

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, IN THE LIBRARY AT JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY, 15 VANS AVENUE, COLDWATER, MICHIGAN.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Steel, Kate Frederick, Ronald Lanford, Jeff Holbrook, Clair Dean, Edward C. Lake, Jr.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristin Lyon-Welch

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Flynn, Superintendent; Heather Harvey, Tobi Reardon, Courtney Gallup, Jordan Woodward, Kristen Niedzwiecki, Joel Niedzwiecki, Nick Hamilton, Andy Galinis, Kathryn Galinis, Brandon Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Monica Downs, Krista Searls, Carol White, Nasra Hajaji, Julie Slusher, Becky and Gary Simonds, Tanna Macklem, Julie Farmer, Rachelle Roby, Gary Dancer, Penny DeWitt, CeCe DeWitt, Jacob Kumor, Elizabeth Snyder, Mallory McClellan, Courtney Dirshell, and others

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

President 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

President Lake called for the Jefferson Elementary presentation. Several students of Jefferson Elementary were present at the meeting and expressed their appreciation for Veterans by singing songs and sharing kind words. Students also honored Board President Lake for his years of service in protecting our country. Principal Reardon also expressed her appreciation and highlighted the recent Veterans Day celebration held at Jefferson Elementary.

BUILDING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS – JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY

President Lake made the request for public participation forms. [2] forms were submitted. Concerns regarding the high school soccer program were brought to the board by two public participants.

VISITORS, DELEGATIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

President Lake called for Nice Job Notices. Superintendent Flynn presented the Nice Job Notices report in its entirety.

NICE JOB NOTICES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 23, 2023, were given consideration for acceptance and approval. MOTION was made by Member Lanford, supported by Member Steel, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 23, 2023, as submitted. Resolution approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 10/23/2023

President Lake called for agenda additions or deletions. Agenda accepted as submitted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS

President Lake called for communications.
 No communications were reported.
 Superintendent Flynn presented the personnel report in its entirety.
 Board Treasurer Lanford offered the October Accounts for Payment reports for approval.
 Member Steel presented the Acceptance and Approval of Gifts report.
 MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education resolves to approve the following recommendations:
 the administrative recommendation to hire Kristen Niedzwiecki for the elementary art position for Jefferson and Lakeland Elementaries, effective October 30, 2023;
 the administrative recommendation to employ Brianna Massey for the part-time caregiver position at Kids Club, effective November 1, 2023;
 the administrative recommendation to employ Mary Steffey for the part-time supervisor position at Max Larsen Elementary, effective immediately upon board approval;
 the resignation of Angela Dyer from the part-time bus monitor position, effective immediately upon board approval;
 the resignation of Nadia Askar from the part-time ELL Support (Jefferson) and District Liaison positions, effective December 22, 2023;
 the administrative recommendations for the following extra duty positions as outlined below:

**COMMUNICATIONS
 AND CONSENT
 AGENDA**

K. NIEDZWIECKI

B. MASSEY

M. STEFFEY

A. DYER

N. ASKAR

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Barb Yearling	Girls' Varsity Bowling Head Coach
Jessica Post	Asst. Gymnastics Coach
Dominic Falzarano	Girls' Varsity Soccer Head Coach

**B. YEARLING
 J. POST
 D. FALZARANO**

And further,
 that the Board of Education approves the following October accounts for payment as submitted:
 October General Fund accounts in the amount of \$2,163,520.59;
 October Special Revenue accounts in the amount of \$225,460.54;
 and approves the Financial Statements as presented;

**ACCOUNTS FOR
 PAYMENT AND
 FINANCIAL
 STATEMENTS**

And finally,
 that the Board of Education gratefully accepts the gifts as outlined below, and that a letter of appreciation, on behalf of the board, be sent to the donors indicated above for their worthwhile and generous gifts:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF GIFTS
American Legion Post 52	A New American Flag	Jefferson Elementary	N/A	
Eby-Klein Youth and Family Center	Good, Better, Best Grant	Stacy Maddox, Legg Middle School	\$500.00	
Eby-Klein Youth and Family Center	Good, Better, Best Grant	Sarah Davis, Coldwater High School	\$500.00	

Eby-Klein Youth and Family Center	Good, Better, Best Grant	Arielle Norris, Coldwater High School	\$196.00
Eby-Klein Youth and Family Center	Good, Better, Best Grant	Kayla Sellers, Coldwater High School	\$387.00
Coldwater High School Interact Club (ABC Challenge)	Monetary Funds	CHS National Art Honors Society	\$300.00
Walmart	Monetary Funds for Cultural Event	Sarah Davis, CHS Spanish Teacher	\$250.00
MI Elementary & Middle School Principals Association	Monetary Funds	Misty Rohloff-Ferry, Social Worker, Jefferson Elementary	\$1,000.00
Shana Grife TTEE/Hillquist Family Foundation	Monetary Funds	CHS National Art Honors Society	\$500.00
Donald and Sonya Wilkins	Monetary Funds	Lakeland Elementary Library	\$25.00

Resolution approved unanimously.

President Lake acknowledged the November Building Reports and the Curriculum and Instruction Report. No further discussion took place.

**BUILDING
REPORTS/CURRICULUM
AND INSTRUCTION
REPORT**

Superintendent Flynn provided the board with an overview of various projects relative to the district's buildings and grounds, including an update on the RFP process for security upgrades and possible energy efficiency projects throughout the district.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Flynn further shared that he recently met with the Instructional Coaches and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Penny Brockway, to gain a better understanding of the curriculum focus.

Flynn stated that he is in the process of meeting with each individual principal to discuss their goals and processes for their buildings.

Lastly, Flynn shared that he recently attended a presentation at CHS by students currently enrolled in the new Street Law course, and was among several attendees at the Veterans Day program held at Jefferson Elementary.

President Lake presented the request to consider levying summer tax in the City of Coldwater. MOTION made and supported by Members Steel and Frederick that the Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 451 of 1976, as amended, hereby invokes, for 2024 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service and sinking fund, upon property located within the City of Coldwater and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by this Board and requests the City of Coldwater to collect those summer taxes; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the City of Coldwater a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and to collect the summer levy for 2024 in the amount specified in this resolution. (Such forwarding of the resolution and the requests to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the City of Coldwater before January 1, 2024); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the Revised School Code, the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of the district with the City of Coldwater for the reasonable expenses for collection of the district's summer tax levy that the City may bill under MCLA 380.1611 or MCL 380.1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before the Board for its approval or disapproval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes its secretary to sign the Annual Summer Tax Resolution on its behalf.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Holbrook, Steel, Dean, Lanford, Frederick, Lake

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEM:
REQUEST TO
CONSIDER LEVYING
SUMMER TAX IN THE
CITY OF COLDWATER
- APPROVED**

President Lake presented the second reading and adoption of revised and new policies.

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Frederick that the Board of Education approves the second reading of the revised and new board policies, as submitted and are hereby adopted.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Frederick, Lanford, Holbrook, Steel, Dean, Lake

Nays: None

Resolution unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEM:
SECOND READING
AND ADOPTION OF
REVISED AND NEW
POLICIES
-APPROVED**

President Lake made the following announcement:

1. The next scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 18, 2023, at six o'clock in the evening in the multipurpose room at Lakeland Elementary, located at 235 Western Avenue, Coldwater, MI 49036

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:31p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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