



The Regular meeting of the Central Montcalm Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Bill Simpson in the CMMHS Student Learning Center on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Simpson, Brennan Bowen, Bill Collins, Rob Train, Jim Lingeman, Brandy Ryan

Absent: Lisa Lund

The following minutes were approved as presented: Regular meeting minutes of September 18, 2023; Special meeting minutes of October 2, 2023.

Motion by Collins, supported by Train, to accept and approve the Finance Report for the period ended September 30, 2023. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Train, supported by Collins, to ratify the payment of bills for September 2023 for the amount of \$1,368,097.97. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report:

1. The Bucket Ladies: Gaylia Ross, Peggy Eggleston, and Barb Millard. These volunteers, who also include Sue Bowen and Patty Rockafellow, are more appropriately called the Bucket Fillers. This is a kindness/anti-bullying program at our elementary building. They focus on ways to build up other people around you. This program is funded by the Central Montcalm Community Foundation and Central Montcalm Lions Club.
2. Central Montcalm High School Hall of Fame: Barb Millard presented an update. They have selected individuals and teams for the Induction Class of 2024. This event will take place the weekend of January 26 – 28, and tickets will be available through the Athletic Department in November. They are looking for the community to nominate future honorees, forms are available online. This group is also accepting donations, including "In memory of..." and "In honor of..." tributes. This year is the 60th anniversary of Central Montcalm Schools and the Hall of Fame is sharing CMPS trivia and facts on their social media page.
3. Lynn Lund: Mr. James recognized Lynn Lund as she is now a Certified Transportation Director. She has completed 66 credit hours in 2 years to earn the classification through Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO). Lynn will complete another 24 credits over the next 5 years to maintain certification.
4. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade: Mrs. Charity Stephens recognized Erika Thomas, flute, and Caden Roberts, tenor sax, from our band program. They have auditioned and been accepted to perform as part of the Macy's All-American Band on Thanksgiving Day in New York City.



5. BenQBoard presentation: Laura Ruggles and her student Brody demonstrated a few ways teachers are using this new technology hardware in delivering curriculum and increasing student engagement.

Previous Concerns: None at this time.

President Simpson opened the floor to public comment on agenda items: None at this time.

Old Business: No old business was brought before the Board.

President Simpson addressed the consent agenda.

1. To accept the retirement of Kathy Campbell, CMMHS Teacher, effective May 30, 2024
2. To accept the resignation of Valerie Rohloff, GSRP Assistant Teacher, effective September 21, 2023
3. To accept the resignation of Joshua German, CMUE Media Clerk, effective October 2, 2023
4. To accept the resignation of William Helms, CMPS Custodian, effective October 16, 2023
5. To employ Angel Doolittle as Paraprofessional at CMMHS, effective September 18, 2023, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional conduct checks
6. To employ Anthony Goldsmith as 7th Grade Science Teacher at CMMHS, effective September 25, 2023, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional conduct checks
7. To employ Laura McBeth as Speech & Language Therapist at CME, effective September 25, 2023, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional conduct checks
8. To employ Mackenzie Kohn, effective October 6, 2023, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional conduct checks
9. To employ Cyndi Wheeler-Gough as MS DCIT System Facilitator - Behavior, as per Schedule B, effective October 2, 2023
10. To approve the request of an unpaid leave of absence for Ashley Hoonhorst, CME teacher, beginning December 23, 2023
11. To set the date of CMPS Commencement as Thursday, May 16, 2024 for the Senior Class of 2024

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Bowen, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Board Policy – Updates – First Reading
 - a. 1540 – Administrative Staff Reductions/Recalls
 - b. 2370.01 – Online/Blended Learning Program
 - c. 7217 – Weapons



- d. 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- e. 8305 – Information Security
- f. 8531 – Free and Reduced-Price Meals

No other new business was brought before the Board.

President Simpson opened the floor to public comment on non-agenda items.

1. Alex Jacoby spoke representing students who would like to have WIFI access to cell phone devices while in the school building due to the current low signal levels in many areas.
2. Mary Thomas shared praise for Mr. Reed, a “phenomenal teacher” who has revived the band program to award winning levels. She feels he is an asset to the program and our district. She also expressed support for the ongoing Bond Project.

Audit Presentation: Maner Costerian

Sheri Blankenship was on hand to discuss the audit process and results. They conducted an overall review of our accounting procedures and a single audit for Child Nutrition and ESSER fund accounts. Like most districts in the state, CMPS has an excess fund balance in the Food Service department that should be addressed. Our district is paying down its debt faster than the value of our assets are depreciating. We had a healthy fund balance of 30% at the end of the 2023 fiscal year. Ms. Blankenship reported that it is Maner Costerian’s opinion the financial statements were presented fairly and provide a clear audit opinion.

Motion by Collins, supported by Train, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:47 pm. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Collins
Secretary