



Comstock Board of Education

April 10, 2023

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Administration Building, Board Room

3010 Gull Road

Kalamazoo, MI 49048

269-250-8900

Welcome to the meeting of the Comstock Board of Education. This public meeting of the Board of Education is for conducting the School District's business. In response to the State Health Director's orders to combat the spread of the coronavirus pandemic while at the same time adhering to, and honoring both the spirit and intent of Michigan's Open Meetings Act, this meeting will be conducted in person while live streaming on our district's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/comstockps/live.

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The posted notice of this meeting, meeting agenda, and information on how to access the live stream are posted on the District's homepage, www.comstockps.org.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE / MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. MISSION, VISION, VALUES

Read by: Trustee Karen Howes

4. ROLL CALL

5. AGENDA CHANGES

6. AGENDA APPROVAL (Action)

7. RECOGNITIONS

A. Tenure Staff

The achievement of tenure is a celebratory professional milestone. We are so grateful for our teacher's enduring commitment to the District and our mission of teaching and learning.

2022-2023 Tenure Teachers (* Denotes staff in attendance):

- Kaitlynn Baylerian (Elementary School)
- Carrie Bellen (Elementary School)
- Leigh Ann Emrick (Elementary School)
- Andrew Perkowski (STEM Academy)
- Jessica Rabine (STEM Academy)
- Connie Sandelin (STEM Academy)
- Kim Simonds (Middle School)
- Brett Vaughn (High School)

B. Student & Staff of the Month

The student of the month award celebrates and recognizes individual achievement and showcases accomplishments in academics, athletics, and exemplary character traits. The students who receive this award demonstrate excellent behavior in and out of the

classroom, which includes being respectful and helpful to both teachers and peers.

The staff of the month award recognizes an employee for exemplary service in their field and their efforts toward helping CPS achieve its goals of delivering excellence to our students and families.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

- Kevin Mares (*CELA Student, GSRP Pre-K*)
- Graycee Smith (*Elementary, 2nd Grade*)
- Cooper Wuis (*STEM Academy, 1st Grade*)
- Ka'Lee Horton (*Middle School, 8th Grade*)
- Ti'Anna Murphy-Ryan (*High School, 11th Grade*)
- Rajanae Durden (*Compass, 9th Grade*)
- Nicholas Vaughan (*Virtual Academy, 10th Grade*)

STAFF OF THE MONTH:

- Laurie Allan (*Comstock Virtual Academy, Administrative Assistant*)

8. RECESS & RECONVENE (Action)

The Board will have a short recess to allow audience members time to exit the meeting if they would like to do so.

9. PRESENTATIONS (Discussion: 5 minute limit / item)

A. Solar Energy Analysis

Michelle Hanlin, Director, Baker Tilly

B. Academic Update

Jill Ansel, Assistant Superintendent

10. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Per District Policy 2504 the Board has a **three (3) minute limit** per registered speaker.

11. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

A. Meeting Minutes

a. Monday, March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

B. Personnel

a. Resignations

1. Madelyn Buhrman - 3rd Grade Teacher, CES

C. Consent Agenda Approval

12. CELEBRATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Comstock Celebrations

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

http://www.comstockps.org/news/comstock_celebrations

B. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

C. Board Member Comments (5 minute limit/member)

13. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion: 5 minute limit / item)

A. Second Reading of Board Policies

Dr. Jeffrey Thoenes, Superintendent

The following policies were distributed via email on Monday, February 27, 2023 to the Policy Committee and via BoardBook to the full board on Friday, March 10, 2023.

a. Policy Second Reading Vote (Action)

Dr. Jeffrey Thoenes, Superintendent

B. Purchase of Real Property (Discussion / Action)

Dr. Jeffrey Thoenes, Superintendent

The administration is presenting and requesting authorization and approval of the

Superintendent to enter into discussions of purchase of real property that includes both land and structure(s).

14. **NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion: 5 minute limit / item)

A. Board of Education Stipends (Discussion)

Michelle Darnell, Director of Finance

The administration is requesting a decision on how to process the Board of Education stipends.

B. KRESA Biennial Election Resolution (Discussion)

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

Every two years KRESA's local school districts are asked to elect a representative and alternate from their board and to designate the district's choice of candidate for each position to be filled on the RESA's board.

C. Overnight Trip Request - Senior Trip (Discussion)

Overnight trip request for Colleen Grueter and Kim Adams (senior class advisors) to take the graduating seniors to Cedar Point before commencement.

D. Social Media Litigation (Discussion)

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

The administration is requesting a discussion and decision on if the Board would like to proceed as part of the social media litigation presented.

E. **CLOSED SESSION**

The board will move into closed session for the purpose of:

- Conducting the Superintendent's Quarterly Evaluation
- Purchase of Real Property
- Negotiations

F. Comstock Paraprofessional Association (CPA) Contract Agreement (Discussion / Action)

Jill Ansel, Assistant Superintendent

The administration is recommending discussion and approval of the CPA negotiated contract.

15. **RECORDING SECRETARY UPDATE**

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

17. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION**

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| Apr 1 | STEM K-2 Music Program |
| Apr 2 | - 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Comstock Community Auditorium |
| Apr 1 | Board Work Session |
| Apr 7 | Time TBD |
| Apr 2 | CES Literacy Night |
| Apr 0 | - 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Comstock Elementary |
| Apr 2 | CHS Hall of Fame |
| Apr 2 | Fetzer Center |
| Apr 2 | Science & Engineering Night |
| Apr 5 | - 5:00 - 7:00 PM
STEM Academy |
| Apr 2 | Inaugural District-Wide Art Fair |
| Apr 7 | - 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Comstock High School |
| May 0 | KCSOA |
| May 3 | - 5:30 - 8:00 PM
Location TBD |
| May 1 | CMS/CHS Choir Concert |
| May 0 | - 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Comstock Community Auditorium |
| May 1 | Senior Scholar Luncheon |
| May 5 | - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Comstock Colt Center |
| May 1 | CMS/CHS Band Concert |
| May 5 | - 7:00 - 8:00 PM |

		<i>Comstock Community Auditorium</i>
May	1	Decision Day
6		- 1:00 - 2:00 PM
		<i>Comstock Community Auditorium</i>
May	1	STEM 3-5 Music Program
7		- 6:30 - 7:30 PM
		<i>Comstock Community Auditorium</i>
May	3	STEM Awards Night
1		- 5:00 - 6:00 PM
		<i>Comstock Community Auditorium</i>
Jun	0	Compass Graduation
1		- 6:00 - 7:00 PM
		<i>Comstock Community Auditorium</i>
Jun	0	Senior Breakfast & Graduation Rehearsal
2		- 7:00 - 11:00 AM
		<i>Comstock Community Auditorium</i>
Jun	0	CHS Graduation
2		- 7:00 - 8:30 PM
		<i>Comstock Community Auditorium</i>
Jun	0	Spring Sports Banquet
5		- 6:30 - 7:30 PM
		<i>Comstock Community Auditorium</i>
Jun	0	CMS Awards Night
6		- 6:30 - 8:30 PM
		<i>Comstock Community Auditorium</i>

The mission of Comstock Public Schools is to serve our community by empowering, inspiring, and challenging every person within the school district to reach their full potential, and to ensure all students learn and thrive in a safe and healthy environment.

The vision of Comstock Public Schools is to be an inclusive, high performing learning community where we foster dreams, explore possibilities, and create futures.

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