

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, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Simpson, Brennan Bowen, Bill Collins, Lisa Lund, Jim Lingeman, Rob Train, Brandy Ryan;  
Absent: None

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Train, to accept the following Regular Meeting minutes of March 20, 2023 and are approved as submitted. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Lingeman, to accept and approve the Finance Report for the period ended March 31, 2023. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, supported by Train, to ratify the payment of bills for March 2023 for the amount of \$1,632,661.37. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

#### Superintendent's Report:

1. County Wide Board Meeting Reminder – Monday, April 24, 2023, Lakeview Community Schools. Tour of buildings at 6:00 pm, meal at 6:30 pm, program to follow.
2. Update on real estate transaction: We have purchased a 1-acre lot adjacent to the NE corner of the CMMHS campus for \$16,500. Clean-up work needs to be done.
3. Board Workshop: Monday, May 1, 2023 at 5:00 pm.
4. Next Board Meeting: Monday, May 15, 2023 in Middle School Cafeteria, 6:30. Community Forum to follow. July meeting will be held at CME Cafeteria.

Previous Concerns: None at this time.

President Simpson opened the floor to public comment on agenda items.

1. Patty Rockafellow, White Pine Library: Kelly Arwood has resigned, Mark Sabin is a proposed new library board member. On a separate note, the new library will be complete at the end of May; moving to the new building in June. Everyone is welcome to tour the new facility.

Old Business: None.

President Simpson addressed the consent agenda, item number 6 was requested for separate action.

Motion by Lund, supported by Lingeman, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. To accept the resignation of Dereck Kirby as CME Paraprofessional, effective March 20, 2023
2. To accept the resignation of Christina Dingman as CMMHS Paraprofessional, effective April 14, 2023
3. To employ Ashley Pearson as Paraprofessional at CME, effective April 4, 2023, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional conduct checks
4. To employ Kristen Coston as CME Kids Read Now Coordinator, effective April 3, 2023
5. To employ Jill Tobey as CMUE Kids Read Now Coordinator, effective April 3, 2023

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7. To employ Brittany Szombati as JV/V Assistant Volleyball Coach for Fall 2023 Season, per Schedule B, effective April 6, 2023
8. To support the appointment of Mark Sabin as a board member for the White Pine District Library effective April 4, 2023, for a term ending December 31, 2024
9. To approve the Teacher Tenure Candidates
10. To approve contract renewals for professional administrative staff; Directors of Food Service, Technology, Athletics and Transportation; and Business Manager.

Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, supported by Ryan, to employ Jennifer Train as MS Girls' Track and Field Head Coach, per Schedule B, effective March 20, 2023. By Roll Call vote, those in favor: Simpson, Lingeman, Collins, Lund, Bowen, Ryan; opposed: none; abstain: Train. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Collins, supported by Ryan, to update all names on record with permissible access to the Central Montcalm Public School District's safety deposit box at Sidney State Bank to be replaced by C. Martin James and Susan Yaw effective immediately. By Roll Call vote, those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Train, to approve the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District Proposed Budget for FY 2023-2024. By Roll Call vote, those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Train, supported by Collins, approve the Declaration and Notice Agreement with the City of Stanton dated April 3, 2023 in reference to Veteran's Park. Discussion: The City of Stanton is applying for grants and this document verifies the lease on the property. By Roll Call vote, those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, supported by Lingeman, to approve the proposed overnight/extended 6<sup>th</sup> grade student trip to Mystic Lake Camp in Lake, Michigan for May 3-5, 2023. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Train, to adopt the resolution calling for a Bond Election for August 8, 2023 and approve the following Bond Language:

*CENTRAL MONTCALM PUBLIC SCHOOL  
BOND PROPOSAL*

*Shall Central Montcalm Public School, Montcalm and Ionia Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Forty-Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$47,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:*

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*erecting, furnishing, and equipping an addition to the elementary school building; erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to the middle school/high school building; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings and facilities; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; purchasing school buses; erecting, furnishing, and equipping restroom and team room buildings and a press box; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities, and sites?*

*The following is for informational purposes only:*

*The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2024, is 2.74 mills (\$2.74 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-six (26) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 5.44 mills (\$5.44 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).*

*The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$8,095,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.*

*(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)*

*(The full resolution and signed documentation are available for viewing in the Board Office.)*

By Roll Call vote, those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Collins, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:13 p.m. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Collins  
Secretary