



The Organizational and Regular meeting of the Central Montcalm Public School Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent James in the High School Student Learning Center on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Bill Collins

Election of Officers: These individuals will serve until the next organizational meeting in January 2025. Motion by Bowen, supported by Lund, to keep the same officers as last year. After discussion, Bowen withdrew his motion.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Train, to nominate Bill Simpson for President. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Train, Lund, Bowen, Ryan. No – none. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Lund, to nominate Brennan Bowen for Vice-President. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Train, Lund, Ryan. No – none. Abstain – Bowen. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Train, supported by Bowen, to nominate Brandy Ryan for Secretary. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Train, Lund, Bowen, Ryan. No – none. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Bowen, to nominate Lisa Lund for Treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Train, Lund, Bowen, Ryan. No – none. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments:

Motion by Lund, supported by Bowen, to name the following members of the Operations and Facilities Committee: Chairperson Jim Lingeman, Brennan Bowen, Rob Train. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Train, Lund, Bowen, Ryan. No – none. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Other 2024 Committee Assignments:

Finance/Employee Relations/Marketing: Chair Bill Simpson, Bill Collins, Lisa Lund

Liaison Assignments:

District Improvement Team: Rob Train

Montcalm County School Board Association: Brandy Ryan

Mr. James will send out the schedule for committee meetings to all members.



Regular Meeting:

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Train, to accept and approve the regular meeting minutes of December 18, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Train, Lund, Bowen, Ryan. No – none. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Lund, to accept and approve the Finance Report for the period ended December 31, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Train, Lund, Bowen, Ryan. No – none. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Train, supported by Lingeman, to ratify the payment of bills for December 2023 for the amount of \$1,061,849.76. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Train, Lund, Bowen, Ryan. No – none. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report:

1. School Board Member Recognition: Mr. James thanked members of the Board of Education for their time and efforts. He presented personalized charcuterie boards to each person, handcrafted by former student TJ Curry.
2. Central Montcalm Community Foundation is hosting "The Big Bash" fundraiser on January 27, 2024 at the Sheridan Community Center. Mr. James has tickets if anyone is interested.
3. Board Workshop Reminder – Monday, February 5, 2023, 5:00 pm at the Board Office.

Previous Concerns: None at this time.

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

Old Business: None at this time.

President Simpson addressed the consent agenda.

1. To accept the retirement of Maryann Clay, CMUE Paraprofessional, effective March 31, 2024
2. To employ Monika Ferris as CMUE School Social Worker, effective January 8, 2024, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks

Motion by Lund, supported by Lingeman, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Train, Lund, Bowen, Ryan. No – none. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.



New Business: The following updated policies were presented for a First Reading:

- 0122 – Board Powers
- 1420 – School Administrator Evaluation
- 3131 – Staff Reductions/Recalls
- 3132 – Vacancies
- 3140 – Termination and Resignation Termination
- 3142 – Probationary Teachers
- 3220 – Professional Staff Evaluation

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

Closed Session: Motion by Train, supported by Lund, to enter a closed session at 7:20 pm to discuss a student disciplinary issue. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Train, Lund, Bowen, Ryan. No – none. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Ryan, supported by Bowen, to end the closed session at 7:52 pm. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Train, Lund, Bowen, Ryan. No – none. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Train, supported by Lingeman, to accept the recommendation of administration in favor of permanent expulsion of Student 2024-A. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Train, Lund, Bowen, Ryan. No – none. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Lund, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 pm. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandy Ryan
Secretary