



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 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Superintendent's Report:

1. County Wide Board Meeting – April 28, 2025. Please reconfirm attendance with Michelle.
2. Graduation – Friday, May 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Please confirm attendance with Michelle.
3. Superintendent Interviews – Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 4:45 pm in the MS Cafeteria.
4. Kris Kolbe introduced coaches and All-State and/or All-Conference athletes from the following teams:
 - a. Girls Varsity Basketball, coached by Rob Putnam
 - b. Boys Varsity Basketball, coached by Shea Ingles and Shane Peterman
 - c. Varsity Wrestling, coached by Nate Jones and Cody Veltkamp
 - d. Varsity Bowling, coached by Larry Matson
5. Hornet Highlights:
 - a. CME – Principal Shannon Bowen shared some of the PBIS awards available to students, including Prize Tower, Lunch with the Principal, and Ride the Tiger. Whole school rewards have included a Read-In and Bubble Blowing on the playground.
 - b. CMMHS – Principal Charity Stephens introduced Sheena Sanders, Laura Ruggles, and Donna Minikey who chaperoned several students on a Europe Experience to London, Paris, and Barcelona over Spring Break. Students shared some of their favorite pictures and memories from the trip with trustees.
6. Alexis Curry, senior at CMPS, has the distinction of being accepted to both West Point and the Air Force Academy for her next step after graduation. She has chosen to join the Air Force Academy to study cybersecurity. Command Chief Master Sergeant Mark Brejcha, a member of U.S. Representative John Moolenaar's selection committee, was in attendance to present her Air Force appointment and to congratulate Alexis on her achievements. Rep. Moolenaar also recorded a congratulatory message for Alexis as he was unable to attend our meeting.

Previous Concerns: None at this time.

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

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

Motion by Bowen, supported by Lund, to accept and approve the Finance Report for the period ended March 31, 2025. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.



Motion by Hansen-Hopkins, supported by Bowen, to ratify the payment of bills for March 2025 for the amount of \$1,384,018.37. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Motion by Wakefield, supported by Lund, to approve the following NEOLA Board Policy updates:

- a. *po5517.01 – Bullying Toward Students*
- b. *po2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs*

Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

President Simpson addressed the consent agenda.

1. To accept the retirement of Stacia Chrapek, CME Teacher, effective May 31, 2025
2. To accept the retirement of Amy Pung, CMMHS Teacher, effective May 31, 2025
3. To accept the retirement of Robert Luginbuhl, CMMHS Teacher, effective May 31, 2025
4. To accept the retirement of Ken Crane, CMMHS Teacher, effective September 30, 2025
5. To employ Jennifer Shinabargar as Technology Coordinator for CMPS, effective March 17, 2025
6. To employ Shannon Jurden as Central Office Secretary for CMPS, effective April 8, 2025
7. To employ Heather Reid as PT Custodian at CME, effective March 24, 2025, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
8. To employ Jennifer Arnold as Custodian at CMMHS, effective March 24, 2025, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
9. To employ Tammy Herron as Paraprofessional at CME, effective March 31, 2025, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
10. To employ Abigail Shelton as Paraprofessional at CMMS, effective April 9, 2025, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
11. To employ Kelsey Rewa as MS Science Teacher at CMMHS, effective May 5, 2025, contingent on criminal and unprofessional background checks
12. To employ Meagan Stevens as Kids Read Now (KRN) Coordinator at CME, effective April 1, 2025
13. To employ Joshua Hosko as Kids Read Now (KRN) Coordinator at CMUE, effective April 1, 2025
14. To employ Ben DeRosia as MS/HS DCIT System Facilitator, as per Schedule B, effective August 11, 2025

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

New Business:

Motion by Wakefield, supported by Bowen, to rescind NEOLA Board Policy *po2264 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs*, due to changes in state and/or federal law to remain in compliance of current guidelines. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.



Motion by Lund, supported by Hansen-Hopkins, to extend the school administrator employment contracts with the following individuals by one year: Charity Stephens, Jeff Wernette, Tyler Lussier, Abigail LaVictor, and Shannon Bowen; also, to extend the employment contracts with the following individuals by one year: Harvey Shick, Amy Main, Lynn Lund, Tony Brace, Kris Kolbe, Amanda McLaughlin, and Susan Yaw. By roll call vote, those in favor Hansen-Hopkins, Lingeman, Lund, Simpson, Wakefield; opposed none; Bowen and Train voted to abstain due to previously disclosed familial relationships with an administrator. Those in favor 5, opposed 0, abstention 2. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Lund, supported by Wakefield, to enter a closed session to discuss Negotiations with the CMEA and CMESPA Unions at 7:42 p.m. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Hansen-Hopkins, to return to open session at 8:04 p.m. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Lund, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m. Those in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Hansen-Hopkins
Board Secretary