

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
August 21, 2023 4:00 pm
Creekside Quack Shack**

PRESENT: Board of Education: Chad Creevy, Rick Dernberger, Tom DenHerder, April DeWitt,
Betsy Kikstra, Heidi Geerlings
Administrators: Autumn Dawdy, Brandi-Lyn Mendham, Julie Paterick, Matt Stolz,
Lynn VanKampen, Jon Voss
ABSENT: Board of Education: Linda Bush
GUESTS:

I. CALL TO ORDER: 4:00PM

April DeWitt

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dr. Brandi-Lyn Mendham

B. RECOGNITION

C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

One parent spoke to the board thanking them for the book review process.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None are anticipated at this time.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. The minutes of the July 6, 2023 [Special Closed Meeting](#), July 17, 2023 [Organizational](#) and [Regular](#) Board Meetings and July 18, 2023 [Work Session](#) meeting were approved.

B. Approved bills paid as of July 2023. Checks #139764-139878

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$1,776,383.89

PAYROLL: \$6,136,629.70

TOTAL: \$7,913,013.59

C. New Staff Approved:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Noah Arendsen (Calvin)	Sh Time ZCS Spanish	.35
Sara Arthurs (U-M)	Lincoln - Kdgn	1.0
Kent Augustyn (Albion/GVSU)	Crk-Acad Supp Spec	1.0
Tyler Bing (Hope/GVSU)	ZWHS - SSW	1.0
Steven Buter (Calvin/UNC/Washington)	Quincy - SpEd Resource	1.0
Ashleigh Endres (GVSU)	Roosevelt - 3rd Gr	1.0
Sydney Gillepsie (GVSU)	Cty/Crk-Speech Path	1.0
Ellie Haan Galer (Hope)	Cty - ELA	1.0
Joe Grit (GVSU/WMU)	ZQuest Director	1.0
Katherine Johnson (Hope)	Adams-SpEd Resource	1.0

Monica Kraai (Hope)	ZQuest - Kdgn/1st	1.0
David Laidlaw (GVSU)	Crk - Math	1.0
Jordan Lambert (Hope)	ZWHS (PE/Health)	.80
Marcie Leegwater (GVSU)	Sh Time ZCS Computer	.32
Tara Lein (Trinity Chr/Capella)	Quincy - Y5's	.50
Erin Magennis (GVSU)	ZWHS - Math	1.0
Elizabeth Margaron (Furman/Regent)	ECSE - ECC	1.0
Kale Maupin (Carroll Univ/Olivet)	ZEHS-Business/Ac Supp	1.0
Derek McNitt (Saginaw St)	Wdb - SpEd ASD	1.0
Dena Merrill (NMU/Concordia)	Crk - Science	1.0
Kendra Oele (GVSU)	Adams - 2nd gr	1.0
McKenna Olenzuk (GVSU)	Adams/ZQ-SSW	1.0
Jordan Pike (GVSU/Univ of Brighton)	Quincy - 1st Gr	1.0
Emily Powell (GVSU)	Crk - SpEd Resource	1.0
Emily Raak (WMU/GVSU)	New Gron - SI	1.0
Elizabeth Remy (GVSU/MSU)	Roos/ZQ - Psychologist	1.0
Aliceson Safirt (IU)	Elem Media	1.0
Jackson Schut (Calvin)	Wdb - 5th Gr	.50
Kenedy Shelton (Hope/Baylor)	New Gron - SSW	1.0
Alissa Smith (GVSU/Gr Canyon Univ)	New Gron- SpEd CI	1.0
Samantha Smith (Ferris/CMU)	Roosevelt - Kdgn	.63
Elyse TerHaar (GVSU)	Adams - Kdgn	1.0
Benjamin Terpsma (GVSU)	ZEHS-Stud Supp Coach	1.0
Jamie Tidey (MSU)	Roosevelt-STEM/STEAM	1.0
Trisha Tilden (SMU)	ZEHS - Math	1.0
Travis Voss (Hope)	Adams - 4th Gr	1.0
Crystal Weber (CMU)	ZQ - 6th/8th Gr	1.0
Darla Wheeler (Hope/GVSU)	Roos - SpEd Resource	1.0
Isabel Withrow (MSU/GVSU)	ZEHS-SSW	1.0
Melissa Zoerhof (MSU/GVSU/U of Phoenix)	Sh Time ZCS Spanish	.35

D. Approved the leave of absence for Kristin VerBeek, Elementary Spanish Teacher, for the 2023-24 school year.

E. Approved the 2023-24 student handbooks and current curriculum.

Rick Dernberger moved and Tom DenHerder supported the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

VOTE: All yes

V. **DISCUSSION**

A. Summer Programming Highlights - Asst. Supt's: Autumn Dawdy, Julie Paterick, and Matt Stolz reported on the funding available for the summer programming and credit recovery programs.

VI. **ACTION:**

A. Tom DenHerder moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to approve the updated district policies.

The first reading was discussed at the July meeting, with second reading and discussion tonight prior to adopting. Several board members expressed their excitement for putting these new policies into place.

VOTE: All yes

VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. First Day of School: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 (ZQuest began August 14, 2023)
- B. Strategic Planning Update
- C. MASB Summer Institute Report – Trustees Geerlings and Kikstra and Vice-President Dernberger attended several classes at the MASB summer institute and shared their experiences and important takeaways.
- D. Reminder of the community kickoff event Thursday with both ZE and ZW football games, food trucks, and much more.

The regular meeting of August 21, 2023 adjourned at 4:34 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chad Henry". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.