

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2025
Immediately Following Special Meeting**

I. RECONVENE FROM SPECIAL MEETING

A. RECOGNITION:

The board honored the following retirees: **Administrators** - Angela Lloyd-Quincy Principal; **Teachers** - Suzanne Charon-Quincy, Nancy Clyde-ZEHS, Tina Henry-Creekside, Lesa Johnson-Quincy/Woodbridge, Tiffany Meyer-Cityside, Jennifer Nagelkerke-Cityside, Nancy Richardson-ECC, Robin Rietsma-ECC, John Shilito-ZWHS, Marie Tenelshof-Cityside/Creekside/ZEHS, Karel Webster-Lincoln, Shawn Wyckoff-ZEHS; **Facilities** - Jim Kolberg-NG/Quincy, Ken Riemersma-Pole Barn; **Support Staff** - Barb Baareman-Creekside, Jill Bouwman-Cityside, Jill Inman-Quincy, Susan Lutz-Woodbridge, Jill Meeuwsen-Cityside, Mary Miilu-Administration, Sherrie Stefan-ZWHS, Michelle Timmer-ZWHS; **Transportation** - Bonnie Edgerton, Steve Frasso, Sally Strating, Mary Wilkos

B. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the April 21, 2025 regular board meeting were approved.

B. Approved bills paid as of April 2025. Checks #111820-112026 and 110006-1100011

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:	\$ 1,539,857.62
PAYROLL:	\$5,546,308.48
TOTAL:	\$7,086,166.10

C. [Tenure](#) Approved for the following teachers, all approved through committee:

- Kent Augustyn
- Kaitlin Brewer
- Jennifer Brinks
- Shelby Buster
- Emily Crum
- Luke DeVries
- Lara DeWitt
- Lauren DeZwaan
- Ashleigh Endres
- Hannah Fikse
- Kerri Hamilton

- Rachel Helder
- Megan Hendryx
- Andrew Hewitt
- Linsey Huizenga
- Gabrielle Hunderman
- Carlyn Kadzban
- Daniel Kornelis
- Makayla Kragt
- Michele Larkin
- Tara Lein
- Elizabeth Mascorro
- Dena Merrill
- Steve Oele
- Emmanuel Olmos
- Emily Powell
- Olyvia Putnam
- Katelyn Schmidt
- Alissa Smith
- Sarah Trombley
- Jordan Van Dyk
- Hannah Warren
- Anna Weighmink
- Darla Wheeler
- Lauren Wondergem

Tom DenHerder moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

VOTE: All yes

V. DISCUSSION

VI. ACTION:

A. OAISD BUDGET APPROVAL [RESOLUTION](#)

Tom DenHerder moved and Betsy Kikstra supported the motion to approve the resolution supporting the 2025-26 General Fund Budget of the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District.

VOTE: All yes

B. OAISD BOARD [ELECTION RESOLUTION](#)

Tami Mannes moved and Tom DenHerder supported the motion to approve Betsy Kikstra as the representative, and Heidi Geerlings as the alternate, to cast their vote for candidates Rick Dernberger and Jennifer Cymbola to fill the six-year term vacancies and John Siemion to fill the partial term vacancy on the OAISD board in the June 2, 2025 election.

VOTE: All yes

C. BID APPROVAL – ENERGY RECOVERY UNIT

Chad Creevy moved and Betsy Kikstra supported the motion to approve the bid from [VanDyken](#) in the amount of \$58,000 to repair the Energy Recovery Unit at ZWHS.

ZWHS is in need of a repair for the ERU-1 (Energy Recovery Unit), Robert and Chris DeBoer collected quotes. Low bid is from Van Dyken for \$58,000, which would require that ZPS remove the old equipment and prep the area for the new equipment to be installed. Robert and Chris both feel the savings in cost is well worth ZPS taking part in the removal, total cost would be \$58,000. This would be paid for with Building and Site funds.

VOTE: All yes

D. BID APPROVAL – CHROMEBOOKS

Tom DenHerder moved and Tami Mannes supported the motion to approve the bid from [CDW-G](#) in the amount of \$265,625 to replace chromebooks for 4th and 5th grade and staff.

Mark Washington would like to move forward with purchasing additional Chromebooks, before prices are impacted by the tariffs. These devices are in stock at CDW and will not have an increase in cost if purchased now and while in inventory. This would cover 4th and 5th grades and any staff that currently have a chromebook as their device. CDW currently has the national bid for technology devices so additional quotes are not needed, total cost would be \$265,625. This would be paid for with Capital Outlay funds.

VOTE: All yes

E. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Tom DenHerder moved and Tami Mannes supported the motion to accept April DeWitt's resignation as President and approve Rick Dernberger to the position effective May 31, 2025.

[April DeWitt will be stepping down as President effective May 31, 2025, and VP Rick Dernberger will move into the presidency, leaving the VP position open.](#)

ROLL CALL: YEA: Creevy, Dernberger, DenHerder, Geerlings, Kikstra, Mannes
NAY:

F. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Heidi Geerlings moved and Tom DenHerder supported the motion to approve Betsy Kikstra as the Vice-President of the Zeeland Public Schools Board of Education effective June 1, 2025.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Creevy, Dernberger, DenHerder, Geerlings, Kikstra, Mannes
NAY:

G. [POLICY UPDATE](#) APPROVAL

Tom DenHerder moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to approve the Miller Johnson policy update discussed at the April board meeting.

The first reading was discussed at the April board meeting. These changes are recommended by Miller Johnson and are mostly legislative and adjustments to language.

VOTE: All yes

VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS


- A. Graduation Information (Venture students will walk with their home building):
- ZW - Wednesday, May 21, 7pm - Hope College
 - ZE - Thursday, May 22, 7pm - Hope College
 - Adult Ed - Tuesday, June 3, 6pm - Midtown Center
- B. Zeeland Education Foundation awarded \$70,737 in teacher grants across the district earlier this month. These grants awarded will benefit students in every ZPS building including our ECC. We are so grateful for the leadership of the ZEF Director, Lisa Ghiardi, along with our generous, supportive community.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION 7:30PM

Tom DenHerder moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to go into closed session per Sections 8(c) and 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider issues relating to collective bargaining and written opinion within the attorney-client privilege.

ROLL CALL: Creevy, Dernberger, DenHerder, Geerlings, Kikstra, Mannes

The board returned to open session and adjourned the regular and closed session meetings of May 12, 2025 at 8:39 P.M.



Chad Creevy