



ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
September 21, 2015
Zeeland West High School Cafeteria
3390 100th Avenue
7:00 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
- B. WELCOME:
- C. RECOGNITION:
- D. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

Ron Scott
Cal De Kuiper
Linda Bush

II. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- A. United Sun Sculpture – A replica of the sculpture that was constructed on the River Avenue Bridge in Holland, representing unity and inclusion in our community, was donated to all the area schools by the artist. This sculpture will be placed on the pathway between the high schools. A second replica we received will be placed in Zeeland Stadium.
- B. Zeeland Education Foundation Update – Tom DenHerder updated the board on the Education Foundation’s goals for this year: The first is to raise the endowment from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000. Second, they would like to raise \$50,000 at this year’s Fowl Play dinner event. The foundation added alumni to its mailing list and has invited Jim Kaat, former pro baseball player and Zeeland graduate, to be the key speaker at the dinner.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the August 17, 2015 regular board meeting were approved.

- B. Approved bills paid as of August 2015. Checks #110341-110699

BILLS:	\$546,453.76
PAYROLL:	65,005.32
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>611,459.08</i>
E.F.T.	2,832,234.96
TOTAL:	3,443,694.04

- C. New Staff Approved:

Kelsey Sherrod (GVSU) Adams 4th Gr (1st Sem) BA-1 1.0 FTE

Tom Den Herder moved and Mark Snyder supported the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

V. DISCUSSION

- A. "This is Zeeland" – Jon Voss gave a shortened version of the presentation he gave to new teachers during their orientation.
- B. Opening Day Presentation – Cal De Kuiper gave an abbreviated version of his presentation on opening day.
- C. Bus Purchases – The recently passed bond proposal included the purchase of 18 buses over the course of the next five to seven years. Two older (2001/2002) buses were sold over the summer and a third special ed lift bus will be sold in the near future. ZPS will be purchasing the replacement buses through the MSBO Bus Purchase Program; buses should be here in March 2016.

VI. ACTION:

A. BUS PURCHASE APPROVAL

Mark Snyder moved and Carol Slagh supported the motion to approve the attached resolution to use the MSBO Bus Purchase program for the purchase of two 71-Passenger propane powered buses and one Special Ed Lift Bus from Capital City Bus Sales in Lansing as follows:

2 - Propane Powered Buses	\$200,622
1 - Special Ed Lift Bus	<u>\$102,254</u>
TOTAL	\$302,876

ROLL CALL: YEA: Brennan, Bush, Dernberger, Den Herder, Scott, Slagh, Snyder
NAY: 0

B. MASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY – VOTING DELEGATES:

Tom Den Herder moved and Mark Snyder supported the motion to select four voting delegates Carol Slagh, Tod Brennan, Mark Snyder and Ron Scott, and three alternate voting delegates Tom Den Herder, Linda Bush and Rick Dernberger to represent the Zeeland Public Schools Board of Education at the 2015 MASB Delegate Assembly on October 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Traverse Resort.

VOTE: All Yes (7)

VII. SUPERINTENDENT & REPORTS

- A. Enrollment Status – We are up 30 students from last year; 24 less than what was projected, but still two weeks from count day on October 7, 2015.

- B. Cal De Kuiper thanked Brandi Mendham and elementary staff for their time and effort working to implement the new reading program in the district.

VIII. ACTION ITEM

A. CLOSED SESSION 7:45 PM

Tom Den Herder moved and Carol Slagh supported the motion that the Board of Education of the Zeeland Public Schools convene in closed session for discussion regarding 1) formative evaluation of the Superintendent per Section 8(a) and 2) the purchase/sale of property per Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Brennan, Bush, Dernberger, Den Herder, Scott, Slagh, Snyder
NAY: 0

The regular meeting of September 21, 2015 returned to open session and adjourned at 9:07 P.M.