

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
May 12, 2025  
Administration L&I Space  
183 W Roosevelt  
6:00 PM**

**RETIREE RECEPTION 5:30 PM**

*Mission: Partnering with family and community while recognizing the importance of every individual, Zeeland Public Schools ensures that all students are safe, valued, loved, and learning.*

*Vision: Striving to better educate the hearts and minds of all students to reach their fullest potential.*

PRESENT: Board of Education: Chad Creevy, Rick Dernberger, Tom DenHerder, Heidi Geerlings, Betsy Kikstra, Tami Mannes

Administrators: Autumn Dawdy, Julie Paterick, Lynn VanKampen, Jon Voss

ABSENT: Board of Education: April DeWitt

GUESTS:

**I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00PM**

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Rick Dernberger  
Scott Korpak

**II. DISCUSSION**

**A. 2025-26 OAISD BUDGET DISCUSSION** – Lynn VanKampen reviewed the ISD budget for 25-26.  
[OAISD 2025-26 Budget Board Packet](#)

- General fund for 2024-25 expected to have a surplus of \$1,098,956.
- Fund balance expected to be approximately 10%,
- Currently they are projecting a deficit of \$912,628, primarily due to capital projects, this could improve based on the State budget that is approved for 25-26. Long range planning occurs to ensure that the district maintains a stable forecast.
- They plan to complete several capital projects, \$23,900 for building controls, \$8,798 for filter first, \$1,650,000 renovations to M-TEC building for Early Childhood, Conference Center and Central office.
- Salaries are projected at a 4% increase, with reductions of \$1.0 mil in MIP expense.
- Adding a new position for Security, due to a grant that was awarded to the OAISD.

The May 12, 2025 Special Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm and immediately convened in regular session.



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Chad Creevy