



The Special Meeting of the Central Montcalm Public School Board of Education was called to order by President William Simpson in the CMPS Board Office on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Jim Lingeman, Brandy Ryan

*In the absence of Brandy Ryan, President Simpson named Bill Collins as Acting Secretary for the purpose of this meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent James shared updates about Graduation and Senior Walk. The Graduation Ceremony will be Thursday, May 16 at 7:00. Seniors will walk the buildings Thursday morning.
2. PQ Application has been received and approved.
3. Other Bond information: A Calendar of Events was given to Board Members along with draft forms of Frequently Asked Questions and bond information page handouts. Adding citizens to the Bond Committee has been very helpful.
4. Other Business:
 - a. Tentative agreements with both unions.
 - b. We Love America Parade on May 24, 2024.
 - c. Memorial Day Parade on May 27. Board members will walk in parade and hand out bond information.
 - d. May 29, 4-6 pm, Open House for Bond Information – details to come.

Old Business:

Motion by Collins, supported by Lund, to extend the employment contract for Shannon Bowen by one year. Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lund, Train, Collins. No – none. Abstain - Bowen. Those in favor 4, opposed 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Lund, supported by Bowen, to adopt a resolution calling for a bond election and approve the bond language.

Your Administration recommends that,

WHEREAS:

1. In the opinion of this Board it is necessary and expedient to ask voters whether to approve a bond project consisting of remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings and facilities; erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to the middle/high school building, including an auditorium; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; erecting, furnishing, and equipping athletic support buildings; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping athletic fields and facilities, and sites.
2. This Board estimates the necessary cost of the project to be Thirty-Three Million Six Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$33,669,272).
3. It will be necessary for the District to borrow the sum of Thirty-Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$33,200,000) and issue the bonds of the District therefor, the remaining funds to be derived from the investment of the bond proceeds.



4. This Board intends to submit a proposition at a special election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.
5. On or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, the Board shall certify any ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at such election to the election coordinator or coordinators designated to conduct elections within the District (the "Election Coordinator").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A special election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.
2. The proposition to be voted on at the special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit A.
3. The Election Coordinator is requested to:
 - a. Utilize The Daily News of Greenville, MI, a newspaper published or of general circulation within the District, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.
 - b. Utilize ballot proposition summary information, as prepared by legal counsel, in the forms of the notices of last day of registration and election in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto.
 - c. Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.
4. This Board estimates the period of usefulness of the improvements for which bonds of the District in the amount of Thirty-Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$33,200,000) are to be issued to be not less than twenty-five (25) years.
5. The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

EXHIBIT A

**CENTRAL MONTCALM PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall Central Montcalm Public School, Montcalm and Ionia Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$33,200,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings and facilities; erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to the middle/high school building, including an auditorium; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; erecting, furnishing, and equipping athletic support buildings; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping athletic fields and facilities, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2024, is 3.04 mills (\$3.04 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-five (25) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.33 mills (\$3.33 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$7,020,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.



(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

EXHIBIT B
SUMMARY OF BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE
NOTICES OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION:

CENTRAL MONTCALM PUBLIC SCHOOL
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL
FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF
NOT TO EXCEED \$33,200,000

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Central Montcalm Public School, 1480 South Sheridan Road, Stanton, Michigan 48888, telephone: (989) 831-2000.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lund, Bowen, Train, Collins. No – none. Those in favor 5, opposed 0.
Motion carried.

Around the Table: Train commented on the bond process thus far as having a very positive feel and is going well.

Communication from the Public: None at this time.

Motion by Lund, supported by Train, to enter a closed session to discuss a Negotiations Update at 5:13 pm. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Train, to return to open session at 5:56 pm. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Bowen, to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 pm. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Collins
Acting Secretary