



Comstock Board of Education

August 9, 2021

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Comstock STEM Academy - Cafeteria/Gym

175 Hunt Street

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.

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.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **AGENDA CHANGES**
5. **AGENDA APPROVAL (Action)**
6. **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

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

7. **CONSENT AGENDA (Action)**

- A. Meeting Minutes

- a. Monday, July 26, 2021 Regular Meeting

- B. Personnel

- a. Resignations

1. Danielle Perez - 4th Grade Teacher, CES

2. Sheri Nickelson - 5th Grade Teacher, CES

3. Julie Sorenson - Counselor, CES

4. Anneliese Wolfe - Functional Teacher, CES

- b. New Hire

1. Cynthia Moon - GSRP, CELA

2. Mary-Margaret (Maggie) MacGirr - Art Teacher, CES

3. Jason Haithcox - Math Teacher, CHS

4. Abigail Schreiner - Science Teacher, Compass

- C. Consent Agenda Approval

8. **RECOGNITIONS & CELEBRATIONS**

- A. Comstock Celebrations

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

9. COMMUNICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

B. Board Member Comments

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hockey Co-op Agreement (Action)

CPS is part of a hockey co-op with Gull Lake and some other area schools. Since the start of the agreement, 2 schools left and 2 are being added this year in their place.

B. Sun FundED Board Representative (Action)

The Board is being asked to nominate and appoint a board member as a representative to sit in on the meetings with Sun FundED and district personnel.

C. Recommendation for Returning in 2021-2022 (Discussion)

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

Superintendent Thoenes will make his recommendation for returning to school on Monday, August 30.

D. Entering Closed Session

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

- Letter from District Attorney

- CEA Negotiations

E. Returning to Open Session

The board has completed confidential discussions and will move back into open session.

F. CEA Contract Agreement (Action)

The administration is recommending approval of the Comstock Education Association's negotiated contract.

12. ADJOURNMENT

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

- August 21 - Board Work Session
 - 9:00am, Board Room - Administration Building
- August 23 - Board Meeting
 - 6:00pm, Board Room - Administration Building
- August 25 - Staff Opening Day
- August 30 - First Day of School for 2021-2022 School Year
- September 13 - Board Meeting
 - 6:00pm, Board Room - Administration Building
- September 14 - Public Forum
 - 6:00pm, Colt Center
- September 22 - Facility Needs Virtual Forum
 - 7:00pm
- September 27 - Board Meeting
 - 6:00pm, Board Room - Administration Building
- October 06 - Fall Count Day
- October 11 - Board Meeting
 - 6:00pm, Board Room - Administration Building
- October 25 - Board Meeting
 - 6:00pm, Board Room - Administration Building
- November 08 - Board Meeting
 - 6:00pm, Board Room - Administration Building
- November 09 - Finance Committee
 - 5:45pm

- November 22 - Board Meeting
 - 6:00pm, Board Room - Administration Building
- December 13 - Board Meeting
 - 6:00pm, Board Room - Administration Building

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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