

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 12, 2023  
Creekside Quack Shack  
Immediately following the Truth-In-Budget Hearing**

**I. RECONVENE FROM TRUTH-IN-BUDGET HEARING: 6:21 PM**

- A. RECOGNITION: Robotics Team 85 B.o.B. was recognized for their recent accomplishments for the season, including attendance at the Worlds in Houston. The Board and community members gathered in the open space outside the Quack Shack for a demonstration.
- B. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Seventeen members of the public addressed the board on various topics including the proposed calendar, books, volunteer background check process, FOIA and privacy pertaining to school video footage, attendance and transportation issues.

Public comment ended at 7:54pm and the meeting paused for a six minute restroom break.

**III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS - Re-convene from break at 8:00pm - no agenda modifications**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of the May 15, 2023 [regular board meeting](#) and May [special board meeting](#) were approved.
- B. Approved bills paid as of May 2023. Checks #139330-139574
  - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$1,722,340.25
  - PAYROLL: \$5,841,107.08
  - TOTAL: \$7,563,447.33**
- C. MHSAA Renewal - Annual renewal for Michigan High School Athletic Association for the year August 1, 2023-July 31, 2024 was approved.

Rick Dernberger moved and Heidi Geerlings supported the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

**V. DISCUSSION**

- A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS [2022-23 Final Budget Amendments](#), [2023-24 Proposed Beginning Budget](#) [L-4029 Millage Rates](#) Lynn VanKampen, CFO, offered time

for questions from the presentation for the 2022–23 final budget and the 2023–24 beginning budget.

- B. [Bid Approvals](#) – Lynn VanKampen reviewed the bids for the following projects:

**HVAC units for Roosevelt and Creekside**– This is a pre-order for projects in the summer of 2024. Roosevelt classroom HVAC units and AC coils for the units were installed with the 2015 Bond. Creekside Middle purchase is for the units in the gym, which were not replaced in the 2015 Bond. The costs are consistent with the cost we have paid in our previous pre-orders this past calendar year. This purchase will be funded by the 2021 Bond for a total purchase of \$847,801. DHE will make this purchase for the district storing the units until needed and will be reimbursed through the Construction Manager process.

**Maintenance vehicle replacements** – This is to replace two maintenance trucks. The 2021 Bond will be funding this purchase and they will be delivered to the district after July 1 from Betten Baker at a cost of \$92,978.

- C. Easement Agreements with City of Zeeland – Lynn VanKampen explained in detail, the two easements The City of Zeeland has requested from the district pertaining to their summer snowmelt project.
- [Sidewalk Easement](#) – This will allow the City to widen the sidewalks in front of Cityside Middle School for the snowmelt project. It gives them additional footage. It will not be over our geo wells and the City is responsible for any damage during construction. They will also move the Recreation sign at their cost and the district will not pay any costs in the future for assessments or utility costs.
  - [Fire Hydrant Easement](#) – This was reviewed by our Civil Engineer, Holland Engineering, to protect us from any costs that may be in the future for fire hydrants.
- D. [Property Purchase](#) – Lynn VanKampen was happy to announce receiving a purchase agreement for a portion of two parcels of land adjacent to ZPS district property for the Lacrosse/Soccer Athletic Complex, a project that is being funded with the 2021 Bond Series II funds. This purchase would be for approximately 34.31 acres of land for the price of \$1,543,950 plus closing costs.
- E. Adult Ed Diploma Option – Dr. Brandi-Lyn Mendham explained that in addition to our current GED program at Zeeland Adult Education, there is a desire to add a high school diploma option for students ages 18+ whose class has already graduated and who prefer a high school diploma instead of a GED Certificate. Students would be expected to meet the same curriculum requirements for graduation as the already board-approved requirements for the ZPS Venture Academy Alternative High School Program.
- F. 98B Benchmark Reporting – End of Year 2023 – Julie Paterick, Assistant Superintendent of Early Childhood and Elementary Curriculum and Matt Stolz, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum shared the end of year data on student achievement as a follow up to the mid-year report shared in February.
- G. Ratification of One-Year ZEA Contract for 2023–2024 School Year – Jon Voss briefly explained the highlights of the proposed contract.
- H. Nomination for Rick Dernberger to Represent MASB Region 3 – Rick Dernberger expressed an interest in throwing his hat into the ring for this vacancy on the MASB

Region 3 Board and requested fellow board members approve a resolution to move forward.

**VI. ACTION:**

**A. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATES:**

Tom DenHerder moved and Heidi Geerlings supported the motion to approve the adjustments to the current 2022-23 budget, the 2023-24 proposed budget and L-4029 millage rates for the 2023-24 school year as discussed.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Bush, Creevy, Dernberger, DenHerder, DeWitt, Geerlings, Kikstra  
NAY:

**B. ROOSEVELT AND CREEKSIDO HVAC REPLACEMENT BID APPROVAL**

Chad Creevy moved and Betsy Kikstra supported the motion to approve DHE order HVAC units in the amount of \$648,474 and \$199,327 for Roosevelt and Creekside respectively, for the Summer of 2024 projects.

VOTE: All yes (7)

**C. MAINTENANCE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT BID APPROVAL**

Tom DenHerder moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to approve Betten Baker Buick/GMC to replace two maintenance vehicles in the amount of \$92,978.

VOTE: All yes (7)

**D. CITY OF ZEELAND EASEMENT APPROVAL**

Betsy Kikstra moved and Heidi Geerlings supported the motion to approve the sidewalk and fire hydrant easements for the City of Zeeland snowmelt project.

VOTE: All yes (7)

**E. PROPERTY PURCHASE APPROVAL**

Tom DenHerder moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to approve the purchase of property for 34.31 acres at the cost of \$1,543,950 plus closing costs; to authorize the CFO to execute the purchase agreement in substantially the form attached hereto, subject to modifications approved by legal counsel, in the best interests of the district, that are necessary to finalize the agreement; and to obtain, negotiate, modify, and execute closing documents, subject to legal review, in the best interests of the district, and as necessary to complete the transaction.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Bush, Creevy, Dernberger, DenHerder, DeWitt, Geerlings, Kikstra  
NAY:

**F. ADULT ED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OPTION APPROVAL**

Rick Dernberger moved and Heidi Geerlings supported the motion to approve Adult Ed students to receive a Zeeland high school diploma after meeting the same curriculum requirements for graduation as the already board-approved requirements for the ZPS Venture Academy Alternative High School Program.

VOTE: All yes (7)

**G. APPROVAL OF ONE-YEAR ZEA CONTRACT, 2023-2024**

Linda Bush moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to approve the one-year ZEA contract as presented.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Bush, DenHerder, DeWitt (3)  
NAY: Creevy, Dernberger, Geerlings, Kikstra (4)

**H. NOMINATION FOR MASB REGION 3 BOARD**

Tom DenHerder moved and Betsy Kikstra supported the motion to approve Rick Dernberger's application to be submitted and considered for an upcoming vacancy to represent MASB Region 3.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Bush, Creevy, Dernberger, DenHerder, DeWitt, Geerlings, Kikstra  
NAY:

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT & REPORTS**

Dr. Brandi-Lyn Mendham

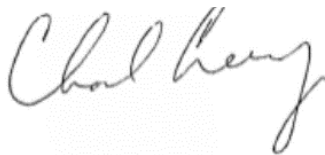
A. Board/Organization Meeting - July 17 at 4pm at Creekside's Quack Shack

B. Summer School Opportunities:

- **Zee Bus** - Events across the summer with reading opportunities and books
- **K-8 High Doses of Summer Tutoring** - One-on-one or small group tutoring for K-8 students based on need. This will include 3 connections a week with students in Math, ELA, or both over 7 weeks. We're staffed and training is happening soon! We have well over 180 students participating.
- **9-12 Summer Credit Recovery** - We've added additional staffing to support credit deficient 9-12 students. Students will join in-person two times a week and work (with the option to come another day). This runs 6 weeks and has approximately 100 students signed up so far.

C. Staffing Update: Interviewing and hiring has been occurring since right around spring break. We have some positions remaining and are appreciative of the many individuals who have taken part in identifying our newest ZPS team members.

The regular meeting of June 12, 2023 adjourned at 8:43P.M.



Chad Creevy, Secretary