

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 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, Ronald Lanford, Jeff Holbrook, Dean, Edward C. Lake, Jr.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathryn Frederick

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Flynn, Superintendent; Heather Harvey, Penny Brockway, Ted Davis, Julie Slusher, Jacob Kumor, Gary Dancer, Tobi Reardon, Julie Farmer, Todd Farmer, Bill DeBeau, Penny DeWitt, Monica Downs, Niko Downs, Maria Gonzalez, Claudia Cortez, Brody Lindblom, and others

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

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Flynn read Governor Whitmer’s proclamation declaring the month of October as Principals Month.

PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION RECOGNITION – SUPERINTENDENT FLYNN

Daniel Bovine from Hungerford Nichols CPAs + Advisors provided board members and the public audience in attendance with the final reports from the 2022-2023 fiscal year audit.

HUNGERFORD NICHOLS 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT – DANIEL BOVINE

President Lake made the request for public participation forms. Two public participants submitted forms.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORMS / VISITORS, DELEGATIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Concerns were brought to the board regarding the district's soccer and cross-country programs.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 25, 2023, were given consideration for acceptance and approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2023- APPROVED

MOTION was made by Member Lanford, supported by Member Steel, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 25, 2023, as presented. Resolution approved unanimously.

President Lake called for agenda additions or deletions. Superintendent Flynn noted an amendment to the Personnel Recommendations report in the Consent Agenda. Flynn stated that there was an (*) added resignation for acceptance by the board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS

**COMMUNICATIONS
AND CONSENT
AGENDA**

President Lake called for communications.
 No communications were reported at this time.
 Superintendent Flynn presented the personnel report in its entirety, as amended.
 Member Dean presented the acceptance and approval of the gifts report.
 Member Lanford offered the September Accounts for Payment reports and financial statements for approval.

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

accept with regret, the resignation of High School Math Teacher, Phil Hicks, effective the end of the day on Thursday, October 19, 2023;

**P. HICKS
A. FEDORE**

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Aimee Fedore from Lakeland Elementary for the Homebound Instructor position, effective immediately upon board approval;

L. BIENZ

approve the administrative recommendation to employ Lindsay Bienz for the Legg Middle School Spanish/Math teaching position, effective December 4, 2023;

approve the administrative recommendation to employ the following individuals as Instructors and Paraprofessional for the Extended Day program at Jefferson Elementary, effective October 16, 2023, through May 24, 2024:

- Renee Conner - Teacher
- Stephanie Johnson - Teacher
- Kelli Redman - Teacher
- Leslie Welker - Teacher
- Chris Roberts – Teacher
- Michelle Fondren - Teacher
- Brandan Cross – Teacher
- Shannon Carlton – Paraprofessional;

**R. CONNER
S. JOHNSON
K. REDMAN
L. WELKER
C. ROBERTS
M. FONDREN
B. CROSS
S. CARLTON**

accept with regret, the resignation of Nanette (Amber) Murphey from the part-time caregiver position at Kids Club, effective October 12, 2023;

A. MURPHEY

*accept the resignation of Huda Mohamed from the part-time supervisor position at Max Larsen Elementary, effective November 3, 2023;

H. MOHAMED

approve the administrative recommendations for the following extra duty position as outlined below:

- Malorie Rzepka Freshman Girls Basketball Coach
- Quinn Berry Middle School Boys Basketball Coach
- Stacy Maddox Varsity Gymnastics Coach;

**M. RZEPKA
Q. BERRY
S. MADDOX**

And further,
 gratefully accepts the gifts as outlined below,

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF GIFTS</u>
Eby-Klein Youth and Family Center	Good, Better, Best Grant	Susan Mueller, Jefferson Elementary School	\$470.00	

Coca-Cola Company (Bruce Pearson)	25 Cases of Pop and Water	County School Staff for County-Wide PD	N/A
XI Alpha Beta-Beta Sigma Phi	Monetary funds to purchase books for Kindergarten/Y5 Spring Registration	Max Larsen Elementary	\$460.00

and;

that a letter of appreciation, on behalf of the board, be sent to the donors indicated above for their worthwhile and generous gifts;

And finally,

approves the following September accounts for payment and financial statements as submitted:

- September General Fund accounts in the amount of \$3,241.694.29;
- September Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$208,206.13;

Resolution approved unanimously as amended.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

President Lake acknowledged the Building Reports.

President Lake shared that the Finance Committee met recently to discuss various financial matters of the district including aquatic center finances, boiler quotes, the air handling system at Legg Middle School, and the weight room equipment.

Lake also shared that the Policy Committee met to review the new and revised policies recommended by NEOLA.

Superintendent Flynn shared that the district received a donation of \$2,100.00 from the Shell Giving Pump program. He further provided the board with an update on the playground inspections, the Secure Education Consultants assessments, the digital mapping of the district's buildings, and the spring testing data for 2023. He further highlighted the County Wide PD that was held on October 13th and recognized the success of the 9th Grade Career Center day.

Discussion ensued.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/ BUILDING REPORTS/ SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

President Lake presented the request for approval and acceptance of the 2022-2023 fiscal year audit report.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Lyon-Welch that the Board of Education accepts the 2022-2023 audit from Hungerford Nichols and authorizes copies be filed with the appropriate authorities

Roll call vote taken.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT – APPROVED

President Lake presented the first reading of new and revised policies.

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

Roll call vote was taken.

FIRST READING OF NEW AND REVISED POLICIES – APPROVED

Yeas: Members Lyon-Welch, Lanford, Holbrook, Steel, Dean, Lake
Nays: None
Resolution passed unanimously.

President Lake presented the request for approval of the 2023-2024 District Improvement Plans.
MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Steel that the Board of Education approves the 2023-2024 District Improvement Plan.
Resolution passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS: APPROVED

President Lake presented the recommendation to approve the formation of Coldwater High School National Art Honors Society (NAHS) Club.
MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Lyon-Welch that that the Board of Education approve the formation of the National Art Honors Society (NAHS), as presented.
Resolution passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FORMATION OF COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL ART HONORS SOCIETY (NAHS) CLUB – APPROVED

President Lake presented the recommendation to adopt the resolution to accept the proposed settlement from Altria Group, Inc.
MOTION made and supported by Members Lyon-Welch and Dean that the Board of Education adopts the resolution to accept the proposed settlement in the amount of \$14,128.00 from Altria Group, Inc. as presented, and authorizes Superintendent Flynn to sign the settlement documentation on behalf of the district.
Discussion ensued.
Roll call vote taken.
Yeas: Members Lanford, Dean, Steel, Holbrook, Lyon-Welch, Lake
Nays: None
Resolution passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED SETTELEMT FROM ALTRIA GROUP, INC. – APPROVED

President Lake made the following announcements:

- 1. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023, at six o'clock in the evening in the Library at Jefferson Elementary located at 15 Vans Avenue, Coldwater, MI.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Clair Dean, Secretary, Board of Education

Heather M. Harvey, Executive Secretary