

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 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, Kristin Lyon-Welch, Kate Frederick, Jeff Holbrook, Edward C. Lake, Jr.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEETING ABSENT: Clair Dean, Ronald Lanford

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Ann Whelan, Superintendent; Audi Nickerson, Evelyn Grimes, Amanda Miller, Julie Slusher, Adam Supianoski, April Lieby, Stephanie Weber, Amber Hall, Samantha Epp, Sherri Gillette, Cisco Ortiz, Samuel Tucker, Bryan Shirk, Joe Katz, Kelsey Closson, Brooklyn Closson, Steve Pickell, Kathy Osborn, Heather Fraley, Sara Hayes, Janette Jones, Amber Qualls, Shawn Caldwell, Karen Hoop, Mariah Johnson, Chandra Gruner, Patrick Beeman, and Others.

Member Lake brought the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge to the flag was conducted. Roll call for attendance of the board was taken as recorded above.

PLEDGE TO FLAG AND ATTENDANCE

President Lake called for Nice Job Notices and Building Program Highlights.

- There were no Nice Job Notices or Building Program Highlights at this time.

NICE JOB NOTICES AND BUILDING/PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

President Lake made the request for public participation forms. [7] forms were submitted.

VISITORS, DELEGATIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

- President Lake first called for Community Member, April Lieby. April addressed the board with concerns regarding prolonged masking and long term testing effects.
- President Lake called for Community Member, Joe Katz. Joe addressed the board with concerns regarding the mental health of students in correlation with mask wearing.
- President Lake called for Community Member, Stephanie Weber. Stephanie addressed the board with concerns about parent notification when Covid exposures require quarantine of students.
- President Lake called for Community Member, Steve Pickell. Steve addressed the board with concerns about the quarantine policy and about parental rights as it relates to mask wearing.
- President Lake called for Community Member, Kelsey Closson. Kelsey addressed the board with concerns about the quarantine policy and the mental health effects related to mask wearing for students.
- President Lake called for Legg Middle School student, Brooklyn Closson. Brooklyn addressed the board and asked that masks not be mandated at school.
- President Lake called for Community Member, Karen Hoop. Karen addressed the board with concerns about mask wearing for students. She also voiced concern about the accuracy of Covid testing and talked about antibody testing.

Discussion ensued.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 23, 2021 were given consideration for acceptance and approval.

MOTION was made by Member Rutz, supported by Member Frederick, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 23, 2021, as submitted.

Resolution approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: 8/23/21**

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 Rutz presented the gifts report in its entirety.

Board Treasurer Rutz offered the June, July, and August Accounts for Payment Reports for approval.

MOTION made and supported by Members Holbrook and Rutz that the Board of Education resolves to:

*approve the administrative recommendation to employ Isabella Hartwell for the part-time caregiver position at Kids Club, effective August 24, 2021;

I. HARTWELL

The Board of Education approves the administrative recommendation to employ Sierra Wolfcale for the full-time caregiver position at Kids Club, effective August 30, 2021;

S. WOLFCALE

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Camrie Surbrook for the part-time caregiver position at Kids Club, effective September 7, 2021;

C. SURBROOK

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Audra Nickerson for the full-time Administrative Assistant position, effective September 13, 2021;

A. NICKERSON

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Sarah Strong for the full-time Guidance Office Secretary position at Coldwater High School, effective September 27, 2021;

S. STRONG

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Aisha Yehya for the part-time ELL Support position at Max Larsen Elementary, effective immediately upon board approval;

A. YEHYA

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Elizabeth Snyder for the part-time assistant secretary position at Lakeland Elementary, effective immediately upon board approval;

E. SNYDER

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Chandra Gruner for the part-time library clerk position at Lakeland Elementary, effective immediately upon board approval;

C. GRUNER

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Laurie Hammond for the part-time paraprofessional position at Max Larsen Elementary, effective immediately upon board approval;

L. HAMMOMND

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Karen Wilber for the part-time lunchroom supervisor position at Legg Middle School, effective immediately upon board approval;

K. WILBER

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Olivia Geishert for the part-time lunchroom supervisor position at Legg Middle School, effective immediately upon board approval;

O. GEISHERT

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Muhiba Ahmed for the part-time support personnel position at Legg Middle School, effective immediately upon board approval;

M. AHMED

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Alisha Wendorf for the part-time lunchroom supervisor at Lakeland Elementary School, effective immediately upon board approval;

A. WENDORF

accept with regret, the resignation of Kari Parker, from the full-time Guidance Office Secretary position at Coldwater High School, effective September 10, 2021;

K. PARKER

accept with regret, after 25 years of service, the retirement resignation of Carolyn White, part time paraprofessional at Max Larsen Elementary, effective December 31, 2021;

C. WHITE

accept the employment termination of Ashley Lindsay from the part-time RTP Coordinator position at Legg Middle School, due to a no-show, no call for duty, effective immediately upon board approval.

Approve the administrative recommendation for the following extra duty positions as outlined below:

accept the resignation of Jake Lenhardt from the extra duty position of Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective immediately upon board approval;

approve the administrative recommendation to employ DJ Herlan for the extra duty position of Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective immediately upon board approval;

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	
Aaron Wood	Marching Band Assistant	A. WOOD
Lindsay Villa	Flag Corps	L. VILLA
Charlene Rucker	HS Musical	C. RUCKER
Katie Jewell	HS Instrumental/Sole Ensemble/Pep Band/Marching Band	K. JEWELL
Karen Kiss	Student Council Advisor	K. KISS
Brian Stevens	Youth in Government Advisor/NHS Advisor	B. STEVENS
Sharon DeMeester	Class of 2022 Co-Advisor	S. DEMEESTER
Carolyn Yousseff	Class of 2022 Co-Advisor	C. YOUSSEFF
Cody Fishell	Class of 2023 Co-Advisor	C. FISHELL
Gina Papineau	Class of 2023 Co-Advisor	G. PAPINEAU
Becky Heaton	Class of 2024 Co-Advisor	B. HEATON
Becky Simonds	Class of 2024 Co-Advisor	B. SIMONDS
Jeff Schorfhaar	Varsity Football Coach	J. SCHORFHAAR
Jamie Spray	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	J. SPRAY
Mark DeMeester	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	M. DEMEESTER
Jeff Gallup	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	J. GALLUP
Dave Bach	JV Football Coach	D. BACH
Jeff Qualls	JV Football Coach	J. QUALLS
Zack Stempien	8 th Grade Football Coach	Z. STEMPIEN
Toby Kirk	7 th Grade Football Coach	T. KIRK
Ryan Scheetz	7 th Grade Football Coach	R. SCHEETZ
Kelsey Closson	Varsity Volleyball Coach	K. CLOSSON
Rachel Foley	8 th Grade Volleyball Coach (A & B)	R. FOLEY
Larry Knauss	7 th Grade Volleyball Coach (A)	L. KNAUSS
Amy Pool	7 th Grade Volleyball Coach (B)	A. POOL
Ken Delaney	Varsity Boys Soccer Coach	K. DELANEY
Daniel Aburto	JV Boys Soccer Coach	D. ABURTO
Jim Bilsborrow	Varsity/JV Cross Country Coach	J. BILSBORROW
Jayda Kelly	LMS Cross Country Coach	J. KELLY
Danielle Kelly	LMS Cross Country Coach	D. KELLY
Nathan Waterbury	Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	N. WATERBURY
John Petzko	Varsity/JV Girls Golf Coach	J. PETZKO
Aaron Ulrich	Varsity Girls Swim Coach	A. ULRICH
Jon Marsh	Varsity Girls Diving Coach	J. MARSH

And further,
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>
Auto Zone of Coldwater	15 Gallons of Hand Sanitizer	Given to all school buildings in the district	N/A

Honor Credit Union

Opening Day
Luncheon

Coldwater Schools Staff

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 June, July, and August accounts for payment as submitted:

June General Fund accounts in the amount of \$1,986,284.79
June Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$222,090.08

July General Fund accounts in the amount of \$2,137,628.72
July Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$135,225.04

August General Fund accounts in the amount of \$1,757,081.26
August Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$178,755.50

Discussion ensued.

Resolution approved unanimously.

President Lake acknowledged the September 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 reported that the district's enrollment numbers are up at this time in comparison to last year.

Whelan further shared that the district will have the audit back soon and will be presented at the October meeting. There will be an Open House at Lakeland Elementary on September 28th. District parents, guardians, students, employees, and community members are welcome to tour the new Lakeland building and connect with Superintendent Whelan regarding the 2021 bond proposal.

Discussion ensued.

President Lake called for Action Items

There were no further Action Items to present.

President Lake made the following announcements:

1. The next Regular Meeting of the Coldwater Board of Education will take place on October 25, 2021 at six o'clock in the evening at the Administrative Service Center.
2. There will be a Policy Committee meeting set. Time and date to be determined.
3. Special Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for October 6, 2021 to discuss mask wearing.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Clair Dean, Secretary, Board of Education
(Audi Nickerson, Executive Secretary)