



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, December 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Bill Collins

Motion by Train, supported by Bowen, to accept and approve the regular meeting minutes of November 20, 2023 and workshop meeting minutes of December 4, 2023. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Train, supported by Lingeman, to ratify the payment of bills for November 2023 for the amount of \$1,907,718.92. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report:

1. We are in our last week of school before Winter Break. The students have ½ days of school on Thursday and Friday before 2 weeks off. The high school students are taking exams this week.
2. Athletic Director Kris Kolbe and coaches honored our fall athletes earning All-Conference and All-State recognition on the Girls Golf, Football, Volleyball, and Boys and Girls Cross Country teams.
3. Members of the cast of "The Single Man" were recognized for their efforts in the fall HS Drama presentation.

Previous Concerns: None at this time.

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

Old Business:

Motion by Bowen, supported by Train, to accept the recommendations of the Reproductive Health Advisory Board. By roll call vote, those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

President Simpson addressed the consent agenda.

1. To accept the resignation of Shannon Kooistra, CMUE School Social Worker, effective January 5, 2024



2. To employ William Farrington as CME PT Custodian, effective December 4, 2023, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks
3. To employ Madison Cusack as CME Paraprofessional, effective January 8, 2024, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks
4. To approve the request of an unpaid leave of absence for Shaunna Thompson, CMUE teacher, beginning January 2024

Motion by Lund, supported by Train, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. By roll call vote, those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Bowen, to accept the annual evaluation of C. Martin James, Superintendent, as presented. By roll call vote, those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

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

1. Mary Thomas would like Central Montcalm Public School to consider being the host site for an event in April. Erika Thomas is hosting a Walk of Life walkathon for Gift of Life as her NHS senior project. They would like to add an event sponsored by The Donor Games (weight lifting) which would use the HS facilities. They are also seeking interest from the Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive/blood type screening and searching for possible speakers for a Gift of Life assembly for MS/HS students. Mr. James will be in contact with this family to follow up on the request.

Closed Session: Motion by Train, supported by Ryan, to enter a closed session at 7:25 pm to discuss a student disciplinary issue. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

The Board returned from closed session at 8:02 pm.

Motion by Ryan, supported by Lund, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:03 pm. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Collins
Secretary