



The Board Workshop of the Central Montcalm Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Bill Simpson in the Superintendent's Office on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Simpson, Bill Collins, Brennan Bowen, Lisa Lund, Jim Lingeman, Rob Train

Absent: Brandy Ryan

Superintendent's Report:

1. **Bond Project:** Superintendent James provided financial details regarding the two-phase bond that the Board had previously showed interest in. He also shared legal council's suggestion of using "10-year extension" vs. "no tax increase." The Board had multiple discussion points on what and how to prepare an informational campaign should they vote to move forward with the bond renewal. Superintendent James gave them an approximate timeline should they decide to move forward.
2. **Non-Homestead Millage:** Superintendent James provided information to the Board regarding the February 2024 non-homestead millage election, including historical renewals amounts and the information that will be published in Central Issue. The Board discussed multiple scenarios and points regarding the non-homestead millage.
3. **Oxford Independent Report:** Superintendent James distributed a hard copy of the Oxford Independent Report. While extremely disturbing, this is a great learning opportunity for other schools. CMPS is using this to strengthen security throughout the district – talking with staff and students regularly so it is constantly in the forefront, being more proactive than reactive and using safety monies to upgrade features in the district. He also explained that the 31aa application is due December 10th. These funds must be spent 50% safety and 50% mental health. A survey was sent to parents, staff and students to gain input. The priority from that survey was (1) safety and security infrastructure, (2) SRO funding and (3) staff availability for staff and student mental health.
4. Through additional conversation about the bond, it was confirmed a January 2024 workshop is not necessary.

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

Motion by Bowen, supported by Lingeman, to move into closed session to discuss the evaluation of Superintendent Marty James at 5:45 pm. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

The Board came out of closed session at 6:47 pm.

Motion by Lund, supported by Bowen, to adjourn the Board Workshop at 6:48 pm. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Collins
Secretary