

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
ZWHS Cafeteria
3390 100th Avenue
February 19, 2024
6:00PM**

PRESENT: Board of Education: Chad Creevy, Rick Dernberger, Tom DenHerder, April DeWitt, Heidi Geerlings, Betsy Kikstra, Tami Mannes
Administrators: Autumn Dawdy, Brandi-Lyn Mendham, Julie Paterick, Matt Stolz, Lynn VanKampen, Jon Voss
ABSENT: Board of Education:
GUESTS: Marie TenElshof, Margaret Hawley-Lowry, ZHS Orchestra

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00PM

April DeWitt

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dr. Brandi-Lyn Mendham

B. RECOGNITION: Rescheduled from the January meeting, Marie TenElshof and the ZHS Orchestra performed three numbers for the board. Marie also introduced freshman violinist, Eli Zheng, who recently won the Norbert Mueller Young Artist Competition.

C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ten people addressed the board: eight of those spoke about the high school schedule change to a six hour period; one community member spoke on safety and security for the district, and current Ottawa County Commissioner, Jacob Bonnema, discussed the upcoming county strategic plan and asked those with concerns or questions to contact him.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the January 15, 2024 organizational and regular board meetings were approved.

B. Approved bills and ACH transfers paid as of January 2024. Checks #140844-141073

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:	\$2,011,401.86
PAYROLL:	\$6,120,589.62
TOTAL:	\$8,121,991.48

C. Approved leaves of absence for the 24-25 school year: Caroline Nyczak, ELA at ZEHS and Kelsey Curley, ELA at ZWHS.

Tom DenHerder moved and Betsy Kikstra supported the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

VOTE: All Yes

V. DISCUSSION


- A. High School Scheduling Process/Spanish Immersion Programming – Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum Julie Paterick and Matt Stolz presented an update regarding the Spanish Immersion program, as well as the plan for expanding to both sides of the path entering middle school. Matt Stolz also spoke on the high school schedule and the return to a six hour day for 24-25, with detail on the process of forming the committee, surveying staff and students, and reasons for the change.

VI. ACTION

VII. SUPERINTENDENT & REPORTS

- A. Ottawa Area Secure Schools Network (OASSN) Spring Summit – Dr. Mendham will attend this event with others in the district in early March. This summit, which is being held at the Fillmore Complex, will be followed by another important safety and security meeting debriefing the Oxford school shooting.

The February 19, 2024 regular board meeting adjourned at 7:28p.m.



Chad Creevy, Secretary of the BOE