



The 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, November 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Simpson, Brennan Bowen, Lisa Lund, Jim Lingeman, Rob Train, Brandy Ryan  
Absent: Bill Collins

President Simpson took a moment to honor Cathy Scott, longtime employee of Central Montcalm School, who passed away over the weekend. Cathy had been involved with the district as a paraprofessional, Talent Revue Coach, and Color Guard Advisor over the last 30 years.

#### Superintendent's Report:

1. Congratulations were offered to Brennan Bowen and Jim Lingeman upon their re-election to the Board of Education. We will welcome Jamie Hansen-Hopkins as a new trustee in January.
2. Matt Reed shared some highlights from the Fall Marching Band Season. They participated in two separate competitions this year and swept all categories for a First Place finish in each show for Class C schools.
3. Kris Kolbe introduced coaches and All-Conference athletes from our fall sports season.
  - a. Trish Lillie - Fall Cheer squad
  - b. Gary Buchholz - Girls Golf
  - c. Taryn Muilenburg - Varsity Volleyball
  - d. Scott Cripe - Varsity Football

26 athletes from our district will be participating in the All-Conference celebration in Big Rapids on November 19.

4. Hall of Fame 2025 Inaugural Class:
  - a. Anne (Bowen) Anderson (Class of 1988, Basketball, Volleyball, Track & Field)
  - b. Jacob Brundage (Class of 1995, Cross Country, Track & Field)
  - c. Charity Mead (Class of 2003, Cross Country, Track & Field)
  - d. Jonathon Reed (Class of 2007, Track & Field)
  - e. The 1975 Central Montcalm Boys Golf Team including members Doug Adams, Carl Bregg, Gary Buchholz, Byron Burton, Chris Chapin, Roger Ralph, Greg Reese, Randy Reese, Tom Sutherland and Coach Tom Sanders.
5. MTSS: The State of Michigan recognized Central Montcalm Public School for outstanding work using the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). Buildings were congratulated for staff work on Data Utilization and using the District Capacity Assessment during the 2023/2024 school year. All buildings were also awarded achievement for Implementation and Impact work on All-School rewards, individual rewards, and behavior management plans.
6. Mandy McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, shared the outcomes of a Special Education review. Teachers, specialists, and administration participated in a review of 21 random Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), representing about 10% of our Special Education population. This training will assist teachers and supervisors in writing effective, appropriate, and implementable program goals for our learners.
7. Hornet Highlights:



- a. Enrollment: Spring count was 1311, Fall (unaudited) count is 1308. The budget was prepared anticipating a decrease of forty students.
- b. Our transportation department held a food drive for IM Meals. They collected cereal, jam, peanut butter, crackers and other food supplies for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meals program used by many of our students.

Previous Concerns: President Simpson read a statement from the Board addressing concerns about Board Policy 2410, 2414, and 2418.

President Simpson opened the floor to public comment on agenda items: None at this time.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Bowen, to accept and approve the following minutes as submitted: Regular Meeting minutes of October 21, 2024. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Train, to accept and approve the Finance Report for the period ended October 31, 2024. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Ryan, to ratify the payment of bills for October 2024 for the amount of \$1,262,298.81. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Train, to accept the following Board Policy updates as presented:

- a. po1130 – EDGAR UGG – Revised CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- b. po2410 – PROHIBITION OF REFERRAL OR ASSISTANCE
- c. po2414 – REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING
- d. po2418 – Revised SEX EDUCATION
- e. po3110 – EDGAR UGG – Revised CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- f. po3120.08 – EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- g. po4110 – EDGAR UGG – Revised CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- h. po5330.02 – OPIOID ANTAGONISTS
- i. po5340 – STUDENT ACCIDENTS
- j. po5500 – Revised STUDENT CONDUCT
- k. po6110 – EDGAR UGG – Revised GRANT FUNDS
- l. po6111 – EDGAR UGG – Revised INTERNAL CONTROLS
- m. po6112 – EDGAR UGG – Revised CASH MANAGEMENT OF GRANTS
- n. po6114 – EDGAR UGG – Revised COST PRINCIPLES – SPENDING FEDERAL FUNDS
- o. po6325 – EDGAR UGG – Revised PROCUREMENT – FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDS
- p. po6550 – EDGAR UGG – Revised TRAVEL PAYMENT & REIMBURSEMENT
- q. po7310 – EDGAR UGG – Revised DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
- r. po7450 – EDGAR UGG – Revised PROPERTY INVENTORY
- s. po7540.09 – New ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



- t. po8321 – EDGAR UGG – Revised CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SECURITY (NON-CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY)
- u. po8452 – New AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)

By roll call vote, those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

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

1. To accept the retirement of Barb Christensen, CMMHS Teacher, effective May 30, 2025
2. To accept the retirement of C. Martin James, Superintendent, effective June 30, 2025
3. To employ Sandra Allen as Paraprofessional at CME, effective October 31, 2024, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
4. To employ Brandy Grady as Paraprofessional at CMMHS, effective November 1, 2024, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
5. To employ Kayla Roberts as Paraprofessional at CME, effective November 18, 2024, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
6. To employ Jason Dickinson as Freshman Basketball Coach, per Schedule B, effective November 12, 2024

Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

New Business: None at this time.

President Simpson opened the floor to public comment on non-agenda items: None at this time.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Bowen, to enter a closed session to discuss the annual evaluation of Superintendent Marty James at 7:30 pm. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Regular session at 7:52 pm.

Motion by Train, supported by Lund, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:53 p.m. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brandy Ryan,  
Secretary