

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2023
Creekside Quack Shack
Immediately following the Organizational Meeting**

GUESTS: Brad Slagh–State Representative, Mike O’Connor – Adult Ed

I. RECONVENE FROM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

A. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

Brad Slagh updated the board on recent issues being discussed in Lansing: the budget is complete, the need for balancing laws, funding for 23-24 school year and an upcoming speed limit bill.

Mike O’Connor, Christina Quimby from Adult Education, and **Anna Castillo** from the OAISD, updated the board with a presentation on the adult ed program, who it serves, and the amazing things this program is doing for those in the community.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Several parents addressed the board on a variety of issues including transportation, books and the process for challenging books in district libraries.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the June 1, 2023 Special Closed Session Meeting ([Student Discipline](#) and [Contract Update](#)), June 12, 2023 [Truth-in-Budget](#) and June 12, 2023 [Regular board meetings](#) were approved.

B. Approved bills paid as of June 2023. Checks #139575-139763	
Accounts Payable	\$2,012,973.47
Payroll:	\$5,625,800.19
TOTAL:	\$7,638,773.66

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

VOTE: All Yes (7)

V. DISCUSSION

A. [Bid Approval](#) – all bids were reviewed by the finance committee on July 17th at 3:00pm.

HVAC Bid Approvals – This purchase is for the Woodbridge Elementary Chiller and pumps replacement. This work will take place in summer of 2024. If the

board approves this pre-order, DHE will order the equipment and store it at their secure facility until it is needed for the summer work. The finance committee recommends we move forward with the purchase.

Maintenance Truck Replacement – This will be the last truck purchase for the maintenance department. This will replace a 2000 4 X 4 which we use for plowing and other maintenance around the district. This truck will be purchased with the General Operating funds for vehicle replacements. The finance committee recommends we move forward with this purchase.

Auditorium Updates – This request will replace the projector and screen at DeWitt auditorium. We will move the current projector at DeWitt to Lokers. David Miller and Mark Washington have been working through the auditorium equipment replacements. This purchase will be completed with the 2023-24 Enhancement Millage budget. The finance committee recommends we move forward with this purchase.

Recreation Equipment and Flooring – After a bid process was completed, Brett would like to have the Fitness Things Equipment approved for purchase and installation. We also will need to install new flooring upstairs and downstairs to accommodate moving the weight equipment upstairs and moving the cardio programs downstairs. Fitness Things is a lower cost than the flooring consortium and comparable to the same type of flooring and protection. This quote also meets the architects requirement for safety and protection. The finance committee recommends we move forward with this purchase.

Band Instruments – This request is being funded with the 2021 Bond Series II. This is round 2 of instrument replacements. Lucas Keur has been working with the vendors and did a very thorough bid process to get the best price for these dollars. The finance Committee recommends we move forward with this purchase.

- B. Ratification of One-Year ZEA Contract for 2023-2024 School Year – Jon Voss gave a brief overview of the changes that were made to the calendar and advised the new contract was passed by the teachers earlier in the week.

VI. ACTION

A. HVAC BID APPROVAL

Tom DenHerder moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to approve the HVAC bid for DHE in the amount of \$158,995 funded with the 2021 Bond.

VOTE: All yes (7)

B. Maintenance Truck BID APPROVAL

Tom DenHerder moved and Rick Dernberger supported the motion to approve the replacement of a new maintenance truck from Betten Baker in the amount of \$49,404 funded with the General Operating budget.

VOTE: All yes (7)

C. Auditorium Equipment BID APPROVAL

Chad Creevy moved and Tom DenHerder supported the motion to approve the bid from CDW in the amount of \$34,160.77 for a new projector and screen for DeWitt auditorium funded with the General Fund Enhancement budget.

VOTE: All yes (7)

D. Recreation Equipment and Flooring BID APPROVAL

Betsy Kikstra moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to approve the bid from Fitness Things in the amount of \$134,931.38 to replace recreation equipment and Fitness Things in the amount of \$45,583.44 for rubber flooring upstairs funded with the Recreation Budget.

VOTE: All yes (7)

E. Band Instrument BID APPROVAL

Rick Dernberger moved and Betsy Kikstra supported the motion to approve the bid for new band instruments in the amount of \$111,538.34 funded with the 2021 Bond.

VOTE: All yes (7)

F. APPROVAL OF ONE-YEAR ZEA CONTRACT, 2023-2024

Tom DenHerder moved and Heidi Geerlings supported the motion to approve the one-year ZEA contract as presented.

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

VII. SUPERINTENDENT & REPORTS

- A. Restorative Practices training for staff throughout the summer; staff from all areas in the district have been participating.
- B. HR Update - Jon reported the district is almost done with new hires, with only a few slots left to fill.
- C. Strategic Planning - Goals have been drafted after our year-long process and will be finalized after gathering feedback.

The Board adjourned the July 17, 2023 regular meeting at 5:31 P.M.

