



The Regular meeting of the Central Montcalm Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Bill Simpson in the CMMHS Student Learning Center on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Simpson, Brennan Bowen, Lisa Lund, Rob Train.

Absent: Bill Collins, Jim Lingeman, Brandy Ryan.

Superintendent's Report:

1. White Pine Library – Annual Update: No one was present from the Library Board to share information.
2. Hornet Highlights:
 - a. CME: March is Reading Month included guest readers and themed dress up days. A culminating activity was a whole school Read-In and Ice Cream Social. Students who participated could earn a bowl of ice cream, and depending on the number of books read during the month, students could also earn multiple toppings (everybody loves sprinkles!).
 - b. CMUE: Students can earn a “Hornet High Five” coupon for following behavior expectations. This year CMUE added a HH5 store for students to spend those coupons, including trinkets and fidgets. They can purchase entry into a monthly themed “mystery room” or pay for an extra recess. Students have already met the end-of-year goal of 85,000 HH5s, and the staff has challenged them to reach the 100,000 mark.
 - c. CMMHS:
 - i. A new elective class offered this year allowed students to train to be certified officials for youth sports. Students have received instruction on umpire/referee requirements and are allowed to take the examination to receive official certification for different sporting events. Students are hoping to earn their stripes in Baseball, Football, Wrestling, and Basketball.
 - ii. A Living Organ Donor assembly was held on April 5. Our students received compliments from the presenters on their behavior during the presentation.
 - iii. The Swarm Store has been updated and expanded. Driven by student ideas, there is new signage and decorations for the store front.
 - iv. Board Members are invited to attend Graduation on May 16. Please let Charity know if you plan to attend so a space can be reserved for everyone.
 - d. ELC: Over the last year, the district has received several grants to allow us to upgrade bathrooms, office space, furniture and paint for our preschool wing. We now have 3 classrooms approved for licensing (with a 4th room to be ready for Fall 2024) and have prepared a sensory area/gross-motor room for students to use.



3. County Wide Board Meeting: April 29, Greenville High School, 6:30 pm. Please RSVP by April 17.
4. Reminder: The May 6 Board Workshop will be moved to May 13, 2024, (5 pm, Central Office) to take the next steps in the Bond Proposal process.

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 Train, to accept and approve the following minutes as presented: Regular meeting minutes of March 18, 2024; Board Workshop minutes of April 8, 2024. Those in favor 4, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Lund, to accept and approve the Finance Report for the period ended March 31, 2024 and ratify the payment of bills for March 2024 for the amount of \$1,109,047.41. Those in favor 4, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Old Business: None at this time.

President Simpson addressed the consent agenda.

1. To accept the retirement of [Jill Tobey](#), CMUE Teacher, effective August 9, 2024
2. To accept the resignation of [Devin Everingham](#), CMUE Paraprofessional, effective March 21, 2024
3. To accept the resignation of [Courtney Greenhoe](#), CMUE Media Clerk, effective April 4, 2024
4. To accept the resignation of [Susie Loew](#) as CMUE DCIT Reading System Facilitator, Schedule B only, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year

Motion by Train, supported by Bowen, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Those in favor 4, opposed 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Train, supported by Bowen, to extend the School Administrator employment contracts with the following individuals by one year: Charity Stephens, Robert Naylor, Jeff Wernette, Abigail LaVictor; and to extend the employment contracts with the following individuals by one year: Harvey Shick, Amy Main, Lynn Lund, Tony Brace, Kris Kolbe, Susan Yaw. Those in favor 4, opposed 0. Motion carried.

The contract renewal for Shannon Bowen was tabled until the Board Workshop on May 13. As Brennan Bowen cannot vote on Shannon's contract due to conflict of interest, there was not a quorum present to address this issue.



Motion by Train, supported by Lund, to approve the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District Proposed Budget for FY 2024-2025. By roll call vote, those in favor 4, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Bowen, to approve the overnight 6th grade student trip to Mystic Lake Camp for May 8-10, 2024. Those in favor 4, opposed 0. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Lund, supported by Bowen, to enter a closed session to receive a Negotiations Update at 7:19 pm. Those in favor 4, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Lund, to come out of closed session at 8:03 pm. Those in favor 4, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Train, supported by Bowen, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:04 pm. Those in favor 4, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandy Ryan
Secretary