



The Board Workshop of the Central Montcalm Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Bill Simpson in the Superintendent's Office on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

Present: Bill Simpson, Brennan Bowen, Jamie Hansen-Hopkins, Rob Train, Lisa Lund, Betty Wakefield

Absent: Jim Lingeman

Motion by Wakefield, supported by Lund, to approve the agenda as presented. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Non-Homestead 18 Mills/Headlee Amendment Rollback Options, presented by Ryan Nicholson, Thrun Law Firm

- ♦ A district can levy no more than 18 mills for non-homestead properties.
- ♦ Due to the Headlee Amendment Rollback, CMPS currently only levies 16.1794 mills, leaving funds uncollected.
- ♦ In 2026, we could place the issue up for vote during the August or November election. May is also an option, but CMPS would have to pay for all election costs.
- ♦ Mr. Nicholson presented options for elections to restore funding in full:
 - 2026 election: Restoration vote to just increase to the full 18 mills, but Headlee could cause additional rollbacks putting us in the same position.
 - 2026 election: Headlee Hedge would request 2-4 more mills, for example, allowing for future rollbacks but also allowing CMPS to collect the full 18 mills until the rollbacks take us back below the 18 mill mark.
 - 2028-2029 election: The current rollback situation would continue and this request would ask for "new authorization" at a higher level (19 or 20 mills, for example) allowing for the full 18 mills to be levied until the future rollbacks take us back below the 18 mill mark.
- ♦ The Board will review the options and discuss at the December 1 Board Workshop.
- ♦ 2026 Election Deadlines: The Board must pass a resolution to place the issue on the ballot and proper paperwork must be filed with the County before these dates.
 - May = February 10, 2026
 - August = May 12, 2026
 - November = August 11, 2026

Norms for Board Collaboration and Discussion

- ♦ Mr. Simpson shared 3 documents:
 - Presentation from MASB
 - Sample document from MASB
 - Adopted norms from Carson City-Crystal Schools
- ♦ The Board reviewed and discussed several details within the samples.
- ♦ Some protocols are policy.
- ♦ A committee was established with the following goals:
 - Meet to draft norms
 - Send draft to the Superintendent by November 26



- Committee members: Lund, Bowen, Wakefield
- ♦ Mandy will send to the Board as a blind carbon copy
- ♦ Further discussion will be held at the December 1 Workshop

Around the Table – Questions and Comments:

- ♦ Train suggested Board Workshops be held in the High School Learning Center like regular meetings. Board agreed. Suggestion that tables be set up like Mandy's office to facilitate discussion.

President Simpson opened the floor to public comment. None at this time.

Motion by Lund, supported by Wakefield, to move into Closed Session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss a complaint against an employee, as per employee request. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 7:23 p.m.

Motion by Train, supported by Bowen, that the Superintendent draft a communication to the parents indicating the issue brought to Board Member Rob Train was reviewed and discussed in Closed Session by the Board of Education on October 6, 2025, and the matter has been addressed. This letter will be shared with the Board President, who will then communicate with the parent. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Wakefield, to adjourn the Board Workshop at 7:37 pm. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Hansen-Hopkins
Secretary