

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2022
ZWHS Cafeteria
3390 100th Avenue**

PRESENT: Board of Education: Todd Brennan , Linda Bush, Chad Creevy,
Rick Dernberger , Tom DenHerder , April DeWitt, Betsy Kikstra
Administrators: Holly Boehle , Brandi-Lyn Mendham , Julie Paterick , Matt
Stolz, Lynn VanKampen , Jon Voss
ABSENT: Board of Education:
GUESTS: Travis Spaman

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Tom DenHerder

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dr. Brandi-Lyn Mendham

B. RECOGNITION:

The Board recognized Zeeland West senior, Matthew LaPorte, as a National Merit Finalist. Travis Spaman introduced Matthew and spoke of not only his academics, but his genuine kindness.

C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Irene Ondersma - Pride club flag

Jacob Bonnema - Introduced himself as new County Commissioner

Shannon Kalmink, retired teacher - Spoke in support of Pride Club

Jaclyn Hulst - Attendance Policy

Aerolyn Posthumus - Former student, spoke in support of Pride Club

Jennifer Posthumus - Parent to Aerolyn, spoke in support of Pride Club

Deb VanderKooy - Bathroom usage for Transgender

Angela Goulet - Spoke in support of Pride Club

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the October 17, 2022 [regular meeting](#) and October 25 [work session](#) were approved..

B. Approved bills paid as of October 2022. Checks #138052-138297

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:	\$1,576,028.48
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PAYROLL:	\$4,704,810.88
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TOTAL	\$6,280,839.36
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C. New Teacher Approval:

- Autumn Dawdy, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education

- College -- GVSU, Start Date -- 1/9/2023
- Samantha Neddo, School Social Worker at Quincy College -- GVSU, Start Date -- 11/28/2022
- Monica Slagh, School Social Worker at ECC and NG College -- Baker College and GVSU, Start Date -- 12/12/2022

Chad Creevy moved and Rick Dernberger supported the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

V. DISCUSSION

- Second Reading - Revision to [Policy 9130](#); No further comment by anyone so moved to action.
- [Audit Review](#) - Lynn VanKampen reported the Finance Committee reviewed the audit with Maner Costerisan in great detail on November 1, 2022. The district has a clean audit with no concerns of financial reporting and following federal grant guidelines. I would like to verbally acknowledge the business office staff and their great attention to detail in regards to check writing, payroll, teacher contracts, and budgets. With an \$82,000,000 general operating budget, it takes a great accounting team and we have that here at ZPS. All funds have added to their fund balance, with the exception of the 2021 Bond, as this should be spent down each year. We had one finding which was for food service. We will have another fund balance spend down plan for Food Service due to the COVID federal funding that was received for the past 2 years. The finance committee has reviewed the audit and recommends we approve the final audit for 21-22. Once approved by the BOE, we will post the audit to the district transparency website for the public to review.
- [Food Truck Bid](#) - Lynn VanKampen - advised that Food Service currently has 4 cube vans, 2 that were purchased several years ago and 2 that are getting old and need to be replaced. Aaron Nienhuis has been looking for a van replacement since last spring and was able to secure a van to be purchased. The purchase will be bought by Food Service and this will also go toward the spend down plan for the food service fund balance. The finance Committee has reviewed the documents and recommends we approve the Food truck for production.

VI. ACTION:

- April DeWitt moved and Linda Bush supported the motion to approve the revision to Policy 9130 as discussed in the October regular meeting.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

- Chad Creevy moved and Todd Brennan supported the motion to approve the 2021-22 audit as discussed.

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

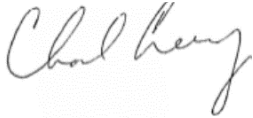
C. April DeWitt moved and Chad Creevy supported the motion to approve the food truck bid to West Michigan International per discussion this evening.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

VII. SUPERINTENDENT & REPORTS

- A. [OASBA Annual Meeting](#), December 14, 2022 at 6pm at the [OAC, 10160 96th Ave, Allendale](#)
- B. Strategic Planning Update - Input sessions and survey on the website through November.
- C. Thank you Todd Brennan - Brandi Mendham and the Board thanked Todd for his 10 years of service. Todd did a tremendous job and always put the student's best interest first.

The regular board meeting of November 14, 2022 adjourned at 6:44 P.M. The board will reconvene into a special work session after a short break.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chad Creevy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".