



Comstock Board of Education

May 22, 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: Saralyn Brown, Secretary

4. ROLL CALL

5. AGENDA CHANGES

6. AGENDA APPROVAL (Action)

7. RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS (5 minute discussion limit / topic)

A. Who Let the Dogs Out?

Cathy Street, Handler

B. Department Update - Transportation

Christy Sliger, Transportation Director

C. Academic Update

Jill Ansel, Assistant Superintendent

8. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

A. Meeting Minutes

a. Monday, May 08, 2023 Regular Meeting

B. Personnel

a. Retirements

1. Mary Amsbury- PE Teacher, STEM

b. Resignations

1. Christine Hopson - Math Teacher, CMS

2. Benjamin "Buddy" Stowe - Math Teacher, CMS

3. Paul VanNiman - History Teacher, CHS

c. New Hires / Transfer

1. Kevin Hamilton - Assistant Principal, CES

C. Financials

a. February 2023

b. March 2023

c. April 2023

D. Consent Agenda Approval

10. **CELEBRATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS** (5 minute discussion limit / topic)

A. Comstock Celebrations

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

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

B. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

C. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee - 05.17.23

Treasurer Dori Scholly, Chair

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

11. **OLD BUSINESS** (5 minute discussion limit / topic)

A. 2023-2024 Textbook Purchase (Action)

Jill Ansel, Assistant Superintendent

The administration is requesting a discussion and approval of the purchase of K-5 English Language Arts series materials in 2023-2024.

B. KRESA Biennial Election Resolution (Action)

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. 2023-2024 KRESA General Fund Resolution (Action)

Michelle Darnell, Finance Director

The Board is being asked to adopt the 2023-2024 KRESA General Fund budget.

A vote on the KRESA General Fund budget must take place no later than June 01, 2023.

12. **NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion: 5 minute limit / topic)

A. Overnight Trip Request - Grad Bash (Action)

Mary Spade, CHS Principal / Kim Adams, Senior Class Advisor / Colleen Grueter, Senior Class Advisor / Becky Schreiner, Chaperone

Overnight trip request for the senior class advisors and parent liaisons to take the 2023 high school graduating seniors on a grad bash trip.

B. MHSAA Membership Resolution (Discussion)

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

The MHSAA 2023-2024 Membership Resolution must be adopted and formally ratified annually to acknowledge Comstock Public Schools are currently enrolled members of MHSAA and are further enrolled to participate in approved inter-school athletic sponsored by said association.

The authorization shall be effective from August 01, 2023 through July 31, 2024.

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

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

- Comstock Education Association (CEA) & Comstock Education Professional Administrative Assistants Association Negotiations
- Conducting the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation

14. **RECORDING SECRETARY UPDATE**

15. ADJOURNMENT

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Ma	3	STEM Awards Night
y	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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