

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES
December 11, 2023
Creekside Quack Shack
179 W Roosevelt
5:00 PM
DRAFT**

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

ABSENT: Board of Education:
GUESTS: Board Candidates

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:00PM** 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. DISCUSSION** - The process below was followed to appoint a new board member:
A. Open Board Seat Interviews - Candidates will be interviewed after drawing a number to determine interview order.

The board took a ten minute recess at 6:47pm.

The board returned to resume the meeting at 6:57pm.

- B. Top candidate recommendations by each board member by tally - Board members will list their top choices that fit the criteria in no particular order. These will be tallied by Dr. Mendham and Mary Miilu and double checked for accuracy to determine which candidates receive the most votes to move forward.
C. Board to consider the previously set criteria when making their top two choices in the next step.
D. First and second choice by each board member by tally - Board members will list their first and second choice to fill the open board seat.

- E. Choices will be tallied per point system by Dr. Mendham and Mary Miilu - two points for a first choice and one point for a second choice. Points will be totaled electronically to determine the top candidate.
- F. Board President will make the recommendation for the candidate to be appointed as the new board member to fill the seat through December 31, 2024.

V. ACTION:

- A. April DeWitt moved and Rick Dernberger supported the motion to appoint Tami Mannes to the Zeeland Board of Education effective December 11, 2023.

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

NAY:

The December 11, 2023 special meeting adjourned at 7:07P.M.



Board Secretary