



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

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

Absent: Rob Train, Brandy Ryan

As the Secretary was absent, President Simpson appointed Bill Collins to be the Acting Secretary.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Collins, that the following updates be made for the 2024-2025 Board Member Committee Assignments.

Operations & Facilities: This committee will be disbanded. Harvey Shick will be asked to give Facility updates at the Board Workshop meetings.

Finance/Employee Relations/Marketing: Simpson, Collins, Lund

District Improvement Team Liaison: Train

Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Lingeman, that Central Montcalm Public School continue membership with the Montcalm County School Board Association for 2024-2025, and appointed Ryan as representative and Lingeman as alternate. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, supported by Bowen, that the Board of Education authorize the following individuals as signatories on the following internal accounts.

*Accounts and authorizing signatories are as follows:*

General Fund – Charles (Marty) James, William Simpson, Bill Collins, Lisa Lund

Flexible Spending Account – Charles (Marty) James, Patricia Root, Susan Yaw

2005 Refunding Debt Fund – Charles (Marty) James, William Simpson, Bill Collins, Lisa Lund

Payroll Account – Charles (Marty) James, Patricia Root, Susan Yaw

Sweep Fund – Charles (Marty) James, Patricia Root, Susan Yaw

Safety Deposit Box – Charles (Marty) James, Susan Yaw

Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, supported by Lingeman, that the Superintendent be designated as the person responsible for posting notices of regular and special meetings of the Board of Education. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Bowen, that the following law firms be appointed to provide legal services to the school district: Thrun Law Firms, PC as Primary General Counsel; Clark Hill, PLC as Labor Counsel, Counsel for special education and Section 504 matters. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Bowen, that the Board approve Isabella Bank, Fifth Third Bank, BMO Harris Bank, and Huntington Bank be designated the depositories for Central Montcalm Public School for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Lingeman, that the Board designates the Business Manager, Tricia Root, to serve as the Electronic Transactions Officer of the Central Montcalm Public School District. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.



Motion by Collins, supported by Bowen, that the existing bylaws and policies for operation of the school district be adopted. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, supported by Lingeman, that the Board of Education appoints the Superintendent as the person responsible for meeting with the NEOLA policy services representative to review recommended generic policy updates. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Bowen, that Tony Brace be designated as the District's AHERA Compliance Officer for 2024-2025. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, supported by Lingeman, that Charity Stephens, Jeff Wernette, and Abigail LaVictor serve as the District's Title IX Coordinators in accordance with guidelines and recommendations. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Lingeman, that the Board of Education designates Amanda McLaughlin as the District's McKinney-Vento or Homeless Liaison for SY 2024-2025. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Lund, that the Board of Education approve the current District Emergency Operating Plan for SY 2024-2025. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Lingeman, that the Board of Education establish the following meeting schedule for regular meetings for the 2024-2025 school year. These meetings will be held in the High School Student Learning Center, except where otherwise noted, and will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the dates indicated.

Monday, July 15, 2024	Monday, January 20, 2025
Monday, August 19, 2024	Monday, February 17, 2025
Monday, September 16, 2024	Monday, March 17, 2025
Monday, October 21, 2024	Monday, April 21, 2025
Monday, November 18, 2024	Monday, May 19, 2025
Monday, December 16, 2024	Monday, June 16, 2025

The Board will also establish the following dates as Board Workshop sessions for the 2024-2025 school year. These meetings will be held at Central Office, except where otherwise noted, and will begin at 5:00 p.m. on the dates indicated.

Monday, October 7, 2024	Monday, February 3, 2025
Monday, December 2, 2024	Monday, April 7, 2025

Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, supported by Bowen, that the Central Montcalm Public School District will participate in the Montcalm County Collaborative Schools-of-Choice Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.



### REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Collins, supported by Lund, to accept and approve the following minutes as submitted: Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes of June 17, 2024. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Bowen, to accept and approve the Finance Report for the period ended June 30, 2024. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, supported by Lingeman, to ratify the payment of bills for June 2024 for the amount of \$1,431,586.07. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

### Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Evaluation – Rater Reliability Training: There are online and in-person (in Ionia) options for the required training. ALL Board Members should contact Marty ASAP so he can enroll you for the preferred date and option.
2. Possible Grant: CMPS is one of two applications representing the state of Michigan that have been accepted for appropriation consideration through the federal budget process. There are several steps to receive final approval, but this could mean up to \$250,000 for our preschool expansion project.
3. Bond Update: Mr. James and Mr. Simpson have been visiting village and township meetings and also have spoken to several community groups. They have explained the changes in the current proposal and discredited some rumors. Videos supporting the proposal are currently circulating on YouTube and social media. There was an informational article in the Daily News on Saturday, July 13, 2024. Everyone eligible to vote is encouraged to complete a ballot by August 6.
4. Open House: There will be a Bond Information activity at the Middle School on July 16, 2024, 6 – 8 pm. This will include building tours and an ice cream social.
5. Transportation Department: Lynn Lund would like to share that illegal school bus passing happens 43.5 million times a school year in the United States! This means that as students are loading and unloading 43.5 million times a year while red warning lights are activated, a vehicle will pass that bus illegally and the students are at risk. There are new shoulder-of-the-road rules in place that allow passing a bus that has completely moved out off to the side with YELLOW flashing lights. All drivers should review and follow the safety measures while driving.

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 Lund to approve the following NEOLA policy update:

- a. 8390 – Animals on District Property

Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

President Simpson addressed the consent agenda. Motion by Lingeman, supported by Collins, to approve the consent agenda items:

1. To grant tenure to eligible certified teaching staff at the completion of the 2023-2024 school year
  - a. Stephanie Boxx
  - b. Stacia Chrapek
  - c. Scott Cripe
  - d. Amber Jones
  - e. Gabrielle Rewa
  - f. Brittany Szombati
  - g. Kimberly Wilson
2. To accept the resignation of Kaitlyn Stacey, CMUE teacher, effective July 5, 2024



3. To accept the resignation of Karissa Hutton, CMUE teacher, effective July 5, 2024
4. To accept the resignation of Sarah Korte, CMUE teacher, effective July 12, 2024
5. To accept the resignation of Kristen Coston, HS DCIT Schedule B only, effective 6/18/2024
6. To employ Bobbe Cox as Summer School Bus Driver, effective July 8, 2024
7. To employ Brandi Conway as Summer School Bus Driver, effective July 8, 2024
8. To employ Stacey Williams as Summer School Bus Driver, effective July 8, 2024
9. To employ Fredrick Barr as Regular Bus Driver, effective July 1, 2024
10. To employ Gabrielle Webb as 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at CME, effective August 10, 2024, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
11. To employ Ashley Hillson as 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at CME, effective August 10, 2024, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
12. To employ Joshua Hosko as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at CMUE, effective August 10, 2024, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
13. To transfer RuthAnn Maxwell Cooley to Reading Interventionist at CMMHS, effective August 10, 2024
14. To transfer Diana Mikaelian to GSRP Lead Teacher at ELC, effective August 10, 2024
15. To employ Casey Lingeman as CME DCIT representative, Schedule B, effective August 10, 2024

Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Collins, to approve the Central Montcalm Elementary and Central Montcalm Middle-High School Student/Parent Handbooks for the 2024-2025 school year. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Lund, be it resolved that, the Board of Education recognizes there is a compelling reason to adopt new Title IX policies that address recent revisions to the Title IX regulations after only one reading under Bylaw 0131.1 to ensure the Board's policies comply with 2024 Title IX regulations effective August 1, 2024. The Board waives the second reading for these policies during the July 15, 2024 meeting. By roll call vote, those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Lund, that the following policies be adopted after one reading in the interest of complying with 2024 Title IX regulations effective August 1, 2024.

- a. 2266: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities
- b. 2264: June 2024, NEW Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities

By roll call vote, those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried. All administrators and department directors will be trained on these new regulations in the fall.

Motion by Lund, supported by Bowen, that the contracts for C. Martin James, Superintendent and Amanda McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, be extended for a three-year period, beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. By roll call vote, those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

President Simpson opened the floor to public comment on non-agenda items. There were no comments.

Motion by Lund, supported by Lingeman, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Collins  
Acting Secretary