



The Board Workshop of the Central Montcalm Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Bill Simpson in the Superintendent's Office on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Lisa Lund

#### Superintendent's Report:

1. Recently hired MAISD Superintendent Katie Flynn was introduced to the trustees.
2. Reminder: County-Wide School Board Meeting on April 28, 2025.
3. Mr. James reviewed NEOLA policy updates.
  - a. 2266 – This is the pre-2024 policy that need to be resumed based on state/federal law updates.
  - b. 2264 – This policy, adopted in 2024, needs to be rescinded based on state/federal law updates.
  - c. 5517.01 – One word needs to be updated to correct a misprint (from “students” to “staff”).
4. Mandy McLaughlin provided an update on Appropriations for our ELC building through the Rural Development Community Facilities plan. Our goal is to improve and expand the licensable space. The YMCA has approached the district for a shared daycare project and we are investigating community interest. The recent “pull back” of COVID relief funds does not affect us as those monies have already been spent.
5. Shared School Finance Research Foundation: This is a good tool for future planning. The district is using the resource for possible site improvements.
6. Update on Europe Experience: 17 students and 4 chaperones participated in the recent trip, and are on alert as they traveled through Gerald R. Ford International Airport (Grand Rapids) and may have had contact with a reported measles case.

#### New Business:

The Board reviewed NEOLA policy 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities for a first reading.

No action was taken on policy 2264 at this time. It will be addressed at the April 21, 2025 regular meeting.

*Superintendent Marty James and Assistant Superintendent Mandy McLaughlin exited the meeting at this time due to the subject of the remaining agenda.*

#### Superintendent Search:

1. The trustees reviewed survey data and community input concerning the superintendent search.
2. The Board reviewed applicant information and discussed each candidate. Three individuals will be invited to interview.



3. Susan Yaw, Business & Office Manager, will submit a list of possible interview questions to the trustees by email. The list will be narrowed to 13-17 questions based on trustee feedback.
4. Interviews will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025 beginning at 5:00 pm. Candidates will be seen in alphabetical order with each interview lasting 45 minutes.

Communication from the Public: None at this time.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Bowen, to adjourn the Board Workshop at 8:00 pm. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Hansen-Hopkins  
Board Secretary