

Coldwater Exempted Village Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 6:15 PM
Regular Meeting
CAV ROOM

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- I. Roll Call and Verification of Notice **Time In: 6:15 PM**
Members Present: Greg Bruns, Jack Waite, Steven Hileman, Jim Miller, Terry Schroyer.
The board was assured that all notice requirements of ORC Section 121.22 and implementing rules adopted by the board thereunder had been complied with for this meeting.
- II. Hearing of Visitors
Scheduled:
- III. **26.01.007**
Motion by Terry Schroyer and second by Jack Waite to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5
Nays: 0.
Set Agenda
- IV. Business and Records
A. Financial Update – *Mrs. McCoy reviewed the December financial statements, cash reconciliation, FY26 appropriation changes, investments, FY26 updated certificate of resources, Tax Year 2025 rates and amounts and property tax legislation.*
- V. Curriculum and Instruction
A. Reports from Building Principals & Directors – *Mr. Pohlman reviewed the middle school report.*
- VI. Superintendent's Section
A. Board Member Appreciation – *Mr. Mader presented the 2025 year in review and provided an update on infrastructure projects.*
- VII. Board Member Section
A. Legislative Update
B. **26.01.008**
Motion by Terry Schroyer and second by Jack Waite to approve Items B-C as presented. Vote: Greg Bruns, yes; Jack Waite, yes; Steven Hileman, yes; Jim Miller, yes; Terry Schroyer, yes.
Motion carried 5-0.
Handbook – Approval
1. High School Program of Studies
C. Policies – Second Reading & Approval
1. All Neola Policies 0000-9800
- VIII. **26.01.009**
Motion by Terry Schroyer and second by Jim Miller to approve Items A-S as presented. Vote: Greg Bruns, yes; Jack Waite, yes; Steven Hileman, yes; Jim Miller, yes; Terry Schroyer, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
Resolutions
(*All items may be voted upon in one motion.*)

- A. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the FY26 permanent appropriations as presented.
- B. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the board meeting minutes held on December 9, 2025.
- C. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the following transfers:

FROM: General Fund 001 To: Severance Fund (035) AMT: \$80,000
- D. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the use of the IRS mileage rate of \$0.725 per mile for 2026.
- E. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the increase of the minimum wage from \$10.70/hour to \$11.00/hour effective January 1, 2026, to meet the state minimum wage requirement.
- F. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the tax rates and values as presented by the Mercer County Auditor.
- G. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve contracting HVAC proprietary single source services as attached with New Idea Controls for Quote 26NN2280 in the amount of \$235,730 for the final Phase D of the HVAC Controls project.
- H. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the donation of \$6,000 from Brunet Dental for the Palace Scoreboard.
- I. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the donation of \$3,000 from Valco Companies, Inc with \$2,000 for negative balances for the Washington DC Trip and \$1,000 for negative lunch accounts.
- J. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the donation of \$250 from McDonald's for Athletics.
- K. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the donation of \$122 from Zach & Amanda Sudhoff for Drama.
- L. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the donation of \$100 from Robert & Roseann Sudhoff for Drama.
- M. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the donation of \$20 from Tim & Claire Buschur for Drama.
- N. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the donation of \$129 from Lange Photography.
- O. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the donation of \$132 from Ohio FFA Blue Jacket Program for FFA.
- P. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to reaffirm the following policies and authorize open enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - 1. 5131 – Student Transfers
 - 1. 5113 – Interdistrict Open Enrollment

- Q. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the resignation of Karen Wenning, due to retirement, effective May 31, 2026.
- R. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the resignation of Tim Brunet, Head Girls Golf, for the 20026-2027 school year.
- S. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the resignation of Cory Klenke, Assistant Varsity Football, for the 20026-2027 school year.
- T. **26.01.010 Time In: 7:15 PM Time Out: 8:16 PM**
Motion by Terry Schroyer and second by Jack Waite to approve the request for executive session to discuss employment and compensation of personnel. Vote: Greg Bruns, yes; Jack Waite, yes; Steven Hileman, yes; Jim Miller, yes; Terry Schroyer, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the request for an executive session for the discussion of employment and compensation of personnel.
- U. **26.01.011**
Motion by Jack Waite and second by Terry Schroyer to approve Items U-AA as presented. Vote: Greg Bruns, yes; Jack Waite, yes; Steven Hileman, yes; Jim Miller, yes; Terry Schroyer, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve FMLA for Julie Fortkamp effective December 19, 2025.
- V. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve FMLA for Dave Bertke effective September 20, 2025.
- W. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the hiring of Amber Sinclair, Level II Substitute, for the 2025-2026 school year per the adopted salary schedule.
- X. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the updated 2025-2026 Classified Benefits Schedule.
- Y. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the hiring of the following individuals on a one-year contract for the 2025-2026 school year per the adopted salary schedule:

Pupil Activity Coaching Contract:

1. Carlee Goodwin – Assistant High School Track – (1/2)
2. Ava Giere – Assistant High School Track – (1/2)
3. Caleb Spencer – Assistant High School Track
4. *Aron Osborne – Junior High Track*
5. *Abby Ashbaugh – Junior High Track*

- Z. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the hiring of the following individuals on a one-year contract for the 2026-2027 school year per the adopted salary schedule:

Supplemental Coaching Contract:

1. Martin Schoenherr – Head Boys Cross Country
2. Zach Sudhoff – Assistant High School Football
3. Jack Hemmelgarn – Assistant High School Football
4. Joe Huwer – Assistant High School Football
5. Mark Bruns – Assistant High School Football

6. Aaron Alig – Junior High Football
7. Aaron Weigel – Junior High Football
8. Austin Pleiman – Head Boys Golf
9. Corey Klenke – Head Girls Golf
10. Mike Etzler – Assistant High School Volleyball

Pupil Activity Coaching Contract:

1. Jennifer Alig – Head Girls Cross Country
2. Chip Otten – Head Football
3. Chip Otten – Weight Room Coordinator
4. Dan Kanney – Assistant High School Football
5. Matt Hamilton – Junior High Football
6. Brandon Forsthoefel – Junior High Football
7. Paul Dingleline – Head Girls Soccer
8. Otto de la Rosa – Assistant High School Girls Soccer
9. Nichole Etzler – ~~Assistant High School Volleyball~~ *Head Volleyball*
10. Traci Dues – Assistant High School Volleyball
11. Angie Rolfes – Junior High Volleyball
12. ~~Aron Osborne – Junior High Track~~
13. ~~Abby Ashbaugh – Junior High Track~~

AA. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the following volunteers for the of the 2026-2027 school year:

1. Kim Uhlenhake – Volunteer Girls Cross Country
2. Cory Klenke – Volunteer Assistant High School Football

IX. **26.01.012 Time Out: 8:18 PM**
Motion by Jim Miller and second by Jack Waite to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.
 Adjournment

Important Dates:

Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 17, 2026– 6:00 PM – CAV Room

Public Participation at Board Meetings

In order to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted each meeting.

Each person addressing the Board will give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted three minutes until the total time of thirty minutes is used. During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the Board to be placed on the regular agenda. The public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board.

Board President

Fiscal Officer