

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 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Simpson, Brennan Bowen, Bill Collins, Lisa Lund, Jim Lingeman, Rob Train, Brandy Ryan  
Absent: None

All Board Members renewed the oath of office.

Election of Officers: Motion by Collins, supported by Ryan, to keep the same officers as last year. All officers were willing to continue for another term. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Simpson, Lingeman, Collins, Train, Lund, Bowen, Ryan. No – none. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Officers for 2023:

President: Bill Simpson  
Vice-President: Brennan Bowen  
Secretary: Bill Collins  
Treasurer: Lisa Lund

These individuals will serve until the next organizational meeting in January 2024.

2023 Committee Assignments:

Operations & Facilities: Chair Brennan Bowen, Jim Lingeman, Bill Collins  
Finance/Employee Relations/Marketing: Chair Bill Simpson, Bill Collins, Lisa Lund  
Bond: Chair Bill Simpson, Brennan Bowen, Bill Collins

Liaison Assignments:

District Improvement Team: Rob Train  
Montcalm County School Board Association: Brandy Ryan

Motion by Train, supported by Bowen, to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting and are approved as submitted. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, supported by Lingeman, to accept and approve the Finance Report for the period ended December 31, 2022. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, supported by Lund, to ratify the payment of bills for December, 2022, for the amount of \$1,063,788.23. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Band Director Matt Reed recognized the accomplishments of Senior Bryce DeHaan. Bryce participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as part of Macy's All American Band. He was also selected for a second year to participate in the MSBOA All State Band. Plaques will be placed in the cafeteria display cases in Bryce's honor.
2. January is School Board Member Recognition Month. Superintendent James presented each member of the Board with a gift to recognize their years of service and thanked them for their work for the district.

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3. Central Issue has been published and distributed. Thank you to Abigail LaVictor for her work on this project.
4. Our district received delivery of two brand-new buses last week. We also received a used (very good condition) bus last month. These are the first buses the district has purchased in several years.
5. Bond Project: Ideas focused on capstone Fine Arts Center, final updates to the Athletic Facility, and updating Stanton Learning Center to Early Childhood Center. Committee has been meeting with Granger and GMB on a bi-weekly basis. District representatives have made several site visits to other West Michigan schools to look at facilities and generate ideas. Next step: Public Input phase. A survey will be available January 17 – 25 and then they will set up community forums. The goal is to have a 0% increase in millage amounts. Jeff Tulley, Granger representative, said the plan will be finalized by the end of February to be ready for the March meeting with the Michigan Department of Treasury.
6. Board Workshop Reminder – Monday, February 6, 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. There were no comments.

Old Business: None

President Simpson addressed the consent agenda, and no requests were received for separate action.

Motion by Train, supported by Collins, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. To employ Donald Lloyd as Physical Education Teacher at CMUE, effective January 4, 2023, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks
2. To employ Alyssa Misiak as Speech and Language Pathologist at CME, effective January 11, 2023, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks
3. To employ Wilberta Wittkopp as Part-Time Counselor at CMUE, effective January 9, 2023

Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Lund, supported by Bowen, to enter into a contract with the City of Stanton to jointly fund a School Resource Officer for Central Montcalm Public School beginning January 30, 2023.

Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Ryan, supported by Lund, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:28 p.m. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Collins  
Secretary