

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD OCTOBER 25, 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, Ronald Lanford, Jeff Holbrook, Clair Dean, Edward C. Lake, Jr.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEETING ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Ann Whelan, Superintendent; Evelyn Grimes, Rachelle Roby, Julie Slusher, Adam Supianoski, Pam Vanzuilen, Liz Smith, Brandon Smith, Krista Searls, Tobi Reardon, Amanda Miller, Cindy Kirchberg, Janette Jones, Julie Farmer, Katie Fleming, Brenda Fowler, Elizabeth Snyder, Erin Brown, Karen Hoop, Michael Gruennert, Bill Milnes, Gary Dancer, Audi Nickerson, and others.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

SPECIAL GUESTS:

MAX LARSEN:

Cale Dean

LAKELAND:

Gavin Gruner

Mika Wendorf

LEGG MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Mackenzie Searing

Kinley Brown

Olivia Searls

Member Lake brought the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 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

Superintendent Whelan read the proclamation by Michigan Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, which declares the month of October as Principal Recognition Month. Following the proclamation, Superintendent Whelan called upon the administrators individually and introduced the students and staff who were in attendance from their respective buildings. Students were given an opportunity to express his/her appreciation for their principals. Following the students, Whelan presented each of the administrators with a gift.

PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION RECOGNITION

Following the recognition of Principal Appreciation Month, President Lake called for the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit presentation by Hungerford Nichols CPAs. On behalf of Hungerford Nichols, Mr. Michael Gruennert provided board members and the public audience in attendance with the final reports from the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit.

HUNGERFORD NICHOLS 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT PRESENTATION

President Lake called for Building/Program Highlights.

BUILDING/PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Legg Middle School Principals, Julie Slusher and Adam Supianoski shared a presentation

with the board and highlighted Fall Professional Development and Social Emotional Learning.

President Lake made the request for public participation forms. [1] form was submitted.

VISITORS,
DELEGATIONS, AND
COMMUNICATIONS

- President Lake called for Community Member, Karen Hoop. Karen addressed the board with questions about masking requirements and Covid testing at the school buildings. She also inquired about the level of pay for substitutes and asked about the pandemic funding and how it was used and the conditions of its use.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 27, 2021 were given consideration for acceptance and approval.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: 9/27/21

MOTION was made by Member Dean, supported by Member Rutz, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 27, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS
AND CONSENT
AGENDA

Superintendent Whelan presented the personnel report in its entirety.

Member Holbrook presented the gifts report in its entirety.

Board Treasurer Rutz offered the September Accounts for Payment Reports for approval.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education resolves to approve the following recommendations:

*the resignation of Amy Smith from the Young 5's teaching position at Max Larsen, effective October 29, 2021;

A. SMITH

the administrative recommendation to employ Rachelle Roby for the Business Manager position at the Administrative Service Center, effective November 15, 2021;

R. ROBY

the resignation of Karen Wilber from the part-time lunchroom supervisor position at Legg Middle School, effective immediately upon board approval;

K. WILBER

the administrative recommendation to employ Darlene Hagel for the part-time library clerk position at Max Larsen Elementary, effective immediately upon board approval;

D. HAGEL

the administrative recommendation to employ Sara McVeigh for the part-time supervisor position at Jefferson Elementary, effective immediately upon board approval;

S. MCVEIGH

the administrative recommendation to employ Nadia Askar for the ELL Support Personnel position at Jefferson Elementary, effective immediately upon board approval;

N. ASKAR

the resignation of Ann Smoker from the Extra Duty Girls Basketball Coach position at Legg Middle School, effective immediately upon board approval.

A. SMOKER

And further,

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

ACCEPTANCE AND
APPROVAL OF GIFTS
- APPROVED

DONOR	DESCRIPTION	RECIPIENT	VALUE
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Apex Clean Energy, Inc.	Monetary Funds	Coldwater High School Interact Club	\$500.00
Apex Clean Energy, Inc.	Monetary Funds	Coldwater Soccer Team's Cultural Understanding Game	\$1000.00
Coldwater Kiwanis Club Project Fund	Monetary Funds	Legg Middle School Library	\$2000.00
B2 Outlet (and Customers)	School Supplies from Local Supply Drive	Coldwater Community Schools	N/A
Jimmy John's	4 Platters of Sub Sandwiches	Coldwater Community Schools Teachers for Professional Development Day	N/A
Laurie Hammond	Monetary Funds	Max Larsen Milk Fund	\$200.00

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 September accounts for payment as submitted:

September General Fund accounts in the amount of \$2,215,578.91;

September Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$216,048.00;

and approves the Financial Statements as presented.

Resolution approved unanimously.

President Lake acknowledged the October Building Reports. No further discussion took place.

President Lake reported that the Policy Committee met on October 20th to review the revised policy updates recommended by NEOLA.

Superintendent Whelan reported that she continues to monitor Covid cases and numbers. Whelan further reported that November 2nd is Election Day for the Bond Proposals. She concluded her report by giving more detailed information on the two bonds.

Discussion ensued.

President Lake presented the request for approval and acceptance of the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education accepts the 2020-2021 audit from Hungerford Nichols and authorizes copies be filed with the appropriate authorities.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Holbrook, Rutz, Dean, Lanford, Lyon-Welch, Frederick, Lake

Nays: None

Resolution unanimously approved.

President Lake presented the first reading of revised policies.

MOTION made and supported by Members Frederick and Rutz that the Board of Education acknowledges the recommendation of the first reading of the revised board policies, as submitted.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Lyon-Welch, Frederick, Lanford, Holbrook, Rutz, Dean, Lake

Nays: None

Resolution unanimously approved.

President Lake presented the request for approval of 2021-2022 District and School Improvement Plans.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 District and School Improvement Plans.

**BUILDING REPORTS
BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

**ACTION ITEMS:
REQUEST FOR
APPROVAL AND
ACCEPTANCE OF
2020-2021 FISCAL
YEAR AUDIT -
APPROVED**

**FIRST READING OF
REVISED POLICIES -
APPROVED**

**REQUEST FOR
APPROVAL
OF 2021-2022
DISTRICT AND
SCHOOL**

Resolution unanimously approved.

**IMPROVEMENT
PLANS - APPROVED**

President Lake made the following announcement:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next Regular Meeting of the Coldwater Board of Education will take place on November 22, 2021 at six o'clock in the evening at the Administrative Service Center.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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