



Comstock Board of Education  
February 12, 2024  
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 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](http://www.youtube.com/comstockps/live).

Anyone who would like to participate in the "Call to the Audience Public Comment" will have to be in person and complete the form available at the entrance of the in-person meeting. You are asked to adhere to the following guidelines when addressing the Board: 1) State your name and group affiliation, if appropriate 2) Keep comments to three (3) minutes 3) No participant may speak more than once on the same topic 4) Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants 5) The presiding officer may terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant.

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](http://www.comstockps.org).

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Pamela Dickinson, President

**2. PLEDGE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Pamela Dickinson, President

**3. MISSION, VISION, VALUES**

Saralyn Brown, Secretary

**4. ROLL CALL**

Megan Amsbury, Recording Secretary

**5. AGENDA CHANGES**

**6. AGENDA APPROVAL (Action)**

Pamela Dickinson, President

**7. STUDENT & STAFF OF THE MONTH**

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

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:

- Sophia Geiser (CELA, Pre-K)
- Karlee O'Donnell (CES, 1st Grade)
- Lydia Eiler (STEM, 2nd Grade)

- Maleah Kelley (CMS, 7th Grade)
- Ava Dalton (CHS, 12th Grade)
- Madison Madrigal (CVA, 12th Grade)
- Koryssa Martin (Compass, 10th Grade)

STAFF OF THE MONTH:

- Wendy Miller (Instructional Coach, CHS)

**8. RECOGNITIONS**

A. Battle of the Books 2024

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

The Book Scorpions took first place at the Grand Battle, and the Electrolytes tied for second. The board of education would like to take time to recognize and celebrate the following individuals:

**The Book Scorpions**

Theresa Eiler

Lillian Ross

Oliver Ehmke

Xander Baird

Ezra Baker

Coaches: Autumn Hostetter & Jen Ross

**The Electrolytes**

AJ Andrews

Adrian McWilliams

Abigail Riley

Matthew Cooper

Finley Lins

Micah Roberts

Coach: Cory Cooper

**9. RECESS & RECONVENE (Action)**

**10. PRESENTATIONS (Discussion: 5 Minute limit/item)**

A. Academic Update - CMS

Dr. Mark Wilke, Principal of CMS

B. Academic Update

Jill Ansel, Assistant Superintendent

**11. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

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

**12. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)**

A. Meeting Minutes

a. Monday, January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting

B. Consent Agenda Approval (Action)

Pamela Dickinson, President

**13. CELEBRATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Comstock Celebrations & Superintendent's Update

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

[http://www.comstockps.org/news/comstock\\_celebrations](http://www.comstockps.org/news/comstock_celebrations)

B. Committee Reports (Discussion: 5 Minute limit/item)

a. Alternative Energy Committee

Dr. Richard Hathaway, Trustee/Chair

C. Board Member Comments (Discussion: 5 Minute limit/item)

D. President's Update  
Pamela Dickinson, President

14. **OLD BUSINESS (Discussion: 5 Minute limit/item)**

15. **NEW BUSINESS (Discussion: 5 Minute limit/item)**

A. 2024 ballot to elect members to the MASB Board of Directors **(Discussion)**

Each district will receive **ONE** ballot

Votes can be cast for one of the following candidates:

- Pamela Dickinson (Incumbent) - **Comstock Public Schools, Kalamazoo County**
- Robert Becker - **Barry Intermediate School District, Barry County**
- Elizabeth O'Dell - **St. Joseph County ISD, St. Joseph County**
- Andrew Robinson - **Berrien RESA, Berrien County**

B. 2023-2024 Budget Amendment **(Discussion)**

RJ Wiersema, Finance Director

The administration is presenting and requesting approval of the first 2023-2024 Amendment to the General Appropriations of the Comstock Public School District.

C. Approval of Purpose, Duty, and Authority **(Discussion)**

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

16. **CLOSED SESSION**

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

Closed session student discipline hearing pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

17. **RECORDING SECRETARY UPDATE**

Megan Amsbury, Recording Secretary

18. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION**

FE 22 &  
B 23 - Mid-Winter Break

FEB 26 - Regular Board Meeting  
*6:00 PM, Administration Building*

FEB 27 - CES Annual Concert  
*6:30 PM, Comstock Community Auditorium*

FEB 29 - STEM Academy Talent Show  
*6:30 PM, Comstock Community Auditorium*

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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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