ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES
April 1, 2025
Admin LGI Space
183 W Roosevelt
5:00 PM
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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, April DeWitt, Heidi Geerlings, Betsy Kikstra, Tami Mannes
Administrators:
ABSENT: Board of Education: Tom DenHerder
GUESTS:

I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:00PM April DeWitt
A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Matt Stolz

B. RECOGNITION:

C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

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. DISCUSSION
A. Possible Next Steps for Superintendent position - Each board member expressed their opinion on the next steps to hire a new superintendent. It was unanimous that the district conduct an internal and external search simultaneously, and that staff and community feedback was essential. A search firm will be hired to help the district through this process.

V. ACTION

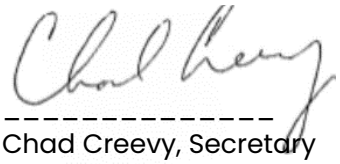
Rick Dernberger moved and Betsy Kikstra supported the motion to request proposals from three firms, MASB, MASA and MLI, with a deadline of April 17, 2025 to submit.

VOTE: All No (6)

Heidi Geerlings moved and Rick Dernberger supported the motion to contact Rod Green of MASB for his availability to conduct the superintendent search, and if not available, to issue an RFP to MASB, MASA and MLI.

VOTE: All Yes (6)

The special meeting of April 1, 2025 adjourned at 5:42PM.



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Chad Creevy, Secretary