

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD FEBRUARY 22, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-154 THROUGH ZOOM WITH IDENTIFICATON NUMBER 857 3903 9252.

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

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEETING ABSENT: Nick Krzeminski

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, Julie Farmer 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 the district’s website prior to the meeting.

ZOOM MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

The request for public participation forms was made by President Lake. Community Member Jason Hayes addressed the board and expressed concerns regarding the district’s sick leave policies.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORMS

President Lake called for additions and deletions to the agenda. *Superintendent Whelan amended the agenda by adding an action item to request the board’s approval of a bid resolution. Agenda accepted as amended.

AGENDA ACCEPTED AS AMENDED

Max Larsen Elementary Principal, Mrs. Julie Farmer, shared a presentation through Zoom with board members and the community regarding the Imagine Learning program at Max Larsen. Farmer explained what the program is, the ways it helps to encourage students and how it improves their Math and Literacy skills. Discussion ensued.

BUILDING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS – MAX LARSEN ELEMENTARY

President Lake called for Nice Job Notices. Superintendent Whelan presented the Nice Job Notices report in its entirety and expressed her appreciation to the recipients for their hard work and dedication to the district.

NICE JOB NOTICES

Minutes of the Regular Organizational Meeting held on January 25, 2021 were given consideration for acceptance and approval. MOTION was made by Member Lanford, supported by Member Frederick, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Organizational Meeting held on January 25, 2021, as submitted. Resolution approved unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

President Lake called for communications. No communications were reported.
Superintendent Whelan presented the personnel report in its entirety.
Member Dean presented the recommendation to approve and accept gifts.
Board Treasurer Holbrook offered the January Accounts for Payment Report and Financial Statements for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED

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

with regret, the resignation of Larry Burns, full-time Science Teacher at Coldwater High School, effective Friday, March 5, 2021;

L. BURNS

with regret, after 32 years of service, the retirement resignation of Leroy Stanton from the full-time grounds and maintenance support position for Coldwater Community Schools, effective April 30, 2021;

L. STANTON

with regret, the resignation of Mandi Baker from the full-time secretary position for Coldwater Community Schools, effective Friday, February 26, 2021;

M. BAKER

with regret, the resignation of LaShell Hall from the full-time bus driver position for Coldwater Community Schools, effective February 19, 2021;

L. HALL

with regret, the resignation of Minzalah Alisaid from the part-time ELL support position at Jefferson Elementary, effective February 23, 2021;

M. ALISAID

with regret, the resignation of Rasha Alisaid from the part-time ELL support position at Jefferson Elementary, effective February 24, 2021;

R. ALISAID

with regret, the resignation of Romaine Kauffman from the part-time caregiver position at Kids Club Childcare Center, effective February 12, 2021;

R. KAUFFMAN

the administrative recommendation to employ Josee Inman for the part-time caregiver position at Kids Club Childcare Center, effective February 16, 2021;

J. INMAN

the administrative recommendation to employ Makia Franks and Heather Pinson for the two part-time lunchroom supervisor positions at Legg Middle School, effective immediately upon board approval;

M. FRANKS
H. PINSON

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Nooh Aljably	Wrestling Coach (LMS)
Ann Smoker	Girls Basketball (LMS)

N. ALJABLY
A. SMOKER

and further,

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

GIFTS

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Diane Riegel	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Readers are Leaders	\$75.00

and,

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

JANUARY ACCTS
FOR PAYMENT

and finally,

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

- January General Fund accounts in the amount of \$1,469,680.27;
- January Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$102,024.26;

and approves the Financial Statements as presented.

Resolution approved unanimously.

President Lake acknowledged the February Building Reports with no further discussion to follow.
 President Lake called for Board Committee Reports.
 There were no committee reports to share; however, Superintendent Whelan provided an overview of the Board Workshop held on Thursday, February 11, 2021.
 President Lake called for the Superintendent's report.
 Superintendent Whelan provided an overview of the action items later in the agenda, including a review of the 2020-2021 budget amendments and the resolution being presented for approval to request permission for the board to hold in-person board meetings.
 Whelan further reported on the recommendation to accept the closing agreement with ORS on the 3% IRS dispute, as well as information relevant to the additional action item to request the board's approval of the bid resolution.
 Discussion ensued.

**BUILDING REPORTS
 FOR FEBRUARY -
 BOARD COMMITTEE
 REPORTS/
 SUPERINTENDENT/
 CFO**

President Lake presented the recommendation to reconfirm the Coldwater Community Schools 2020-2021 Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan.
 MOTION made and supported by Members Dean and Rutz 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 amend and approve the 2020-2021 budgets.
 MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Rutz that the Board of Education accepts the amendments to the 2020-21 General Fund Budget, Food Service Budget, Preschool & Daycare Tuition Budget, Debt Service Budget, and Sinking Fund Budget.
 Roll call vote taken.
 Yeas: Members Frederick, Lanford, Holbrook, Rutz, Dean, Lake
 Nays: None
 Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
 TO AMEND AND
 APPROVE 2020-21
 BUDGETS –
 APPROVED**

President Lake presented the recommendation to approve the resolution to request permission for school boards to meeting in person.
 MOTION made and supported by Members Frederick and Dean that the Coldwater Community School District request that MDHHS and Governor Whitmer allow school boards to have either the option to meet virtually, in-person, or a combination of the two, beginning immediately.
 Roll call vote taken.
 Yeas: Members Frederick, Lanford, Dean, Holbrook, Rutz, Lake
 Nays: None
 Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
 TO APPROVE
 RESOLUTION TO
 REQUEST
 PERMISSION FOR
 SCHOOL BOARDS TO
 MEET IN PERSON –
 APPROVED**

President Lake presented the recommendation to accept the closing agreement with ORS on the 3% IRS dispute.
 MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Rutz that the Board of Education is choosing to sign the Closing Agreement, which was issued between the IRS and ORS;
 and further, that the Board of Education authorizes Superintendent Whelan to execute the documents provided by our attorneys from Thrun Law Firm.

**RECOMMENDATION
 TO ACCEPT THE
 CLOSING
 AGREEMENT WITH
 ORS ON THE 3% IRS
 DISPUTE –
 APPROVED**

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

President Lake presented the recommendation to approve purchase of a new district wireless network.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Frederick that the Board of Education approves the ERate quoted purchase of the Delta Networks Aerohive wireless network with a 7-year warranty/maintenance plan in the amount of \$47,137.02. Federal ERate funds will pay an additional \$101,871.62 to cover 80% of the total cost for instructional facilities. This will replace the complete wireless network for Coldwater Community Schools.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO APPROVE
PURCHASE OF A
NEW DISTRICT
WIRELESS NETWORK
- APPROVED**

President Lake presented the request to approve contracting with Owen Ames Kimball for Pre-Bond Services.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Rutz that the Board of Education approves contracting with Owen Ames for Pre-Bond Fees, at a cost of \$12,000.00 as presented.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**REQUEST TO
APPROVE
CONTRACTING WITH
OWEN AMES
KIMBALL FOR PRE-
BOND SERVICES -
APPROVED**

President Lake presented the request to approve the Bid Resolution.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Rutz that the Board of Education authorizes the Bid Resolution; and further, that the Secretary of the Board be authorized to sign the Resolution on the District's behalf.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**ADDED ITEM:
REQUEST TO
APPROVE BID
RESOLUTION -
APPROVED**

President Lake made the following announcements:

1. The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at six o'clock in the evening via Zoom to adhere to the Covid-19 guidelines. A Zoom Meeting link will be available on the district's website prior to the start of the meeting.
2. *In the event Governor Whitmer approves the request to allow in-person board meetings, the meeting of the board in March will be held in-person with further details regarding location to be provided to the public prior to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Clair Dean, Secretary Board of Education

Heather M. Harvey, Executive Secretary