

Coldwater Exempted Village Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting

CAV ROOM

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- I. Roll Call and Verification of Notice **Time In: 6:00 PM**
Members Present: Greg Bruns, 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: Band Boosters
- III. **26.02.013**
Motion by Jim Miller and second by Terry Schroyer to accept the agenda as presented.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0.
Set Agenda
- IV. Business and Records
A. Financial Update – *Mrs. McCoy reviewed the January financial statements, cash reconciliation, Investments, FY26 appropriation changes, FY26 updated certificate of resources and the Financial Forecast.*
- V. Curriculum and Instruction
A. Reports from Building Principals – *Mr. Etzler reviewed the Elementary report.*
- VI. Superintendent’s Section – *Mr Mader reviewed the Chamber Awards, State Testing, PD Day, and Upcoming Events*
- VII. Board Member Section / Discussion Only
A. Student Achievement – *FTC Robotics and Girls Bowling qualified for state*
B. Legislative Update – *Several Senate Bills and House Bills were discussed*
C. **26.02.014**
Motion by Terry Schroyer and second by Jim Miller to approve Item VII C as presented. Vote: Greg Bruns, yes; Steven Hileman, yes; Jim Miller, yes; Terry Schroyer, yes. Motion carried 4-0.
Handbook – Approval
1. High School Student Handbook 2026-2027
- VIII. **26.02.015**
Motion bby Terry Schroyer and second by Jim Miller to approve Items A-O as presented. Vote: Greg Bruns, yes, Steven Hileman, yes; Jim Miller, yes; Terry Schroyer, yes. Motion carried 4-0.
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 appropriation changes as presented.
- B. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the organizational board meeting minutes held on January 13, 2026 and the regular board meeting minutes held on January 13, 2026.
- C. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the February financial forecast as presented.
- D. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the following transfers:

FROM: PI Fund 003-0000 TO: PI Fund 003-9922 AMT: 903,074.47

- E. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to accept the following “then and now certificate.” It is hereby certified that both at the time of the making of this order and at the date of the execution of this certificate the amount required to pay this order has been appropriated for the purpose of this order and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of the fund, free from any previous encumbrance. I recommend that the following invoice \$3,000 and over be authorized for payment by the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education:
 - 1. Invoice #15578 Vendor: Mohawk USA Amt: \$3,058.80 Chromebook Covers
 - 2. Invoice #2092320 Vendor: Bricker Graydon Amt: \$3,384 Legal Services
- F. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the attached Resolution between Coldwater EVSD and the OHSAA Governing Board for OHSAA Membership for the 2026-2027 school year.
- G. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding from Northwest Ohio Area Computers Services Cooperative (NOACSC) for EMIS Extended Services beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.
- H. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve Tri Star Referral #141 to add a Law and Public Safety Program starting in the 2026-2027 school year. This program will be a full day program.
- I. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the donation of \$7,500 from Mercer Health for the Palace Scoreboard.
- J. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the donation of \$7,500 from Peoples Bank for the Palace Scoreboard.
- K. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the donation of \$6,000 from Superior Federal Credit Union for the Palace Scoreboard.

L. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the following donations from Eldora Speedway:

1. Athletic Department - \$2,500
2. Wrestling - \$1,000
3. Soccer - \$1,000
4. Volleyball - \$1,000

M. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve one day leave without pay (LWOP) for April Braun for January 29, 2026.

N. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the salary schedule placement of Martin Schoenherr from Masters +15 to Masters +30.

O. *It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the resignation of Francesca Niekamp, due to retirement, effective August 31, 2026.*

P. **26.02.016 Time In: 7:11 PM Time Out: 8:07 PM**

Motion by Jim Miller and second by Terry Schroyer to approve the request for executive session to discuss employment and compensation of personnel. Vote: Greg Bruns, yes; Steven Hileman, yes; Jim Miller, yes; Terry Schroyer, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

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.

Q. **26.02.017**

Motion by Terry Schroyer and second by Jim Miller to approve Items Q-W as presented. Vote: Greg Bruns, yes; Steven Hileman, yes; Jim Miller, yes; Terry Schroyer, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the hiring of Ashley Lefeld, High School English Teacher, for the 2026-2027 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

R. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the hiring of Allison Hughes, Level II Substitute, for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

S. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the hiring of Sydney Lehman, Level II Substitute, for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

T. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the hiring of Renee Randall, Substitute Cafeteria, for the 2025-2026 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

U. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve FMLA for Mike Etzler effective January 13, 2026.

V. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve FMLA for Josie Brunet effective January 5, 2026.

W. It is recommended that the Coldwater EVSD Board of Education resolve to approve the updated 2025-2026 Classified Salary Schedule attached, effective February 15, 2026.

IX. **26.02.018** **Time Out: 8:11 PM**
Motion by Jim Miller and second by Terry Schroyer to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0.
Adjournment

Important Dates:

Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – 6:00 PM – Cav Room

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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.