



The Special meeting of the Central Montcalm Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Bill Simpson in the CMMHS Student Learning Center on Monday, December 29, 2025 at 6:02 pm.

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

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent McLaughlin read excerpts from Judge Patel's ruling and reasoning concerning the 31aa Privilege Waiver Lawsuit. This is being appealed, but the arguments may not be heard until as late as February as the appeal is pending docket scheduling. She also shared prepared media responses by MASA for districts choosing to opt in or to opt out. The Board needs to decide tonight if they want to remain opted in or opt out of the 31aa funds, as the deadline to decide is midnight on 12/30/2025.

Motion by Hansen-Hopkins, supported by Wakefield, to rescind the opt-in of 31aa funds. Pros and cons of opting in and out were discussed in depth. By roll call vote, Aye: Hansen-Hopkins, Wakefield, Bowen, Lund, Simpson; Nay: Train. Those in favor 5, opposed 1. Motion carried.

It was agreed that additional steps will be discussed at the Board Workshop in January, which may include contacting legislators.

Motion by Wakefield, supported by Bowen, to adjourn the Special meeting at 7:25 p.m. By roll call vote, those in favor 6, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Hansen-Hopkins
Secretary