

The Board Workshop of the Central Montcalm Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Bill Simpson at the Superintendent's Office, on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Bill Simpson, Brennan Bowen, Lisa Lund, Bill Collins, Brandy Ryan (left at 6:00 pm), Jim Lingeman;
Absent: Rob Train

Also present: Jeff Hoage, Jeff Tulley, Amanda Godspeed, Andy McLeod

Also present: Bond Committee members - Marty James, Mandy McLaughlin, Harvey Shick, Susan Yaw

Mr. James wanted to make sure everyone saw the community forum minutes sent in the Board packet.

Mr. James explained the district has an opportunity to pursue the purchase a 0.96-acre lot of adjacent land north of the MS/HS property. Taxable value of \$21,300, assessed value is \$16,500. Superintendent's recommendation is to purchase this property. He spoke to the attorneys who explained the Board needs to agree on the purchase price and appoint someone to represent the district in the purchase to avoid a realtor being involved. This purchase will be made from the general fund. Conversation took place regarding the necessary clean-up of the lot. Estimates will be obtained after the purchase is complete.

Motion by Collins, supported by Lingeman, to appoint Bill Simpson to pursue the purchase of the property at a price not to exceed \$25,000. Roll call vote: Yes – Simpson, Collins, Lund, Bowen, Ryan, Lingeman; No – none. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

The group moved on to bond project discussion.

Jeff Hoage began reviewing the packet of scope, giving an overview of the phases and projects:

Phase 1 - HVAC, carpeting, furniture, early childhood center...Marty reiterated the cost effectiveness, both operational and construction of, of adding the early childhood center on to CME vs. the Stanton Learning Center. (Bond committee members spoke to the Board prior to this workshop so they were aware of this change.)

Phase 2 - athletic complex

Phase 3 - auditorium and possibly "athletic complex updates" (turf)...started up for discussion

Pros and cons and community feedback were discussed regarding turf. It was stated that a long-term financial plan should be put in place so we can maintain the turf and be ready for the replacement rug in ~12 years. It was also noted there is a funding source through the renewal of bond millages in years to come. It was decided by the Board to leave the "athletic complex updates" language as is for the Department of Treasury approval and that will be promoted as turf in the bond campaign.

Jeff then gave more details about each phase and plans at each building/site. Additional conversation took place regarding a few of the items, including: cooling of buildings year-round, repurposing of items purchased in previous bond, ability for parking lot repairs. Marty also provided an estimate of a yearly cost for energy in the new auditorium (29,000 square feet) of approximately \$28,000.

Jeff gave a preview of the application going to the Department of Treasury and reviewed the future timeline and steps as the process continues with the Dept of Treasury, Board approval, etc.

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Community information forums were scheduled and will be communicated to the public in a variety of ways, including Central Issue and a possible mailing:

- May 15, 2023 - Board meeting moved to 6:30 p.m. and community information forums scheduled for 7 p.m.
- July 17, 2023 - Board meeting moved to 6:30 p.m. and community information forums scheduled for 7 p.m.
- Discussion of different formats for each meeting was discussed
- Discussion of different locations was discussed - CME or MS Cafeteria

Motion by Lund, supported by Lingeman, to adjourn the Board Workshop at 6:55 p.m. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Collins
Secretary