

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD APRIL 26, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, IN THE DISTRICT AT COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL, 275 N. FREMONT STREET, COLDWATER, MICHIGAN.

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

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEETING ABSENT: Nick Krzeminski

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Ann Whelan, Superintendent; Evelyn Grimes, Bill Milnes, Krista Searls, Julie Slusher, Adam Supianoski, Gary Dancer, Tobi Reardon, Annie Wulliman, Samantha Epp, Julie Farmer, Gracen Yates, Deb Warner, Cathy Lewis, Katie Jewell, Christian Roberts, Aaron Wood, Gwen Chavez, Kim Nichols, Amy Ash, Rebecca Heaton, Becky Simonds, Brian Stevens, Jennifer Milligan, Elizabeth Tucker, Ken Norton, Jason Hayes, Emily Kelly, Bryan Shirk, Amy Cekander, Sara Hayes, Jennifer Milligan, Dan Tucker, Shawn and Jeri Lyn Caldwell and others

Member Lake brought the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Pledge to the flag was conducted. Roll call for attendance of the board was taken as recorded above.

**CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE TO FLAG
AND ATTENDANCE**

President Lake made the request for public participation forms. Five forms were submitted.

**REQUEST FOR
PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION
FORMS**

1. Brian Stevens, Teacher, was first to address the board with concerns regarding district communication.
2. Jacki Schwind, Teacher, was next to address the board and shared various concerns regarding the district's learning plans, and teacher evaluations.
3. Liz Tucker, Teacher, addressed the board regarding her concerns relevant to the 2-Way Communication logs and teacher evaluations.
4. Ken Norton, ISD President, introduced himself to the board and meeting attendees to ask for votes in the upcoming election.
5. Jason Hayes, Community Member, addressed the board with concerns regarding student technology and safety measures to protect students while learning online.

President Lake called for Building Program Highlights.

**BUILDING PROGRAM
AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- Superintendent Whelan presented the Nice Job Notices.
- Kids Club Childcare Director, Gracen Yates, shared a presentation with the board and highlighted on the program's growth, including the addition of the Toddler Room opening in June, as well as the new STEM program, and current number of children currently enrolled in the program. Yates stated that currently, the program has a waiting list for child enrollments. Discussion ensued.
- Coldwater High School Principal, Bill Milnes, shared with the board the many ways that CHS is working to build relationships and stay connected with students and families, as well as some of the activities that students are able to participate in this spring, including

Homecoming, the spring concerts, Prom, and Graduation.
Discussion ensued.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 22, 2021 were given consideration for acceptance and approval.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: 3/22/2021**

MOTION was made by Member Lanford, supported by Member Rutz, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 22, 2021, as submitted.

Resolution approved unanimously.

President Lake called for agenda additions or deletions. No additions or deletions were recommended.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA
ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS**

President Lake called for communications.

**CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED AS
SUBMITTED**

Superintendent Whelan shared that she recently received several letters from 5th grade students expressing their appreciation for a new school and playground.

Discussion ensued.

Superintendent Whelan presented the personnel report in its entirety.

Member Holbrook presented the gifts report in its entirety.

Board Treasurer Holbrook offered the March Accounts for Payment Report and Financial Statements for approval.

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

With regret, after 30 ½ years of service, the retirement resignation of Kami Duda, Mathematics Teacher at Coldwater High School, effective Wednesday, June 30, 2021;

With regret, after 23 years of service, the retirement resignation of Denise MacArthur, Science Teacher at Coldwater High School, effective Wednesday, June 30, 2021;

The administrative recommendation to employ Amber Murphy for the part-time Caregiver position at Kids Club, effective April 20, 2021;

The administrative recommendation to employ Suha Algaradi for the part-time ELL Support position at Jefferson Elementary, effective immediately upon board approval;

The resignation Zannah Mousa from the part-time ELL Support position at Legg Middle School, effective immediately upon board approval;

and,

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

DONOR	DESCRIPTION	RECIPIENT	VALUE	
SEKISUI Voltek LLC	Paper Donation	Coldwater Community Schools	\$2,000.00	GIFTS
Coldwater Educational Association (CEA) Members	Monetary Funds	Paper for Coldwater Community Schools	\$8,666.00	
B2 Outlet Stores of Coldwater	Hand Sanitizer and Disinfectant Wipes	Students and Staff at Jefferson Elementary	N/A	

and,
 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 finally,
 that the Board of Education approves the following March accounts for payment as submitted:
 March General Fund accounts in the amount of \$1,700,579.09;
 March Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$123,364.01;
 and approves the General Fund Financial Statements as presented.
 Discussion ensued.
 Resolution approved unanimously.

**MARCH ACCTS FOR
 PAYMENT**

President Lake acknowledged the April Building Reports. No further discussion took place.
 President Lake called for Board Committee Reports.
 Superintendent Whelan reported that the Building and Grounds Committee recently met to discuss the additional projects to take place with the remaining bond funds at LMS and Jefferson School.
 Discussion ensued.
 Superintendent Whelan provided the board with an overview of the district's financials and the standing of the five debt funds. She further reported on the district's extended learning plan, and the 2 Way Communication.
 Discussion ensued.

**BOARD COMMITTEE
 REPORTS/
 SUPERINTENDENT/
 CFO REPORT/APRIL
 BUILDING REPORTS**

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 second reading and adoption of the new and revised policies.
 MOTION made and supported by Members Frederick and Rutz that the Board of Education approves the second reading of the new and revised board policies, as submitted and are hereby adopted.
 Roll call vote taken.
 Yeas: Members Frederick, Lanford, Holbrook, Rutz, Dean, Lake
 Nays: None
 Resolution passed unanimously.

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

President Lake presented the recommendation to extend administrators' contracts.
 MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education approves the contract extensions as presented below, without tenure in position:

**RECOMMENDATION
 TO EXTEND
 ADMINISTRATORS'
 CONTRACTS -
 APPROVED**

- Mr. Gary Dancer Principal – 2-year contract to June 30, 2023
- Mrs. Tobi Reardon Principal – 2-year contract to June 30, 2023
- Mrs. Julie Farmer Principal – 2-year contract to June 30, 2023
- Mr. William Milnes Principal – 2-year contract to June 30, 2023

- Mrs. Amanda Miller Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction– 2-year contract to June 30, 2023
- Mrs. Krista Searls Asst. Principal – 2-year contract to June 30, 2023
- Ms. Julie Slusher Principal – 2-year contract to June 30, 2023
- Mrs. Evelyn Grimes Business Manager – 2 year contract to June 30, 2023
- Mr. Adam Supianoski Asst. Principal – 2-year contract to June 30, 2023
- Mr. Todd Farmer Athletic Director – 2-year contract to June 30, 2023

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

President Lake presented the request to approve additional projects with 2018 Bond Funds.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education approves moving forward with installing a new heating and cooling system in Jefferson Elementary and a new cooling system in the gym at Legg Middle School. The projects will be completed using the remaining bond funds and sinking funds.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**REQUEST TO
APPROVE
ADDITIONAL
PROJECTS WITH 2018
BOND FUNDS –
APPROVED**

President Lake presented the request to approve contract with TowerPinkster for Architectural Services.

MOTION made and supported by Members Rutz and Frederick that the two contracts with TowerPinkster for Architectural Services, for Jefferson Elementary HVAC Improvements and Legg Middle School HVAC improvements, as submitted.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**REQUEST TO
APPROVE
CONTRACT WITH
TOWERPINKSTER
FOR
ARCHITECTURAL
SERVICES –
APPROVED**

President Lake made the following announcement:

1. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held Monday, May 24, 2021 at six o'clock in the evening. Location to be determined and posted locally and on the district's website prior to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Clair Dean, Secretary, Board of Education
(Heather Harvey, Executive Secretary)