

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 23, 2024**  
**Administration Office Board Room**  
**183 W Roosevelt**  
**6:00 PM**

*Mission: Partnering with family and community while recognizing the importance of every individual, Zeeland Public Schools ensures that all students are safe, valued, loved, and learning.*

*Vision: Striving to better educate the hearts and minds of all students to reach their fullest potential.*

**PRESENT:** Board of Education: Chad Creevy, Rick Dernberger, Tom DenHerder, April DeWitt, Heidi Geerlings, Betsy Kikstra, Tami Mannes  
Administrators: Autumn Dawdy, Brandi-Lyn Mendham, Julie Paterick, Matt Stolz, Lynn VanKampen, Jon Voss  
**ABSENT:** Board of Education:  
**GUESTS:** Tiana DeForest, Carrie Postma

**I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00PM**

April DeWitt

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Dr. Brandi-Lyn Mendham

**B. RECOGNITION** – The Board recognized the students and staff that traveled to the Dominican Republic over the summer. The students shared some of their experiences and favorite parts of the trip.

**C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:**

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff and Shawna Carlson addressed the board expressing their concerns regarding the playground equipment at Lincoln Elementary that has not yet met the ADA requirements so that their child is able to participate and play with her friends.

**III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

None anticipated at this time

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A.** Minutes of the August 1 special meeting and August 19, 2024 regular board meeting were approved.

**B.** Approved bills paid as of August 2024. Checks #142050-142063 (Alio) and checks #110099-110283 (EERP)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:	\$1,373,851.75
PAYROLL:	<u>\$7,092,789.70</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$8,466,641.45</b>

C. New Teachers Approved

Matt Beld (GVSU)	Adm/ZQ/Roos Speech	1.0
Alberto Diaz (U of Madric)	Shared Time ZCS SI	.63
Laura Heneveld (Hope)	Media Maker-Roos/Qui	1.0
Bethsaida Rivera (U of Coahuila)	Shared Time ZCS SI	.75

Tom DenHerder moved and Rick Dernberger supported the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

**V. DISCUSSION**

A. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – Autumn Dawdy, Julie Paterick, and Matt Stolz presented an overview of progress that has been made on the District Strategic Plan according to the district score card.

**VI. ACTION:**

A. EXTENDED LEARNING COVID PLAN

Tom DenHerder moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to approve the Extended Learning COVID Plan as required by MDE.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

B. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Chad Creevy moved and Tom DenHerder supported the motion to approve the district's Emergency Operations Plan.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

C. MASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY – VOTING DELEGATES:

Rick Dernberger moved and Tom DenHerder supported the motion to select four voting delegates April DeWitt, Rick Dernberger, Tami Mannes and Tom DenHerder, and three alternate voting delegates Heidi Geerlings, Betsy Kikstra and Chad Creevy to represent the Zeeland Public Schools Board of Education at the 2024 MASB Delegate Assembly on Thursday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lansing Center in Lansing Michigan.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

D. Mechanical Pre-Order Bid Approval

Tom DenHerder moved and Tami Mannes supported the motion to approve the bid from [DHE](#) for HVAC units for ECC and New Groningen for installation during the summer of 2025.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

E. Electric Pre-Order Bid Approval

Chad Creevy moved and Betsy Kikstra supported the motion to approve the bid from [Town & Country](#) for electric gear and hardware for the ECC summer 2025 project.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

F. Lincoln Playground Bid Approval

Betsy Kikstra moved and Tom DenHerder supported the motion to approve the bid from Sinclair for ADA playground equipment to be installed at Lincoln Elementary.

[Lincoln Playground update](#)

VOTE: All Yes (7)

G. Capital Enhancement Budget

Heidi Geerlings moved and Rick Dernberger supported the motion to approve the [Capital Outlay Budget Amendment](#) as presented.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT & REPORTS**

A. Student Count - October 2, 2024

B. Bond Projects - Grateful for the many projects being completed throughout the district including HVAC in multiple locations, lighting, the administration addition that includes a new professional learning space, groundbreaking for the new athletic complex, new parking lots, etc. We are incredibly appreciative of the community support.

The regular meeting of September 23, 2024 adjourned at 6:38P.M.



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Chad Creevy, Secretary of the BOE