

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD MAY 24, 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, Nick Krzeminski, Kate Frederick, Ronald Lanford, Jeff Holbrook, Clair Dean, Edward C. Lake, Jr. **ATTENDANCE**

BOARD MEETING ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Ann Whelan, Superintendent; Evelyn Grimes, Amanda Miller, Bill Milnes, Krista Searls, Julie Slusher, Adam Supianoski, Gary Dancer, Tobi Reardon, Julie Farmer, Annie Wulliman, Kris Jenkins, Diane Shiery, Shawn and Jeri Lynn and Shawn Caldwell, Shana Grife, Christian Roberts, Tess Donner, Bud Norman, Sarah Hayes, Jason Hayes, 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. Two forms were submitted.
 1. Jason Hayes, Community Member, addressed the board with concerns regarding student technology and safety measures to protect students while learning online.
 2. Annie Wulliman, School Psychologist, addressed the board and expressed her appreciation for Superintendent Whelan, the principals, the administrative teams and the teachers for all of their dedication and hard work this school year.

**VISITORS,
DELEGATIONS, AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

*Board Secretary, Clair Dean, made communications. Dean presented the grants awarded to Coldwater Schools through the Coldwater Community Schools Enrichment Fund.

President Lake called for Presentations and Building Program Highlights.

- Kris Jenkins and Diane Shiery from the Branch Intermediate School District presented the board with the ISD’s 2021-2022 budgets. Each board member was provided with a copy of the budget prior to the meeting for their review. Discussion ensued.
- Superintendent Whelan presented the Nice Job Notices
- Lakeland Elementary School Principal, Gary Dancer, presented the board with a “Lakeland Highlights” presentation. Dancer shared ways that Lakeland is working to close the gaps in student achievement. He also shared information regarding the Lakeland Readers are Leaders program and the library project. Discussion ensued.

**PRESENTATIONS
AND
BUILDING/PROGRAM
HIGHLIGHTS**

- Mark Ott from the Kiwanis Club presented a check for the Lakeland Library Project. Discussion ensued.

PRESENTATIONS AND BUILDING/PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS - continued

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 26, 2021 were given consideration for acceptance and approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 4/26/2021

MOTION was made by Member Lanford, supported by Member Dean, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 26, 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. No further communications were reported.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

Superintendent Whelan presented the personnel report in its entirety.

Member Krzeminski presented the gifts report in its entirety.

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

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

the administrative recommendation to employ Jason Brantley for the full-time secondary Science position at Legg Middle School, effective the 2021-2022 school year;

the administrative recommendation to employ Matthew Harter for the full-time secondary Math position at Legg Middle School, effective the 2021-2022 school year;

with regret, after 31 years of service, the resignation of Lisa Renshaw effective March 1, 2021.

with regret, the resignation of Melissa Stormont effective June 15, 2021

the resignation of Deb Dally part-time library clerk for Lakeland Elementary effective June 15, 2021;

the resignation of Jesse Barrows from the full-time Mechanic position, effective May 12, 2021;

the resignation of Kaitlin Meyers from the part-time paraprofessional/ supervisor position at Max Larsen Elementary, effective May 28, 2021;

the resignation of Suha Algaradi from the part-time ELL Support position at Jefferson Elementary effective May 10, 2021;

the resignation of Heather Pinson from the part-time lunchroom supervisor position at Legg Middle School, effective May 5, 2021;

the Administrative recommendation to employ Shyanne King for the part-time caregiver at Kids Club Childcare, effective May 10, 2021.

the administrative recommendations for the following summer school positions as outlined below:

NAME	POSITION
Bryan Shirk	Lead Summer School Teacher – ML
Stephanie Spolyar	Summer School Teacher – ML
Ashley Macklin	Summer School Teacher – ML
Nicholas Haberl	Summer School Teacher – ML
Nancy Mahle	Summer School Teacher – ML
Suzanne Gonzalez	Summer School Teacher – ML
Samantha Epp	Social Worker – ML
Aimee Smiertka	Summer School Paraprofessional – ML
Karrie Friend	Summer School Paraprofessional – ML

**B. SHIRK
S. SPOLYAR
A. MACKLIN
N. HABERL
N. MAHLE
S. GONZALEZ
S. EPP
A. SMIERTKA
K. FRIEND**

Sana Alisaid	Summer School Paraprofessional – ML	S. ALISAID
Katie Fleming	Lead Summer School Teacher – LMS	K. FLEMING
Danielle Kelly	Summer School Teacher – LMS	D. KELLY
Cindi Dill	Summer School Teacher – LMS	C. DILL
Krista Searls	Summer School Lead Teacher – CHS	K. SEARLS
Amy Ash	Summer School Teacher – CHS	A. ASH
Joseph Closson	Summer School Teacher – CHS	J. CLOSSON
William DeBeau	Summer School Teacher – CHS	W. DEBEAU
Cathy Lewis	Summer School Teacher – CHS	C. LEWIS
Gina Papineau	Summer School Teacher – CHS	G. PAPINEAU
Ryan Scheetz	Summer School Teacher – CHS	R. SCHEETZ
Lindsey Dixon	Summer School Teacher – CHS	L. DIXON
Denise Jarrell	Summer School Lead Teacher – Jefferson	D.. JARRELL
Emily Benjamin	Summer School Teacher – Jefferson	E. BENJAMIN
Rachel Hoard	Summer School Teacher – Jefferson	R. HOARD
Karen Buys	Summer School Teacher – Jefferson	K. BUYS
John Howk	Summer School Teacher – Jefferson	J. HOWK
Jill Avey	Summer School Teacher – Jefferson	J. AVERY
Laurie Stout	Summer School Teacher – Jefferson	L. STOUT
Kelli Redman	Summer School Teacher – Jefferson	K. REDMAN

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	
Jaci Hoorman	Freshman Class Advisor Class of 2025	J. HOORMAN
Rachel Foley	Freshman Class Advisor Class of 2025	R. FOLEY

and,

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>	<u>GIFTS</u>
Coldwater Solar	Monetary Funds	Readers are Leaders, Lakeland School	\$1,500.00	
Hawver Steamway	Monetary Funds	Readers are Leaders, Lakeland School	\$150.00	
Coldwater Solar	Monetary Funds	CHS Interact Club, Mural Project	\$500.00	
Coldwater Area Garden Club	White Pine Trees	Jefferson Elementary 3 rd Graders for Arbor Day, April 30, 2021	N/A	
Good, Better, Best Shop	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Library	\$1,700.00	
Women Who Care	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Library	\$2,000.00	
Kiwanis	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Library	\$7,500.00	

Shawnee Shoals Neighborhood Association Bill Johnson Memorial	Monetary Funds	Coldwater High School	\$50.00
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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:
 April General Fund accounts in the amount of \$2,771,067.00;
 April Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$193,218.57;
 and approves the General Fund Financial Statements as presented.
 Discussion ensued.
 Resolution approved unanimously.

APRIL ACCTS FOR PAYMENT

President Lake acknowledged the May Building Reports. No further discussion took place.
 President Lake called for Board Committee Reports.
 Superintendent Whelan reported that the Building and Grounds Committee met in early May to discuss the 911 County Proposal, and the need for new playground equipment at Jefferson Elementary. She further reported that Athletics also met in early May to discuss Handbook revisions.
 Discussion ensued.
 Superintendent Whelan reported on the district’s extended learning plan and school being back in session for five days a week. She further provided the board with an overview on the action items later in the agenda, including the purchase of the Jefferson playground equipment, the purchase of the Food Service Truck, the lawsuit against Juul Labs, Inc. Altria and other vaping manufactures, and the resolution for the sale of the Lakeland School property. Whelan concluded her report by providing a review of the community forum held on Tuesday, May 18th.
 Discussion ensued.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/
SUPERINTENDENT/
CFO REPORT/MAY 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 Rutz 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 approve Branch ISD 2021-2022 Budget.
 MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Krzeminski that the Coldwater Schools Board of Education has received and reviewed the Branch Intermediate School District’s 2021-2022 proposed Budget; and
 that the Coldwater Schools Board of Education supports the Resolution outlining the proposed intermediate school district’s 2021-2022 budget as presented.
 Roll call vote taken.
 Yeas: Members Holbrook, Rutz, Dean, Lanford, Krzeminski, Frederick, Lake
 Nays: None
 Resolution passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING BRANCH ISD 2021-2022 BUDGETS - APPROVED

President Lake presented the recommendation to adopt the resolution designating elector and casting ballot on behalf of the Board of Education.

MOTION made and supported by Members Dean and Rutz that the Coldwater Community Schools Board of Education approves the Resolution Designating District's Election Representative and designates Member Steve Rutz as its representative and Member Kate Frederick as the alternate representative; and that the representative or alternate is directed to cast a vote on behalf of this Board for Kenneth Norton – Bronson.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO ADOPT
RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING
ELECTOR & CASTING
BALLOT ON BEHALF
OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION –
APPROVED**

President Lake presented the request to approve purchase of playground equipment for Jefferson School.

MOTION made and supported by Members Krzeminski and Rutz that the Board of Education approves the purchase of new playground equipment for Jefferson School from Sinclair Recreation LLC., at a cost of \$221,894.41. Sinking Fund dollars will be used for this project.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**REQUEST TO
APPROVE PURCHASE
OF PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT FOR
JEFFERSON SCHOOL
– APPROVED**

President Lake presented the request to approve purchase of food service truck.

MOTION made and supported by Members Krzeminski and Frederick that the Board of Education approves the purchase of a 2021 F59 Ford truck from Auto Park Fleet in Sturgis, Michigan for \$67,145.00.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution approved unanimously.

**REQUEST TO
APPROVE PURCHASE
OF FOOD SERVICE
TRUCK – APPROVED**

President Lake presented the recommendation to resolution for joining the Mass Action Juul Lawsuit.

MOTION made and supported by Members Dean and Rutz that the Board of Education approves the resolution to join the mass action lawsuit against Juul Labs, Inc. and other producers of vaping products which have been targeted and marketed to children. The Board of Education also approves the Attorney - Client Fee Contract and authorizes, Terry Ann Whelan, Superintendent to sign on behalf of the district.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: Member Lanford

Abstain: Member Holbrook

Resolution passed with a 5-member vote.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO RESOLUTION FOR
JOINING THE MASS
ACTION JUUL
LAWSUIT –
APPROVED**

President Lake presented the recommendation to approve resolution for the sale of Lakeland School property.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Krzeminski that the Board of Education approves the resolution and purchase agreement with County of Branch as presented and authorizes Superintendent Terry Ann Whelan to sign the purchase agreement.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION FOR
THE SALE OF
LAKELAND SCHOOL
PROPERTY –
APPROVED**

President Lake made the following announcement:

1. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held Monday, June 28, 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 7:50 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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