

PLEASE NOTE: The Board of Education Organizational meeting will be called to order at 6:00 PM with the regular monthly board meeting to follow.

COLDWATER EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 – 6:00 PM
CAV ROOM

MINUTES

I. Board of Education Section Time In: 6:00 PM

A. Swearing in of Board of Education Members:

1. Mr. Steven Hileman

B. 26.01.001

Motion by Jack Waite and second by Terry Schroyer to appoint Greg Bruns to the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education. Vote: Jim Miller, yes; Terry Schroyer, yes; Jack Waite, yes; Greg Bruns, abstain. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to appoint Greg Bruns to the Coldwater Exempted Village School District Board of Education to fill the vacancy created by Greg Bruns's term on the Board expiring without a successor elected to fill their seat.

C. 26.01.002

Motion by Jack Waite and second by Terry Schroyer to appoint Jim Miller to the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education. Vote: Jim Miller, abstain; Terry Schroyer, yes; Jack Waite, yes; Greg Bruns, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to appoint Jim Miller to the Coldwater Exempted Village School District Board of Education to fill the vacancy created by Jim Miller's term on the Board expiring without a successor elected to fill their seat.

D. Swearing in of Board of Education Members:

1. Mr. Greg Bruns
2. Mr. Jim Miller

E. Election of Officers

1. President Pro-Tem **Terry Schroyer**, Roll Call and Verification of Notice (Mrs. McCoy)

Members Present: Terry Schroyer, Greg Bruns, Steven Hileman, Jack Waite, Jim Miller.

2. Nomination and Election of President (call for nominations, no second needed) (call for motion and second to close nominations)

Jim Miller nominated Greg Bruns to be President.

Motion by Jack Waite and second by Greg Bruns to close nominations.

Vote: Greg Bruns, yes; Jim Miller, yes; Steven Hileman, yes; Terry Schroyer, yes; Jack Waite, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Nomination and Election of Vice-President (call for nominations, no second needed) (call for motion and second to close nominations)

Greg Bruns nominated Jack Waite to be Vice President.

Motion by Greg Bruns and second by Jack Waite to close nominations.

Vote: Greg Bruns, yes; Jack Waite, yes; Steven Hileman, yes; Jim Miller, yes; Terry Schroyer, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

4. President's acceptance (presides over meeting from this point forward)
Greg Bruns accepted the position of President of the Board of Education over the remainder of the meeting.

F. **26.01.003**

Motion by Jack Waite and second by Terry Schroyer to approve Article IF 1-7 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 Exempted Village Schools Board of Education resolve to approve compensation, procedures, appointments as stated.

1. set Board member salary at \$100 per meeting for each individual for a maximum of twelve (12) meetings per year;
2. set the regular Board meetings, time, date and place;
3. establish Board member service fund with an amount of \$5,000 for Board members;
4. appoint legislative liaison from Coldwater as Jack Waite to OSBA, and
5. appoint student achievement liaison from Coldwater as Terry Schroyer;
6. dispense with reading of minutes of the "previous meeting" at Board meetings during;
7. join the Ohio School Boards Association, membership dues and approve subscriptions to **Briefcase** and **School Management News**;

II. Fiscal Officer's Section

A. **26.01.0035**

Motion by Terry Schroyer and second by Jim Miller to approve Article IIA 1-11 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 Exempted Village School's Board of Education resolve to approve the authorization of the fiscal officer as stated:

1. authorize the Treasurer to purchase liability insurance for the Board of Education and Coldwater Exempted Village School District. Approve Employee Dishonesty Insurance Coverage in Lieu of Bond for Treasurer/CFO and all staff.
3. to invest inactive funds at the most productive rate whenever they are available and report to the Board on investments and interest earned;
4. the president and treasurer to make advance draws on February and August tax settlements and authorize the treasurer to adjust appropriations in accordance with Policy;
5. treasurer to pay bills during 2026;
6. the president and treasurer to borrow money if needed for the general fund during 2026 at the lowest interest rate available;
7. approve The People's Bank, Citizen's National Bank, LPL Financial, and Star Ohio as depositories for public funds of the Coldwater School District;
8. approve the designation of interest earned on inactive funds for deposit in the general fund, except interest earned by the Rauh Scholarship, Schroer Scholarship, Homan Scholarship, Don Luken Scholarship, Rich Luken Scholarship & Oppenheim Scholarship funds and the Cafeteria Fund; said interest shall be designated to those funds. (It should be noted that interest required to be paid to the construction funds, as designated so by law, will be paid to such funds as required.);
9. attend public records training as required to represent the Board of Education.
10. apply for local, state and federal grant programs/funds as deemed necessary along with the Superintendent.
11. Authorize the Treasurer as the District Public Records Officer, and as designee to attend Public Records Training on behalf of the Board of Education members as required by Ohio Revised Code 109.43

- B. At this time, any Board member interested in purchasing insurance benefits (health

including prescription drugs, dental and life insurance) from the Coldwater EVSD (entirely at the Board member's cost) will be asked to declare such.

Mr. Greg Bruns	_____
Mr. Jack Waite	_____
Mr. Steven Hileman	_____
Mr. Jim Miller	_____
Mr. Terry Schroyer	___Life_____

III. Superintendent's Section

A. **26.01.004**

Motion by Jack Waite and second by Jim Miller to approve Article IIIA 1-4 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 Exempted Village School Board of Education resolve to approve authorization of the superintendent as stated:

1. as the school's purchasing agent for the Board of Education and the official representative for all 2026 state and federal programs;
2. to employ temporary personnel as needed.
3. to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees prior to a Board meeting, pending Board approval at the next meeting.
4. to employ employees between Board meetings, pending Board approval at the next meeting.

IV. Other Items Related to Board Administrations for calendar year 2026

A. **26.01.005**

Motion by Jack Waite and second by Jim Miller to approve Item IVA-C 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 Exempted Village Schools Board of Education resolve to approve the following actions as stated:

1. to approve Bricker Graydon of Columbus and Dinsmore & Shohl of Columbus as legal counsel to the Board of Education on an as needed basis for 2026;

B. Yearly review of 2025 activities by Administration and Board of Education members

C. Other

1. Planning for the 2026-2027 School Year
2. Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures

V. Adjournment

A. **26.01.006**

Time Out: 6:13 PM

Motion by Jack Waite and second by Terry Schroyer to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

It is recommended that the Coldwater Exempted Village Schools Board of Education resolve to adjourn the January 13, 2026, Organizational Meeting of the Coldwater Exempted Village Board of Education.

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 of Education Meeting Tentative Schedule for 2026:

All meetings will begin at 6:00 PM in the CAV Room.

Jan. 13, Feb. 17, March 10, April 7, May 12, June 16, July 21, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8

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