

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2021
Creekside Quack Shack
179 W. Roosevelt
4:00 PM**

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

Administrators: Brandi-Lyn Mendham, Lynn VanKampen, Jon Voss

ABSENT: Board of Education:

GUESTS:

I. CALL TO ORDER: 4:00PM

Tom Den Herder

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dr. Brandi-Lyn Mendham

II. REVIEWED TERMS OF OFFICE AND BOARD OFFICERS - Tom Den Herder

Officers are elected at the January organizational meeting and current officers are listed below. July conversation around potential officer changes in January is certainly appropriate. Officers terms begin February 1, concluding January 31 of the following year.

Committees are determined in July and terms are set to run July through June to coincide with the school calendar, but are revisited in January. Committees are appointed by the board president.

A. Reviewed Terms of Office

Linda Bush	2024
Todd Brennan	2026
Chad Creevy	2026
Rick Dernberger	2022
Tom DenHerder	2026
April DeWitt	2022
Betsy Kikstra	2022

B. Reviewed Current Board Officers (as of January 31, 2021)

Tom DenHerder	President
April DeWitt	Vice-President
Linda Bush	Secretary
Todd Brennan	Treasurer
Rick Dernberger	Trustee
Chad Creevy	Trustee
Betsy Kikstra	Trustee

III. REVIEWED CURRENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/CALENDAR - Tom

DenHerder - The Board president appoints committee assignments during this meeting or in August. In this way, committees correlate to the academic and fiscal year. Committees can be changed at any time, with public notice.

Agenda Planning – Rick Dernberger, Tom DenHerder, April DeWitt
Policy & Goals – Rick Dernberger (chair), Linda Bush, Betsy Kikstra
Finance Committee – April DeWitt (chair), Todd Brennan, Chad Creevy

IV. 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

April DeWitt moved and Linda Bush supported the motion to hold [regular board meetings for the 2021-22 school year](#) on the third Monday of each month in the cafeteria of Zeeland West High School, 3390 100th Street. The Superintendent's Assistant is designated to post public notices of dates and times of regular and special board meetings of the Zeeland Public Schools Board of Education for the 2021-22 school year.

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

V. AUTHORIZATION FOR MULTIPLE ORGANIZATION ITEMS:

Rick Dernberger moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion:

- To authorize all Zeeland Public Schools funds to be deposited in Huntington Bank for the 2021-22 fiscal year.
- That all checks from every fund bear the signature of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Zeeland Public Schools Board of Education for the 2021-22 fiscal year.
- To retain the law firms of Thrun Law Firm, P.C. of Lansing, Michigan; Miller Johnson of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Scholten Fant Attorneys of Grand Haven and Clark Hill PLC of Grand Rapids for the 2021-22 school year.
- To retain the accounting firm of Kiekoover, Scholma and Shumaker, P.C. of Zeeland, Michigan, as auditors for the District for the 2021-22 school year.
- To appoint the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District as fiscal agent for certain Zeeland Public Schools' programs for the 2021-22 school year.
- To appoint Rick Dernberger as representative to the Ottawa Area School Board Association Board of Directors for the 2021-22 school year.
- To approve the [resolution authorizing the purchase of property](#) for the 2021-22 school year.
- To approve the [resolution authorizing the sale of securities](#) for the 2021-22 school year.

- To renew the membership to the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for 2021-22.
- To appoint Betsy Kikstra as the district representative on the ZPS Recreation Advisory Board.

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

VI. RECESS:

The organizational meeting of July 19, 2021 recessed at 4:06 PM to reconvene in regular session.