



The Special 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, May 19, 2025 at 6:45 p.m.

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

Absent: Jim Lingeman

New Business:

WHEREAS:

1. *The Revised School Code provides that board members of Montcalm Area Intermediate School District, Michigan (the "ISD"), be elected biennially on the first Monday in June by an electoral body composed of one (1) person designated by the board of each constituent school district; and*
2. *The Revised School Code further provides that this Board shall consider the resolution of designating its representative on the electoral body at not less than one (1) public meeting before adopting the designating resolution; and*
3. *This Board now determines it necessary and desirable to establish the first public meeting at which this Board will consider the proposed resolution designating the District's representative on the electoral body.*

Motion by Bowen, supported by Hansen-Hopkins, to designate Betty Wakefield as a representative and Lisa Lund as an alternate of this District for the MAISD biannual election to be held June 2, 2025. By roll call vote, those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

President Simpson opened the floor to public comment. There were no comments.

Motion by Hansen-Hopkins, supported by Bowen, to adjourn the special meeting at 6:48 p.m. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Hansen-Hopkins
Board Secretary

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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, May 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Jim Lingeman

Superintendent's Report:

1. **Hornet Highlights:**
  - a. **CME** – Principal Shannon Bowen shared student achievement data following the spring testing. 60% of K-2 students met growth goals on NWEA Math assessments. 64% of K-2 students scored as "typical", "above typical", or "well above typical" on ALO reading assessments. Mrs. Bowen credits the math achievement on 3 years of instruction using Bridges and Number Corner. She also shared that Ms. Collins' Running Club has logged 2181 student miles this school year.



- b. CMMHS – Principal Charity Stephens shared some of the end-of-year events happening. Graduation honored 109 seniors, including 14 I-Learn students, 28 Hornet-from-Home learners, and 5 students continuing next year with the Early College program. They also celebrated learning achievements through a “Big Check” assembly. Central Montcalm graduates were awarded \$1,393,550 in scholarships this year.
2. WLAP – We Love America Parade – Friday, May 23, 10:00 am, High School Gym.
3. All Staff Luncheon – Thursday, May 29, 1:30 pm, Middle School Cafeteria.
4. Honor 2024/2025 Employee Retirements
  - a. Julie Smith, Food Service – 23 years with Central Montcalm and 25 in education
  - b. Stacia Chrapek, CME Teacher – 3 years with Central Montcalm and 30 in education
  - c. Barbara Christensen, CMMHS Teacher – 28 years with Central Montcalm
  - d. Kimberly DeBolt, CMMHS Teacher – 27 years with Central Montcalm and 32 in education
  - e. Robert Luginbuhl, CMMHS Teacher – 28 years with Central Montcalm
  - f. Amy Pung, CMMHS Teacher – 30 years with Central Montcalm and 31 in education
  - g. Christine Nanzer, CMMHS Teacher – 36 years with Central Montcalm

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 Bowen, to accept and approve the following minutes as submitted: Regular Meeting minutes of April 21, 2025 and Superintendent Interview minutes of April 24, 2025. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Wakefield, to accept and approve the Finance Report for the period ended April 30, 2025. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Hansen-Hopkins, supported by Bowen, to ratify the payment of bills for April 2025 for the amount of \$1,124,265.22. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Old Business: None at this time.

President Simpson addressed the consent agenda.

1. To accept the retirement of Julie Smith, CMHS Head Cook, effective July 31, 2025
2. To accept the separation of Jeanne Clifford, CME Cook's Helper, effective April 10, 2025
3. To accept the separation of Mercedes Irwin, CMMHS Paraprofessional, effective April 16, 2025
4. To accept the resignation of Shauna Thompson, CMUE Teacher, effective July 31, 2025
5. To accept the resignation of Austin Sargent, Varsity Cross Country Coach, Schedule B only, effective May 8, 2025
6. To employ Jamie Edwards as Paraprofessional for CMUE, effective April 23, 2025
7. To employ Brad Hansen as HS/MS Summer School Coordinator, effective June 10, 2025
8. To employ Stephanie Hiltz as Elementary Summer School Coordinator, effective June 10, 2025
9. To employ Kristen Coston as HS/MS Summer School Teacher, effective June 10, 2025
10. To employ Anthony Goldsmith as HS/MS Summer School Teacher, effective June 10, 2025
11. To employ Joshua Hosko as CMUE Summer School Teacher, effective June 10, 2025
12. To employ Jennifer Blossy as CMUE Summer School Teacher, effective June 10, 2025
13. To employ Alicia Sexton as CME Summer School Teacher, effective June 10, 2025



14. To employ Amber Beechler as CME Summer School Teacher, effective June 10, 2025
15. To employ Patrick Mann as Bus Driver for Transportation, effective July 1, 2025
16. To employ Kathleen Marshall as CME DCIT System Facilitator, as per Schedule B, effective August 11, 2025

Motion by Bowen, supported by Hansen-Hopkins, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

*WHEREAS:*

1. *The biennial election of the Board of Montcalm Area Intermediate School District, Michigan (the "ISD Board") will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025; and*
2. *The members of the ISD Board will be elected by an electoral body composed of one (1) person designated by the board of each of the constituent school districts; and*
3. *In accordance with Section 614(2) of the Revised School Code, MCL 380.614(2), this Board have named a designee and alternate representative in the event the designated representative is unable to attend and further desires to direct said representative and alternate to vote on behalf of this Board for a specific candidate or candidates.*

Motion by Hansen-Hopkins, supported by Wakefield, to approve the designation of Betty Wakefield as the representative of this Board for the electoral body, which body will elect Mark Christensen, Brian Corwin or Patti Pieffer running as eligible candidates to the two (2) vacancies on the ISD Board on Monday, June 2, 2025 and Lisa Lund as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend. The designated representative and alternate are further directed to cast a vote on at least the first ballot on behalf of this Board for Mark Christensen and Patti Pieffer. By roll call vote, those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Hansen-Hopkins, to approve the MAISD General Fund Operating Budget for the 2025-2026 school year. By roll call vote, those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Wakefield, to ratify updates to the 2023-2026 Master agreement with CMEA. By roll call vote, Aye: Lund, Simpson, Wakefield; Nay: none; Abstain: Bowen, Hansen-Hopkins, Train (previously disclosed familial relations). Those in favor 3, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Wakefield, to ratify the 2025-2029 Master Agreement with CMESPA. By roll call vote, those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Mr. James thanked the CMEA, represented at the meeting by Liz Adams, and the CMESPA, represented at the meeting by Cindy West and Phil Kava, for their efforts and continued positive negotiation sessions with administration.

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

Motion by Wakefield, supported by Hansen-Hopkins, to enter a closed session for a disciplinary hearing for student 2025A at 7:25 pm. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, supported by Wakefield, to return to open session at 7:55 p.m. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.



Motion by Bowen, supported by Lund, based on the preponderance of the evidence, and after careful consideration of the pre-disciplinary factors required by law, that student 2025A be permanently expelled for 180 school days due to a possession of a weapon on school grounds, which is in violation of the student handbook and district policy. During the time of this expulsion, the student shall not be on Central Montcalm Public School grounds or attend any function at the District without prior written approval from the administration.

- The student will be allowed to attend Link Learning as an alternative educational option.
- The student may apply for reinstatement at the end of the expulsion period or as allowed by State Law.
- Reinstatement will be contingent upon the following criteria: Proof of ongoing counseling and evidence of successful academic progress.

By roll call vote, those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Wakefield, supported by Bowen, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:57 p.m. Those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Hansen-Hopkins  
Board Secretary