

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES
December 18, 2023
ZWHS Main Office Conference Room
4:00PM**

PRESENT: Board of Education: Chad Creevy, Rick Dernberger, Tom DenHerder, April DeWitt,
Heidi Geerlings, Betsy Kikstra, Tami Mannes
Administrators: Brandi-Lyn Mendham
ABSENT: Board of Education:
GUESTS: Jay Bennett, MASB

I. CALL TO ORDER: 4:00PM

April DeWitt

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dr. Brandi-Lyn Mendham

B. 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. CLOSED SESSION 4:08PM

Heidi Geerlings moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to go into closed session for purposes of the evaluation of the superintendent per Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

VOTE: All Yes

V. DISCUSSION

A. Superintendent Evaluation Process – Jay Bennett will go through the superintendent's self-evaluation. Discussion will take place in open session for any score discrepancies.

April DeWitt returned the meeting to open session at 4:42PM. The board will move to the cafeteria to hold discussion and conduct the vote in open session.

- B. Superintendent Evaluation Review and Consensus – Jay Bennett reviewed the results of the scoring from the closed session.

VI. ACTION:

- A. Rick Dernberger moved and Tom DenHerder supported the motion to approve the Superintendent evaluation and three-year contract. The contract period is July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 and the level reported to the State of Michigan will be highly effective..

ROLL CALL: Chad Creevy, Rick Dernberger, Tom DenHerder, April DeWitt, Heidi Geerlings, Betsy Kikstra

Tami Mannes abstained pending Superintendent Evaluation Training

The December 18, 2023 special board meeting adjourned at 4:52 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chad Creevy".

Board Secretary