



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

Present: Bill Simpson, Jamie Hansen-Hopkins, Brennan Bowen, Betty Wakefield, Rob Train, Lisa Lund. Jim Lingeman arrived at 7:10.

Absent: None

Superintendent's Report:

1. American Legion – Teacher of the Year: Commander Billy Wright, and members Larry Cannon and Milo Ehle of Post 452, of Stanton, Michigan, honored CME teacher Alicia Sexton as Teacher of the Year. The audience also viewed a recent segment of WZZM-13 Teacher of the Week which highlighted Mrs. Sexton's work with 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.
2. MACC Students of the Month: In January, two CMMHS students were named as Student of the Month at the Career Center. Lilly Shaffer is a junior studying Agriscience, and Camreon Jolls is a senior in the CAD/Engineering program. These students were also recognized in the Daily News in February.
3. MASB/SETSEG – Excellence in Education Award: Sean Kribs, SETSEG Service Specialist, presented an Excellence in Education award to CMMHS teacher Christine Nanzer for her "Souper Kids Soup Kitchen" program. She started this life skills program for special-education students in 1998, and both previous and current students and paraprofessionals were in attendance to help receive this honor. Mrs. Nanzer received a check for \$2500 and the school will have a road sign on M-66 notating the award. This program was one of 10 winners from 198 nominations in the state of Michigan for this school year.
4. Instructional Coaching: Erin Blumberg, Literacy Coach, and Kristy Curry, Math Coach, presented information about professional development, peer coaching activities, and teaching strategies for the elementary staff to assist those teachers in meeting learning goals for grades K-5. The work is data-based and involves increased critical thinking skills for both staff and students. Literacy coaching builds on the information teachers have received during the Science of Reading/LETRS professional development, including modeling real-classroom application of skills. The mathematics time is focused on implementation of our new curriculum, with emphasis on Number Corner assisting in the development of number sense skills and application of math concepts to other areas of study.
5. Lynn Lund, Transportation Director, introduced new driver David Williams.
6. Hornet Highlights: Mr. James thanked Laura Ruggles, students, staff, and volunteers for the time and energy spent creating our Art Showcase 2025: Join the Circus. Next year's theme will be "Into the Woods", focusing on creativity while having a camping adventure and earning art merit badges.

Previous Concerns: None at this time.

President Simpson opened the floor to public comment on agenda items: Community members are invited to provide input on the Superintendent Search using provided comment cards. These will be available at Central Office after the meeting.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Hansen-Hopkins, to accept and approve the following minutes as submitted: Regular Meeting minutes of February 17, 2025. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Hansen-Hopkins, supported by Lund, to accept and approve the Finance Report for the period ended February 28, 2025. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.



Motion by Lingeman, supported by Bowen, to ratify the payment of bills for February 2025 for the amount of \$696,871.97. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Wakefield, to adopt the resolution amending the General Fund Budget and Appropriations for 2024-2025.

*Resolution for Budget Amendment by the Board of Education*  
*Central Montcalm Public Schools*  
**General Education Fund**

Resolved, that this resolution shall amend the general education appropriations of Central Montcalm Public Schools for the fiscal year **2024-2025**, an act to amend appropriations, to provide for expenditure of the appropriations and to provide for the disposition of all income received by the Central Montcalm Public Schools.

Be it further resolved, that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available in the general education fund of the school district for fiscal year **2024-2025** are amended as follows:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Local Sources	2,357,668	2,407,824	50,156
State Sources	15,791,349	16,212,190	420,841
Federal Sources	709,251	1,463,582	754,331
Other Finance Sources	529,609	522,199	(7,410)
Total Revenue	<u>19,387,877</u>	<u>20,605,795</u>	<u>1,217,918</u>
 <b>Fund Balances - June 30, 2024:</b>			
Non-Spendable	214,200	214,200	-
Restricted			-
Committed			-
Assigned	654,085	654,085	-
Unassigned	<u>5,929,515</u>	<u>5,929,515</u>	-
Fund Balance Available to Appropriate	<u>6,583,600</u>	<u>6,583,600</u>	-
 Total Available to Appropriate	<u>25,971,477</u>	<u>27,189,395</u>	<u>1,217,918</u>

Be it further resolved that \$21,266,622 of the total available to appropriate in the general education fund is hereby appropriated by amendment in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

<b>Expenditures</b>			
Instruction - Basic Programs	8,669,510	9,135,343	465,833
Instruction - Added Needs	2,770,329	2,622,753	(147,576)
Support - Pupil	1,514,625	1,371,614	(143,011)
Support - Instructional Staff	806,326	999,687	193,361
Support - General Administration	408,548	547,173	138,625
Support - School Administration	1,157,846	1,212,756	54,910
Support - Business Services	257,532	263,122	5,590
Support - Operation & Maintenance	2,172,686	2,530,507	357,821
Support - Pupil Transportation	1,138,900	1,514,134	375,234
Support- Central Services	576,083	450,627	(125,456)
Support - Athletics	501,346	537,980	36,634
Community Services	28,994	47,089	18,095



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Debt Service Payments	32,473	32,473	0
Outgoing Transfers & Other Transactions	6,764	1,364	(5,400)
Total Appropriated	20,041,962	21,266,622	1,224,660

Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Bowen, to adopt the resolution amending the Food Service Budget and Appropriations for 2024-2025.

*Resolution for Budget Amendment by the Board of Education*  
*Central Montcalm Public Schools*  
**Food Service Fund**

Resolved, that this resolution shall amend the food service fund appropriations of Central Montcalm Public Schools for the fiscal year **2024-2025**, an act to amend appropriations, to provide for expenditure of the appropriations and to provide for the disposition of all income received by the Central Montcalm Public Schools.

Be it further resolved, that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available in the food service fund of the school district for fiscal year **2024-2025** are amended as follows:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Local Sources	46,650	56,936	10,286
State Sources	119,731	120,159	428
Federal Sources	1,040,584	1,122,800	82,216
Other Finance Sources	7,114	1,714	(5,400)
Total Revenue	1,214,079	1,301,609	87,530
<b>Fund Balances - June 30, 2024:</b>			
Non-Spendable	9,155	9,155	-
Restricted	445,065	445,065	-
Committed			-
Assigned			-
Unassigned			-
Fund Balance Available to Appropriate	445,065	445,065	-
Total Available to Appropriate	1,659,144	1,746,674	87,530

Be it further resolved that \$1,378,306 of the total available to appropriate in the food service fund is hereby appropriated by amendment in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

<b>Expenditures</b>			
Support - Food Service	1,118,953	1,298,306	179,353
Other Finance Uses	80,000	80,000	0
Total Appropriated	1,198,953	1,378,306	179,353

Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Old Business: None at this time.

President Simpson addressed the consent agenda.

1. To accept the retirement of Christine Nanzer, CMMHS Teacher, effective May 31, 2025



2. To accept the resignation of Bill Farrington, CME Custodian, effective February 28, 2025
3. To accept the separation of Samantha Ruid, CMMHS Paraprofessional, effective February 15, 2025
4. To accept the resignation of Susan Denton, Bus Driver, effective March 4, 2025
5. To accept the separation of Kayla Roberts, CME Paraprofessional, effective March 11, 2025
6. To accept the resignation of Julie Moore, Data Specialist/Administrative Assistant, effective April 25, 2025
7. To accept the resignation of Austin Sargent, Schedule B only, Boys Varsity Track Assistant Coach, effective February 21, 2025
8. To accept the resignation of Robin Bennett, Schedule B only, CME DCIT System Facilitator, effective May 31, 2025
9. To employ Ashley Pearson as Paraprofessional at CME, effective February 12, 2025, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
10. To employ David Williams as Bus Driver at Transportation, effective March 10, 2025, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
11. To approve the request of an unpaid leave of absence for Madison Rydahl, CME teacher, beginning approximately April 28, 2025
12. To approve the request of an overnight field trip for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp, scheduled May 7 – 9, 2025 at Mystic Lake Camp

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Wakefield, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

The Board received NEOLA policy 5517.01 – Bullying toward Students for a first reading.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Hansen-Hopkins, to approve the proposed calendars for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 school-year. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Simpson appointed the following temporary committees related to the Superintendent Search:

- Staff Surveys – chairperson Brennan Bowen
- Student Focus Groups – chairperson Jamie Hansen-Hopkins

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

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Hansen-Hopkins, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:44 p.m. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Hansen-Hopkins  
Board Secretary