

Central Montcalm Public School  
Board of Education  
Minutes of September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

The Regular meeting of the Central Montcalm Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Simpson in the High School Student Learning Center on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Simpson, Bill Collins, Rob Train, Lisa Lund, and Brennan Bowen. Absent: Jim Lingeman and Brandy Ryan.

Motion by Collins, supported by Train to approve the agenda for the September 19, 2022 Regular meeting as presented. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lund, supported by Bowen, to accept meeting minutes for the Regular meeting on August 15, 2022, and Board Work session on August 29, 2022 and are approved as submitted. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Train, supported by Collins, to accept and approve the Finance Report for the period ended August 31, 2022. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lingeman, supported by Train, to ratify the payment of bills for August for the amount of \$1,208,202.16. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Hearing: Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Hearing was called to order at 7:05 pm. There were no public comments at this hearing. Hearing was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Reports:

Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent James reminded Board Members about the County Wide Board Meeting to be held at the Central Montcalm Middle School Cafeteria on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:00 pm.
2. MiMTSS Awards: Under the category of Data Utilization, all buildings were recognized for work and achievements in behavior and reading. Under the category of Implementation and Impact, CME and CMUE were recognized with a Bronze award for Reading, CMMHS and CMUE were recognized with a Bronze award for Behavior.
3. Superintendent James discussed the In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan/988 goals. This information must be established by September 15. Updates will be made to the report in February and May.
4. He also reviewed the ESSER Meaningful Consultation Report. He focused on the results of a July 2022 stakeholder survey. Stakeholders indicated a need to support technology, transportation, and tutoring opportunities.

Communications from the Public: Patty Rockafellow, Director of the White Pine District Library, spoke to the Board about their role in appointing members to the White Pine District Library Board. She provided information about a current nominee, Kelly Porter.

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No comments were received from the public.

Old Business: There was no old business brought before the board.

New Business:

President Simpson addressed the consent agenda. Items 8 and 14 were asked to be removed for separate action under New Business.

Motion by Lund, supported by Collins, to approve the following consent agenda items 1-7, 9-13, and 15-17:

1. To accept the retirement of Lou Ann Cousinaw, Teacher, effective 12/20/22
2. To accept the retirement of Patrick Hill, Teacher, effective 12/31/22
3. To accept the resignation of Julie Schafer, Teacher, effective 6/30/22
4. To accept the resignation of Jenna Raymond, Paraprofessional, effective 8/22/22
5. To accept the resignation of Anthony Vissman, JV Girls Basketball Coach effective 9/14/22
6. To accept a final separation of employment for Marjorie Miller, Food Service, effective 8/13/22
7. To employ Katelyn Clementz as Central Office Secretary, effective 7/5/2022, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks
- ~~8. To employ Joshua Poteracke as MS Physical Education Teacher, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks~~
9. To employ Jason Dickinson as CMMHS Paraprofessional, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks
10. To employ Wilberta Wittkopp as Special Education Coordinator, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks
11. To employ Brittany Szombati as HS Special Education Teacher, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks
12. To employ Nancy Knowlton as Child Care Aide for CMLC, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks
13. To employ Lawrence Northrup as Jail Aide for CMLC, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks
- ~~14. To employ Jennifer Train as Freshman Class Advisor – 2026, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, extra duty contract as per Schedule B~~
15. To employ Zachary Parkin as Quiz Bowl Advisor, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, extra duty contract as per Schedule B
16. To support the appointment of Kelly (Arwood) Porter to the White Pine District Library Board, effective September 9, 2022, to complete a term ending December 31, 2024
17. To approve a resolution naming Michelle Leak-Rensland as Trustee and Susan Yaw as Alternate Trustee representing CMPS in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool beginning September 1, 2022

Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

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Motion by Collins, supported by Bowen, to employ Joshua Poteracke as MS Physical Education Teacher, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, contingent upon criminal background and unprofessional background checks. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, supported by Lund, to employ Jennifer Train as Freshman Class Advisor – 2026, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, extra duty contract as per Schedule B. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes – Simpson, Collins, Lund, Bowen. No – none. Abstain – Train. Those in favor 4, opposed 0, abstain 1. Motion carried.

There was no other new business to be brought before the board.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Collins, supported by Train, to adjourn the regular meeting. Those in favor 5, opposed 0. Motion carried at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Collins  
Secretary