



ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 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, Mark Snyder
Administrators: Cal De Kuiper, Lynn VanKampen, Jon Voss
ABSENT: Board of Education: Carol Slagh
GUESTS: Wendy Rebhan, Leslie Rindfliesch

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Ron Scott

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Cal De Kuiper

B. RECOGNITION:

The board honored Charlie Reese, ZQuest 3rd grader, who recently won the Michigan Scholastic Chess Club Championship K-3 Division. Cal De Kuiper challenged Charlie (and lost) to a game of chess.

The board honored Maggie Hartman, ZQuest 5th grader, for growing and selling flowers to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for those less fortunate. She has already raise over \$2,500 this season. Way to go Maggie!

Wendy Rebhan gave an update on the Zeeland Education Foundation, highlighting the Fowl Play dinner which raised \$55,000. She also advised the foundation will begin a Legacy/Endorsement campaign in 2016 with a goal of raising \$100,000.

C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

II. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

A. AP Test District Award – Cal De Kuiper advised the high schools received the AP Test District Award. To receive this award, a district must expand AP course offerings and student participation, as well as improve AP test grades.

B. Zeeland West Football Championship – Congratulations were expressed to John Shilito and the ZW football team for winning their fourth state championship. Mr. Shilito was also named the Detroit Free Press' 2015 All-State Dream Team Coach of the Year.

C. No Child Left Behind Update – Cal De Kuiper advised the board that President Obama signed legislation that gives some control and authorization over education back to the states.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the November 16, 2015 regular board meeting were approved.

B. Approved bills paid as of November 2015. Checks #111727-112066

BILLS:	\$343,082.54
PAYROLL:	142,119.57
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>485,202.11</i>
E.F.T.	3,562,629.53
TOTAL:	4,047,831.64

C. Approved a one-year sabbatical for Technology coach Lisa Shears.

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

VOTE: All Yes (6)

V. DISCUSSION

- A. Operational Millage – Historically this millage was done on an annual basis until some changes were made to election requirements. The last millage vote covered two years. Starting with the May 3 election, we will again be putting this millage to voters annually instead of bi-annually. This is an 18 mill non-homestead property millage and does not affect homeowners taxes.
- B. The board reviewed current Board terms, committee alignment and board officers and determined all committees and offices will remain as is through January 2017 and will be confirmed at the January organization meeting.

VI. ACTION:

A. SUMMER TAX RESOLUTION:

Tom DenHerder moved and Todd Brennan supported the motion to approve the resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on one-half of the school property taxes for 2016 and requests each city and township in which Zeeland Public Schools is located collect those summer taxes.

ROLL CALL:

YEA: Brennan, Bush, Dernberger, DenHerder, Scott, Snyder

NAY: -0-

B. CONSTRUCTION BID PROCESS

Mark Snyder moved and Tom DenHerder supported the motion to approve packages to go out for bid per discussion at the November 16, 2015 board meeting.

ROLL CALL:

YEA: Brennan, Bush, Dernberger, DenHerder, Scott, Snyder

NAY: -0-

VII. SUPERINTENDENT & REPORTS

The regular meeting of December 14, 2015 adjourned at 7:50 P.M.