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ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2015
Zeeland West Cafeteria

PRESENT: Board of Education: Todd Brennan, Rick Dernberger, Tom Den Herder, Carol Slagh, Ron Scott, Mark Snyder
Administrators: Cal De Kuiper, Lynn Van Kampen, Jon Voss
ABSENT: Board of Education: Linda Bush
GUESTS: Mary Kraai

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
- B. WELCOME:
- C. RECOGNITION

Ron Scott
Cal De Kuiper
Carol Slagh

The board honored high school seniors who attended the 2015 Boys and Girls State. Participants at Girls State were: Emily Raak (ZW), Megan Richardson (ZW), and Jenna Stevens (ZE). Boys State attendees were Alex Cooke and Braden Nyberg, both from Zeeland East.

D. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

II. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- A. Bond Construction Update – Lynn Van Kampen updated the board that secure entrances have been complete at Woodbridge, Roosevelt, Creekside and Quincy. Panic buttons will be going in that will enable the main office to automatically lock the front doors only when pushed. At this time, the panic buttons do not lock any other doors or notify 911.
- B. iPad Rollout Update – Jon Voss reported that the roll-out plan is in place and distribution should go much smoother this year. Grades 6, 7 and 9 will receive new iPads.
- C. 2015-16 Teacher Hiring Process - Jon Voss reviewed the process for hiring new teaching staff for 2015-16. He advised it involved many staff throughout the district devoting 400 hours to screening, interviewing and choosing from hundreds of applications. Twenty-nine new teachers were hired, eight of those were as a result of the new contract, two are for the expanded Spanish Immersion program, and the rest were due to retirements or resignations.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the July 20 organization and regular board meetings were approved.

B. Approved bills paid as of July 2015. Checks #109995-110340

BILLS:	\$1,043,222.86
PAYROLL:	96,325.67
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>1,139,548.53</i>
E.F.T.	3,909,833.57
TOTAL:	5,049,382.10

C. New Staff Approved:

Lindsey Boeve (Hope)	ZQuest – 4 th /5 th Grade	BA-1	1.0
Amy Bultena (GVSU)	ZQuest – Elem/MS	BA-1	1.0
Maria Darrow (Calvin/GVSU)	Lincoln – Elem Span	MA-1	.70
Rachel Derusha (U-M)	Qui/Wdb – Elem Span	BA-2	1.0
Eduardo DeSoignie (N. Ill)	Lincoln - Span. Imm.	MA-10	1.0
Sara DeWeerd (Hope)	Roos/Cty - PE-Computers	BA-1	.89
Elizabeth Frans (GVSU)	Lincoln - Span. Imm.	BA-6	1.0
Jennifer Frego (GVSU)	ZQuest – Spanish	BA-4	.80
Taryn Gras (Hope)	Woodbridge – 3 rd Grade	BA-1	1.0
Joseph Grit (GVSU)	ZEHS – Science	BA-2	1.0
Christopher Heald (U-M)	ZEHS - PE	BA-1	.80
Adam High-Gutierrez (GVSU)	ZWHS – Span/Eng	BA-1	1.0
Lauren Huisin (Hope)	Quincy – 1 st Grade	BA-1	1.0
David Klyn (Northwestern Coll)	New Gron – 5 th Grade	BA-4	1.0
Ryan Lane (CMU)	Crk – Social Studies	BA-1	.80
Rachel Lundstrom (Hope)	ZEHS – Spec Ed	BA-1	1.0
Lance McKinney (GVSU)	ZEHS – Spec Ed	MA-21	1.0
Katie Meyering (GVSU)	Woodbridge Kdgn	MA-1	1.0
David Miller (MSU)	ZEHS – Civics/Film	MA-21	1.0
Ashley Reeves (MSU)	Roosevelt – SpEd ASD	MA-1	1.0
Kyrie Tester (Saginaw Valley)	Roosevelt – 2 nd Grade	BA-1	1.0
Elizabeth Triminio (Calvin)	Wdb/NG – Spanish	BA-1	1.0
Jennifer Veldhuizen (U of Neb)	Lincoln – Spec Ed	MA-1	.50
Martha Veldkamp (Calvin)	District – Speech Path.	MA-1	1.0
Carrie VanDeRoer (Calvin)	District – Speech Path.	MA-1	.80
Kaitlin Wells (GVSU)	Quincy – 4 th Grade	BA-1	1.0
Zachary Williams (Hope)	Cityside – Soc Studies	BA-1	1.0
Mackenzie Wolffis (Hope)	New Gron – 3 rd Grade	BA-1	1.0
Elizabeth Zuwerink (U of VA)	Lincoln – Span Imm	MA-6	1.0

Tom Den Herder moved and Mark Snyder supported the motion to accept the Consent Calendar as presented.

VOTE: All Yes (6)

V. **DISCUSSION**

A. District Goals 2015-2016 – Brandi Mendham discussed the current goals we are focusing on for pK-12 curriculum, including K-5 literacy, multi-tiered systems of support, one academic program pK-12 and technology integration. Two other main

focuses for 2015-16 goals are aligning and balancing the budget for 2016-17 and mental health awareness.

VI. ACTION:

A. POLICY APPROVAL

Tom DenHerder moved and Carol Slagh supported the motion to approve the policies reviewed and discussed in the July 2015 meeting (per attached list).

Ron Scott will offer this time for public comment on policy 5517.01 - Bullying and Other Aggressive Behaviors, and Policy 8510 – Wellness.

VOTE: All yes (6)

VII. SUPERINTENDENT & REPORTS

- A. United Sun Sculpture Donation - The Unity Bridge “Celebrating Our Diversity” Public Art Project raised funds to commission a monumental sculpture entitled “Uniting Sun”. Donors received smaller 3.8 foot replicas and a number of them have expressed their desire to donate them to area high schools in exchange for the schools’ agreement to place them in a visible location and engage their students in a discussion about the importance of diversity and inclusion. This will be placed on the pathway between the two high schools.
- B. Twenty one days until the start of school and we are preparing for the welcome back to staff and another great year at ZPS.
- C. The auditors have completed their audit and once again, found nothing significant to report, which is a compliment to Lynn Van Kampen and the entire business office staff.

The regular meeting of August 17, 2015 adjourned at 8:08 P.M.