



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, February 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Superintendent's Report:

1. Hornet Highlights: Students from each building shared events happening in classrooms.
 - a. CME - Adalynn Rice, Sage Jones, Michael Belyou
 - b. CMUE - Jacob Coston, Lily Christensen, Kover Rosenbrook
 - c. CMMHS – 2024 Yearbook students Madeline Zableckis, Hunter Briskey, Zandria Flint, Evelyn Villet, Sydnee Moreland, Sage Slater. The 2024 Yearbook “What We Have to Say” was submitted to the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Statewide Competition. Their book was judged in the areas of Unifying Concept, Coverage, Writing, Design/Typography/Graphics, Photography and Reader Services. Mrs. Stephens was proud to announce they were awarded **GOLD with Distinction**. Additionally, the yearbook has earned a commendation for excellence in **Reader Services**.
2. MTSS Annual Report – Assistant Superintendent Mandy McLaughlin: Mrs. McLaughlin reviewed the goals of the MTSS instructional model. Tier I – supports all students in behavior and academic instruction such as schoolwide PBIS and core curriculum; Tier II – additional supports for students needing extra help such as reteaching, interventions, or small group work; Tier III – supports for 5-15% of students needing 1-1 support time such as high intensity remediation and special education. The model is being used to evaluate both academic and behavior systems at the building and classroom level. The District Continuous Improvement Team (DCIT) analyzes data on a monthly basis. The team is aiming to have more staff directly involved in MTSS work through PLC time. Each building has a multidisciplinary team supporting staff in direct instruction and intervention planning.
3. Congressional Appropriations: Mrs. McLaughlin also reported Central Montcalm is in the running for a \$150,000 Department of Rural & Community Development Grant. If awarded, this money would be used in expanding our offerings at the ELC to possibly include before- and after-school care, private daycare rooms, and a HeadStart 0-3 program.
4. Safer Communities Grant: Mrs. McLaughlin announced Central Montcalm received the Stronger Connections Grant for \$16,000. This will be used to fund a part-time PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentive System) Coach to assist staff in implementing building initiatives by training newer teachers on programs in progress and supporting those in need of classroom management procedures.

Previous Concerns: None at this time.

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

Motion by Lund, supported by Wakefield, to accept and approve the following minutes as submitted: Organizational and Regular Meeting minutes of January 20, 2025, Special Meeting minutes of January 27, 2025, Board Workshop minutes of February 3, 2025, Special Meeting minutes of February 10, 2025. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Train, to accept and approve the Finance Report for the period ended January 31, 2025. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.



Motion by Lund, supported by Hansen-Hopkins, to ratify the payment of bills for January 2025 for the amount of \$1,071,284.94. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Old Business: None at this time.

President Simpson addressed the consent agenda.

1. To accept the retirement of Kimberly DeBolt, CMMS Teacher, effective May 31, 2025
2. To accept the resignation of Larry Northrup, Adult Education Jail Aide, effective January 31, 2025
3. To accept the resignation of Toni Aten, CMMS Custodian, effective February 6, 2025
4. To accept the resignation of Bobbie Carriere, CME Paraprofessional, effective February 11, 2025

Motion by Hansen-Hopkins, supported by Bowen, to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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. There were no comments.

Motion by Lund, supported by Wakefield, to enter closed session to discuss CMEA and CMESPA Union Negotiations at 7:24 p.m. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Wakefield, supported by Lund to end the closed session at 8:07 p.m. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Train, supported by Bowen, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Hansen-Hopkins
Board Secretary