

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, IN THE DISTRICT AT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER, 401 SAUK RIVER DRIVE, COLDWATER, MICHIGAN.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Steel, Kristin Lyon-Welch, Kate Frederick, Ronald Lanford, Jeff Holbrook, Clair Dean

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEETING

ABSENT: Dr. Edward C, Lake, Jr.

OTHERS IN Terry Ann Whelan, Superintendent; Rachelle Roby, Bill Milnes, Julie and Todd Farmer, Penny Brockway, Penny Dewitt, CeCe Dewitt, and others.

Vice President Holbrook 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

Vice President Holbrook called for Building Program Highlights. Max Larsen Elementary Principal, Julie Farmer, provided the board with information regarding Larsen’s Extended Day program. Farmer shared that the program takes place in the morning and focuses on the general wellness of students, and provides learning activities and opportunities in their interest areas, including art, music, and physical education. Music Teacher, Janet Breza, was present along with a small group of Max Larsen students who performed bucket drumming to music for board members. PE Teacher, Kerri Jent, was also in attendance and presented the board with a video on some of the various physical activities the students have participated in this year, including the Pumpkin Run earlier in the fall. Discussion ensued.

PRESENTATIONS/ BUILDING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Vice President Holbrook made the request for public participation forms. No forms were submitted at this time.

VISITORS, DELEGATIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes of the Special Meeting and Closed Session held on Monday, February 20, 2023, were given consideration for acceptance and approval. MOTION was made by Member Lanford, supported by Member Lyon-Welch, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Special Meeting and Closed Session, held on Monday, February 20, 2023, as submitted. Resolution approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Holbrook called for agenda additions or deletions. The agenda was accepted as submitted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS

Vice President Holbrook called for communications.

No communications were reported at this time.

Superintendent Whelan presented the personnel report as submitted.

Board Treasurer Lanford offered the January Accounts for Payment Reports for approval.

Member Frederick presented the gifts report in its entirety.

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

accept with regret, after nearly 31 years of service to Coldwater Schools, the resignation of James (Jay) Henry from his teaching position at Coldwater High School, effective the end of the day on February 17, 2023;

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Megan Root for the part-time caregiver position at Kids Club, effective immediately upon board approval;

accept with regret, the resignation of Kari Robinson from the part-time playground supervisor position at Jefferson Elementary, effective the end of the day on Friday, February 3, 2023;

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

accept with regret the resignation of Joe Wright from the extra duty coaching position for JV Baseball, effective immediately upon board approval;

and,

that the Board of Education approves the following January accounts for payment as submitted:

January General Fund accounts in the amount of \$2,534,157.97;

January Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$156,314.56;

and further,

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

**COMMUNICATIONS
AND CONSENT
AGENDA**

J. HENRY

M. ROOT

K. ROBINSON

J. CROW

J. WRIGHT

**ACCOUNTS FOR
PAYMENT**

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Walmart Distribution Center	Girls/Ladies Swimwear	Dr. Robert Brown Aquatic Center and Students of CCS	N/A
Coldwater Cardinals Elementary Boosters	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary	\$2,000.00
Eby-Klein Youth and Family Center	Good, Better, Best Grant	Kathryn Guingrich, CCS Aquatics	\$301.00
Eby-Klein Youth and Family Center	Good, Better, Best Grant	Brenda Tubbs, Max Larsen	\$500.00

**ACCEPTANCE AND
APPROVAL OF GIFTS**

and finally,

that a letter of appreciation, on behalf of the board, be sent to the donors as recorded above for their

worthwhile and generous gifts.
Discussion ensued.
Resolution approved unanimously.

Vice President Holbrook acknowledged the Building Reports. No further discussion took place.
Vice President Holbrook called for Board Committee Reports.
Superintendent Whelan reported that the Budget and Finance Committee met on February 22, 2023, to review various matters of the district, including many of the action items on the agenda.
Superintendent Whelan reported on the various grants that were recently awarded to the district on February 3, 2023, including the 97d, 97c, 97, and 31aa.
Whelan further provided an update on the new School Resource Officer for Legg Middle School, adding that she, along with Director Joe Scheid, and Legg Middle School Principal Julie Slusher, recently interviewed Antesar Azookari and all agreed that she would be a great fit for LMS. Officer Azookari will begin work on August 1, 2023.
Superintendent Whelan provided the board with additional information relative to many of the action items on the agenda, including the purchase of new library chairs, the bus purchases, the 2022-2023 budget amendments, the ProMedica contract, the Graduation Alliance contract, and finally concluded her report by providing an update on the Fremont Street property, as well as the Juul Lawsuit.
Discussion ensued.

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

Vice President Holbrook presented the recommendation to approve the JV and Varsity Baseball Teams' 2023 spring trip to Clermont, Florida.
MOTION made and supported by Members Dean and Lanford that the Board of Education approves an extended, week-long, out-of-state spring trip to Clermont, Florida, for varsity and junior varsity baseball team members, March 23, 2023, through March 31, 2023, as presented.
Resolution passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS:
RECOMMENDATION
TO APPROVE JV AND
VARSITY BASEBALL
TEAMS' 2023 SPRING
TRIP TO CLERMONT,
FLORIDA –
APPROVED.**

Vice President Holbrook presented the request for board approval of two overnight stays for the bowling team.
MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Lyon-Welch that the Board of Education approves two overnight stays on March 2nd and March 3rd in Waterford, MI, for the Bowling Team in order for the team to participate in State Finals at Century Bowl, as presented.
Resolution passed unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR BOARD
APPROVAL OF TWO
OVERNIGHT STAYS
FOR THE BOWLING
TEAM – APPROVED**

Vice President Holbrook presented the recommendation to approve two overnight trips for the high school gymnastics team.
MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Frederick that the Board of Education approves the two overnight trips for the CHS Gymnastics Team to be able to compete in Regionals and State Finals, as presented.
Discussion ensued.
Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO APPROVE TWO
OVERNIGHT TRIPS
FOR THE HIGH
SCHOOL
GYMNASTICS TEAM –
APPROVED**

Vice President Holbrook presented the request to approve the Jefferson Field Trip.
MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education approves the request for a field trip to Archbold, Ohio, as presented on May 25, 26, 31, and June 1.
Resolution passed unanimously.

**REQUEST TO
APPROVE
JEFFERSON FIELD
TRIP – APPROVED**

Vice President Holbrook presented the request to approve the Applied Engineering Course at Legg Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Steel that the Board of Education approves the adoption of the Applied Engineering Course at Legg Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Lanford, Dean, Steel, Frederick, Lyon-Welch, Holbrook

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE APPLIED ENGINEERING COURSE AT LEGG MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR – APPROVED

Vice President Holbrook presented the recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Coldwater Police Department and Coldwater Community Schools.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Frederick that the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Coldwater and Coldwater Community Schools for the hire of an additional School Resource Officer for Legg Middle School starting August 1, 2023, for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Steel, Lyon-Welch, Frederick, Lanford, Dean, Holbrook

Nays: None

Resolution approved unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLDWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT AND COLDWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS – APPROVED

Vice President Holbrook presented the purchase of new chairs for the Library at Coldwater High School.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education approves the purchase of 125 new Grazie style chairs for the library at Coldwater High School in the amount of \$43,381.25 to be paid for out of the General Fund account, as presented.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Lanford, Dean, Steel, Frederick, Lyon-Welch, Holbrook

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NEW CHAIRS FOR THE LIBRARY AT CHS- APPROVED

Vice President Holbrook presented the recommendation to purchase two (2) new buses.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Lyon-Welch that the Board of Education approves the purchase of (1) 77-passenger, general education bus in the amount of \$118,822.00 from Midwest Transit, as presented;

and further, that the Board of Education approves the purchase of (1) 65-passenger special-education bus in the amount of \$140,853.00 from Midwest Transit, as presented.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Dean, Frederick, Lyon-Welch, Steel, Lanford, Holbrook

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE TWO (2) NEW BUSES – APPROVED

Vice President Holbrook presented the recommendation to approve purchase and installation of fence and gate at the softball field.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education approves the quote from Right-Way Agricultural Tile & Repair, LLC, in the total amount of \$6,000.00 for the purchase and installation of a new fence and gate at the CHS Softball Field, as presented.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Frederick, Steel, Dean, Lanford, Lyon-Welch, Holbrook

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO APPROVE
PURCHASE AND
INSTALLATION OF
FENCE AND GATE AT
SOFTBALL FIELD –
APPROVED**

Vice President Holbrook presented the recommendation to amend and approve the 2022-2023 budgets.

MOTION made and supported by Members Frederick and Steel that the Board of Education accepts the amendments to the 2022-23 General Fund Budget, Food Service Budget, Preschool & Daycare Tuition Budget, and Sinking Fund Budget.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Steel, Lyon-Welch, Frederick, Lanford, Dean, Holbrook

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO AMEND AND
APPROVE 2022-2023
BUDGETS –
APPROVED**

Vice President Holbrook presented the recommendation to approve agreement for school-based health services with ProMedica.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Frederick that the Board of Education approves the agreement through June 30, 2026, with the ProMedica Coldwater Regional Hospital of Branch County for School-Based Health Services at Coldwater High School and Legg Middle School, and that the Board of Education has reviewed and approves the Policy & Procedure for Parental Consent document, as presented.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Lanford, Dean, Steel, Frederick, Lyon-Welch, Holbrook

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO APPROVE
AGREEMENT FOR
SCHOOL-BASED
HEALTH SERVICES
WITH PROMEDICA –
APPROVED**

Vice President Holbrook requested to approve contract with Graduation Alliance for a 23A Dropout Recovery Program.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Steel that the Board of Education approves the three-year contract with Graduation Alliance to provide academic services as outlined in the contract.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Dean, Frederick, Lyon-Welch, Steel, Lanford, Holbrook.

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**REQUEST TO
APPROVE
CONTRACT WITH
GRADUATION
ALLIANCE FOR A
23A DROPOUT
RECOVERY
PROGRAM –
APPROVED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Holbrook made the following announcements:

1. A Special Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on March 8 and March 9, 2023, at six o'clock in the evening in the cafeteria at Lakeland Elementary School, located at 235 Western Avenue, Coldwater, MI 49036.
2. A Special Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on March 16, 2023, in the cafeteria at Lakeland Elementary, located at 235 Western Avenue, Coldwater, MI, with a time to be determined.
3. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at six o'clock in the evening at the Administrative Service Center located at 401 Sauk River Drive in Coldwater.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Clair Dean, Secretary, Board of Education

Heather Harvey, Executive Secretary