

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD JUNE 28, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, IN THE DISTRICT AT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER, 401 SAUK RIVER DRIVE, COLDWATER, MICHIGAN.

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

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEETING ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Ann Whelan, Superintendent; Heather Harvey, Evelyn Grimes, Amanda Miller, Todd Farmer, Julie Farmer, and Rosalie Currier

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. No forms were submitted.

**VISITORS,
DELEGATIONS, AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

President Lake called for Presentations and Building Program Highlights.
• Superintendent Whelan presented the Nice Job Notices report.
• Athletic Director, Todd Farmer, provided the board with an overview of athletic events and achievements for Coldwater Schools for the 2019-20 school year, as well as the 2020-2021 school year.

**PRESENTATIONS
AND
BUILDING/PROGRAM
HIGHLIGHTS**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 24, 2021 were given consideration for acceptance and approval.
MOTION was made by Member Lanford, supported by Member Rutz, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 24, 2021, as submitted.
Resolution approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: 5/24/2021**

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.
Superintendent Whelan presented the personnel report in its entirety.
Member Lanford presented the gifts report in its entirety.
Board Treasurer Holbrook offered the May Accounts for Payment Report and Financial Statements for approval.
MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Rutz that the Board of Education approves

**CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED AS
SUBMITTED**

the following recommendations:

- the administrative recommendation to hire Misty Ferry for the elementary social worker position at Jefferson Elementary, effective the 2021-2022 school year; **M. FERRY**
- the administrative recommendation to hire Katherine Adamonis for the 6th grade ELA position at Legg Middle School, effective the 2021-22 school year; **K. ADAMONIS**
- the administrative recommendation to hire Rebecca Leskowich for the 6th -8th grade ELA position at **R. LESKOWICH**
- the administrative recommendation to hire Jeffrey Bohl for the mathematics position at Coldwater High School, effective the 2021-2022 school year; **J. BOHL**
- the administrative recommendation to hire Amy Swihart for the science teacher position at Coldwater High School, effective the 2021-2022 school year; **A SWIHART**
- the administrative recommendation to hire Janet Breza for the elementary music position at Max Larsen Elementary, effective the 2021-2022 school year; **J. BREZA**
- with regret, after 25 years of service, the retirement resignation of Evelyn Grimes, Business Manager for Coldwater Community Schools, effective January 31, 2022; **E. GRIMES**
- with regret, the resignation of Kaitlynn Doublestein from the secondary music instructor position, effective June 30, 2021; **K. DOUBBLESTEIN**
- with regret, the resignation of Andrew Robinson from the ELA and Social Studies teaching positions at Legg Middle School, effective June 30, 2021; **A ROBINSON**
- with regret, the resignation of Alaina Pung from the secondary English teaching position at Coldwater High School, effective June 30, 2021; **A PUNG**
- the administrative recommendation to hire Jody Iffland for the paraprofessional position for the summer school program at Jefferson Elementary; **J. IFFLAND**
- the administrative recommendation to hire Alyssa Fisher, Kennedy Outwater, and Mariam Thabet for the summer school paraprofessional positions at Max Larsen Elementary; **K. OUTWATER
A FISHER
M. THABET**
- the administrative recommendation to hire Kevin Krieg for the full-time bus mechanic position for Coldwater Schools, effective immediately upon board approval; **K. KRIEG**
- the administrative recommendation to hire Tracy Squier for the part-time lunch supervisor at Legg Middle School, effective the 2021-2022 school year; **T. SQUIER**
- with regret, the resignation of Zoie Pearson from the part-time supervisor position at Jefferson Elementary, effective immediately upon board approval; **Z. PEARSON**
- with regret, the resignation of Ken Delaney from the extra duty coaching position for the Girls Varsity Soccer team, effective immediately upon board approval; **K. DELANEY**

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	GIFTS
Dr. Lanford, Care Center Hospital for Animals	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Library project	\$500.00	
Walmart Store of Coldwater	Six Flat Screen Televisions	Legg Middle School – prizes for the Summer Reading program, raffle prize for the open house, and various use within the building	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 May accounts for payment as submitted:
 May General Fund accounts in the amount of \$1,865,428.48 ;
 May Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$117,304.89 ;
 and approves the General Fund Financial Statements as presented.
 Discussion ensued.
 Resolution approved unanimously.

MAY ACCTS FOR PAYMENT

President Lake acknowledged the June Building Reports. No further discussion took place.
 President Lake called for Board Committee Reports.
 There were no board committee reports at this time.
 Superintendent Whelan provided the board with information regarding the Preliminary Qualification of Bonds Application and stated that a special meeting of the board will need to be scheduled for July 26th for final approval.
 Discussion ensued.
 Whelan further provided an overview of each of the action items later in the agenda and shared information about the district’s summer programs.
 Discussion ensued.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/
 SUPERINTENDENT/
 CFO REPORT/JUNE 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 Lanford 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 request to approve the 2021 application for preliminary qualification of bonds.
 MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Coldwater Schools Board of Education applied for preliminary qualification of bonds by the State Treasurer for the purpose of financing the school construction description in this application; That said application is presented to the State Treasurer for action prior to the official action of the Board of Education calling the election

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE 2021 APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY QUALIFICATION OF BONDS – APPROVED

on said bond issue; That this Board of Education will present a final qualified application to the State Treasurer for qualification of their bonds after this bond issue has been approved by the electors of said district; Read this application and approved all statements and representations contained herein as true to the best knowledge and belief of the Board; Authorized the Secretary of the Board of Education to sign this Preliminary Application and submit same to the State Treasurer for review and approval.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

President Lake presented the request to adopt the 2021-2022 school year calendar.

MOTION made and supported by Members Frederick and Lanford that the Board of Education approves the adoption of the 2021-2022 school-year calendar resolution, as submitted and assures compliance with Section 1284 (MCL 380.1284(1)) of the Revised School Code dictating the number of pupil instruction days and clock hours; and further, that the Board of Education approves the graduation ceremony date of Sunday, May 22, 2022 at five o' clock in the evening for Coldwater High School Seniors.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**REQUEST TO ADOPT
2021-2022 SCHOOL
YEAR CALENDAR –
APPROVED**

President Lake presented the request to consider approval of a one-year contract extension for food service management.

MOTION made and supported by Members Rutz and Frederick that the Board of Education approves, with prior permission from the MDE, the first of four possible contract extensions with Chartwells for the upcoming 2021- 2022 school year.

Resolution approved unanimously.

**REQUEST TO
CONSIDER
APPROVAL OF A
ONE-YEAR
CONTRACT
EXTENSION FOR
FOOD SERVICE
MANAGEMENT –
APPROVED**

President Lake presented the recommendation to purchase 2021-2022 student athletic accident insurance.

MOTION made and supported by Members Frederick and Dean that the Board of Education approves the renewal of the Student Athletic Accident Insurance policy with the 1st Agency of Kalamazoo, Michigan, for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$30,721.00, exclusive of a COVID premium credit in the amount of \$3,072.00 that will be applied, making the total out of pocket expense to the district as \$27,649.00; and further. that the Board of Education approves the purchase of both a Catastrophic and Heart/ Circulatory Insurance policies with the 1st Agency of Kalamazoo, Michigan, for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$2.83 per student athlete.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution approved unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO PURCHASE 2021-
2022 STUDENT
ATHLETIC
INSURANCE –
APPROVED**

President Lake presented the recommendation adopt 2021-2022 Athletic Association Membership Resolution.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Rutz that the Board of Education adopts the 2021-2022 Membership Resolution for the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. (MHSAA), as submitted.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO ADOPT 2021-2022
ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP
RESOLUTION –
APPROVED**

President Lake presented the recommendation to approve the administrative salary agreement for the 2021-2022 Administrator contracts.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Frederick that the Board of Education approves the individual contracts for the following administrators based on the Administrative Salary Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Adam Supianoski Assistant Principal – Legg Middle School

Gary Dancer Principal – Lakeland

Julie Farmer Principal – Max Larsen

Todd Farmer Athletic Director

Evelyn Grimes Business Manager

Bill Milnes Principal – Coldwater High School

Amanda Miller Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

Tobi Reardon Principal - Jefferson

Krista Searls Asst. Principal – Coldwater High School

Julie Slusher Principal – Legg Middle School

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO APPROVE THE
ADMINISTRATIVE
SALARY
AGREEMENT FOR
THE 2021-2022
ADMINISTRATOR
CONTRACTS –
APPROVED**

President Lake presented the recommendation to grant a pay adjustment to all non-CESPA and non-CEA members for the 2021-2022 school year.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education approves a 2.25% percent wage increase for the 2021-2022 school year for all non-CESPA and non-CEA members.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO GRANT PAY
ADJUSTMENT TO ALL
NON-CESPA AND
NON-CEA MEMBERS
FOR THE 2021-2022
SCHOOL YEAR –
APPROVED**

President Lake presented the recognition of teacher tenure.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Frederick that the Board of Education acknowledges the following teachers have successfully completed their probationary period with the Coldwater Community Schools and are eligible for State and/or district tenure June 30, 2021.

Legg Middle School Sarah Frederick – State Tenure

Jefferson Elementary Lindsey Dixon - State Tenure

**RECOGNITION OF
TEACHER TENURE –
APPROVED**

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

President Lake presented the recommendation to approve update to the Legg Middle School Parent Handbook for the 2021-2022 School Year.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education formally approves the update to the Legg Middle School Parent Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted.

Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
TP APPROVE
UPDATE TO THE
LEGG MIDDLE
SCHOOL PARENT
HANDBOOK FOR THE
2021-2022 SCHOOL
YEAR – APPROVED**

President Lake made the following announcement:

1. A Budget Hearing for the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget will take place on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at six o'clock in the evening at the Administrative Service Center prior to the Special Meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m.
2. The July Regular Organizational Meeting of the Coldwater Board of Education will take place on July 12, 2021 at six o'clock in the evening at the Administrative Service Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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