those summer taxes; and

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the City of Coldwater a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy

REQUEST TO  
CONSIDER LEVING  
SUMMER TAX IN THE  
CITY OF COLDWATER -  
APPROVED

on an ongoing basis and to collect the summer levy for 2021 in the amount specified in this resolution. (Such forwarding of the resolution and the requests to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the City of Coldwater before January 1, 2021); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the Revised School Code, the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of the district with the City of Coldwater for the reasonable expenses for collection of the district's summer tax levy that the City may bill under MCLA 380.1611 or MCL 380.1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before the Board for its approval or disapproval.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorizes its secretary to sign the Annual Summer Tax Resolution on its behalf.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

President Lake made the following announcements:

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at six o'clock Via Zoom. A Zoom Meeting link will be made available on the district's website for the public.
2. The next scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at six o'clock in the evening via Zoom. A Zoom Meeting link will be made available on the district's website for the public.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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Clair Dean, Secretary  
Board of Education

Heather M. Harvey, Executive Secretary