

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
December 18, 2023  
ZWHS Cafeteria  
3390 100th Avenue  
6:00PM**

*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: Rick Dernberger , Tom DenHerder , April DeWitt, Heidi Geerlings, Betsy Kikstra, Tami Mannes  
Administrators: Brandi-Lyn Mendham, Julie Paterick, Lynn VanKampen , Jon Voss  
ABSENT: Board of Education: Chad Creevy  
GUESTS:

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

April DeWitt

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dr. Brandi-Lyn Mendham

B. RECOGNITION:

C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Al Dannenberg introduced Sarah Matwiejczyk, who is running for Ottawa County Prosecutor in 2024. Sarah addressed the board to share personal and professional background.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public who wish to make comments must register their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting prior to the start of the meeting. In accordance with our Board policy, up to one hour will be reserved for this forum, with a maximum of five minutes per individual. No participant may speak more than once. If more comment is needed than the one hour time allows, there will be a public comment time following the regular meeting. There will typically be no attempt to comment or give answers at this meeting. Inquiries will be referred to the superintendent for response at a later time.

**III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of the November 13, 2023 regular and special board meetings were approved.

B. Approved bills paid as of November 2023 Checks #140484-140666

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$1,384,621.90
PAYROLL	<u>\$4,943,534.32</u>
TOTAL	\$6,328,156.22

C. Approved the annual Summer Tax Resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on one-half of the school property taxes for 2024 and requests each city and township in which Zeeland Public Schools is located collect those summer taxes. Discussed in finance, a recommendation from Thrun legal counsel that this annual resolution fall under consent agenda.

Tom DenHerder moved and Betsy Kikstra supported the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

VOTE: All Yes (6)

**V. DISCUSSION**

A. Superintendent Evaluation Summary - April DeWitt reviewed the results from the special meeting held earlier evaluating Superintendent Mendham.

**VI. ACTION:**

A. Tom DenHerder moved and Heidi Geerlings supported the motion to approve Rick Dernberger to run for re-election in the spring of 2024 as the MASB Region 3 representative.

VOTE: All Yes (6)

[Bid Approvals](#)

B. Tom DenHerder moved and Betsy Kikstra supported the motion to approve the auditorium lighting bids from various vendors in the amount totaling \$95,915.21.

VOTE: All Yes (6)

C. Betsy Kikstra moved and Tom DenHerder supported the motion to approve the purchase of 3,450 Chromebooks for grades 6-12 from CDW in the amount of \$931,500.

VOTE: All Yes (6)

D. Heidi Geerlings moved and Rick Dernberger supported the motion to approve the bid from GameTime in the amount of \$65,000, for ADA upgrades to the Lincoln playground.

VOTE: All Yes (6)

E. Tom DenHerder moved and Tami Mannes supported the motion to approve the bid from Parkway Electric in the amount of \$145,150 for installation of the Carehawk Life Safety Communications Platform.

VOTE: All Yes (6)

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT & REPORTS**

A. Announcement of new board member - Brandi welcomed Tami Mannes as the newest member of the Board of Education.

B. January meeting is an Organizational as well as a Regular meeting; it is also Board Appreciation month.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION 6:20PM**

Tom DenHerder moved and Rick Dernberger supported the motion to convene in closed session per Section 8 (a) of the Open Meetings Act.

VOTE: All Yes (6)

**IX. DISCUSSION**

A. Appeal to the Board - parties involved gave input to the board. The board asked questions for some clarification.

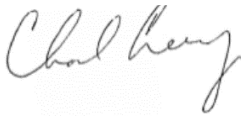
The Board returned to open session and moved back to the cafeteria at 6:56PM.

**X. ACTION**

Tom DenHerder moved and Betsy Kikstra supported the motion to affirm the final decision of the superintendent.

ROLL CALL: Rick Dernberger , Tom DenHerder , April DeWitt, Heidi Geerlings, Betsy Kikstra, Tami Mannes

The December 18, 2023 regular board meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.



Board Secretary