

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2022
Creekside Quack Shack
179 W Roosevelt
5:30 PM**

PRESENT: Board of Education: Linda Bush, Chad Creevy, Rick Dernberger , Tom DenHerder, April DeWitt, Betsy Kikstra

Administrators: Brandi-Lyn Mendham , Julie Paterick , Matt Stolz

ABSENT: Board of Education:

GUESTS:

I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30PM

Tom Den Herder

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

- A. Open Board Seat Interviews - Candidates were interviewed after drawing a number to determine interview order.
- B. Top candidate recommendations by each board member by tally - Board members listed their top choices that fit the criteria in no particular order. These were tallied by Dr. Mendham and Mary Miilu and double checked for accuracy to determine which candidates received the most votes to move forward. One candidate had five votes and four other candidates had three votes. The five candidates moving forward were Jen Baker, Vince Boileau , Heidi Geerlings , Ryan Smith, and Avril Wiers.
- C. Tom reminded the 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 listed their first and second choice to fill the open board seat.
- E. Choices tallied per point system by Dr. Mendham and Mary Miilu - two points for a first choice and one point for a second choice. Points were totaled electronically to determine the top candidate.
- F. Board President makes recommendation for Heidi Geerlings to be appointed as the new board member to fill the seat through December 31, 2024.

V. ACTION:

- A. April DeWitt moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to appoint Heidi Geerlings to the Zeeland Board of Education effective December 14, 2022.

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

The December 6, 2022 special meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chad Creevy".

BOE Secretary