

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD MARCH 9, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, IN THE DISTRICT AT LAKELAND ELEMENTARY, LOCATED AT 235 WESTERN AVENUE, COLDWATER, MI.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Steel, Kristin Lyon-Welch, Kate Frederick, Ronald Lanford, Jeff Holbrook, Clair Dean, Edward Lake, Jr. **ATTENDANCE**

BOARD MEETING ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: David Killips, Michigan Leader Institute, Heather Harvey, Rachelle Roby, Todd Farmer, Samantha Epp, Brenda Fowler, Laura Frantz, Marcia Ohler, Bob McKinley, Elizabeth Snyder, Michael Snowden, Don Reid, and others **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

President Lake brought the Special 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**

President Lake made the request for public participation forms. No forms were submitted. **VISITORS, DELEGATIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 8, 2023, were given consideration for acceptance and approval. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 01/23/2023**

MOTION was made by Member Lanford, supported by Member Frederick that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 8, 2023, as submitted. Resolution approved unanimously.

David Killips from Michigan Leadership Institute introduced Dr. William Stitt, Superintendent of Fremont Schools in Fremont, IN, as the first candidate to interview. Each of the board members asked questions appropriate to the position of Superintendent of Schools and allowed Dr. Stitt to ask questions of the board at the end of the interview and to provide a closing statement. Dr. Stitt's interview concluded at approximately 7:03 pm. **FIRST-ROUND INTERVIEWS – SUPERINTENDENT POSITION: STITT AND TERPENNING**

Mr. Killips brought in and introduced the second candidate, Mr. Jeff Terpenning, from Capac Public Schools at approximately 7:10 pm. The same series of questions were asked during the interview process by the board. At the conclusion of Mr. Terpenning's interview, which concluded at approximately 8:33 pm, the board provided the same opportunity for questions and a closing statement.

Following the interviews, Mr. Killips led the board in a discussion relevant to selecting one or more of the previous candidates to bring back for a final interview. **DISCUSSION: PROCESS OF SELECTING CANDIDATES FOR FINAL INTERVIEW**

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education approves the selection of the said candidates for the final interviews for the position of Superintendent of Coldwater Schools, as presented:

- 1. Mr. Paul Flynn
- 2. Mr. Jeff Terpenning.

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution unanimously passed.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR FINAL INTERVIEWS FOR THE POSITION OF SUPT. OF CCS - APPROVED

President Lake made the following announcements:

- 1. A Special Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on March 16, 2023, in the multi-purpose room at Lakeland Elementary, located at 235 Western Avenue, Coldwater, MI, beginning at six o'clock in the evening.
- 2. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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