



ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2016
Creekside Middle School Quack Shack
179 W. Roosevelt
Immediately following Organizational Meeting

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

I. RECONVENE FROM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 7:04PM

A. RECOGNITION:

Board Appreciation Month - Cal De Kuiper recognized and thanked the Board of Education for their continued service and dedication to the district.

B. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

II. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- A. A scholarship has been started in memory of Marnie Assink recognizing her life and work in education. Zeeland East hosted an auction which the public bid on many of her works of art. The event raised approximately \$4500 to fund the first scholarship which will be awarded to a senior that plans to pursue a post-secondary education in Fine Arts.
- B. Senate Bill 571 – Cal De Kuiper updated the board on this bill that basically prevents a school district from talking about ballot items within 60 days of the election date.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the December 14, 2015 regular board meeting were approved.
- B. Field Trip Approved – An overnight/out of state field trip was approved for the Zeeland West baseball team to travel to Garden City Beach, SC over spring break.

C. New Teacher Approved

Holly Arens (Kendall, WMU) Art – NG, Qui BA-1 1.0 FTE

D. Approved bills paid as of December 2015. Checks #112067-112475

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| BILLS: | \$404,484.74 |
| PAYROLL: | 180,951.46 |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | <i>585,436.20</i> |
| E.F.T. | 4,710,261.95 |
| TOTAL: | 5,295,698.15 |

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

VOTE: All Yes

V. DISCUSSION

- A. Budget Amendments – Lynn VanKampen gave an update on all funds, noting that there is an increase for all funds with salaries associated within the budget; this is due to the MPSEERS UAAL Rate Stabilization payment. These funds have been appropriated by the State of Michigan for the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System (MPSEERS) as unfunded liability obligations in excess of the statutory cap.
- B. Board Policies Vol 30 No 1, First Reading – Cal De Kuiper reviewed the current policy updates and the Board recommended this be moved to action in February.
- C. District Goals Update – Holly Boehle gave an update on Mental Health Awareness, which one of the district's three main goals. The initiative is a collaborative effort to help raise community awareness and work towards making the unspoken spoken and remove the stigma of mental health, depression and suicide.

VI. ACTION:

A. OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

Mark Snyder moved and Carol Slagh supported the motion to approve the resolution to put before the voters of the district on May 3, 2016, a proposition for a one-year renewal of 18 mills, non-homestead property tax.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Brennan, DenHerder, Scott, Slagh, Snyder
NAY: -0-

B. BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVAL

Tom DenHerder moved and Carol Slagh supported the motion to approve the budget amendments as presented.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Brennan, DenHerder, Scott, Slagh, Snyder
NAY: -0-

VII. SUPERINTENDENT & REPORTS

The regular meeting of January 18, 2016 adjourned at 8:09 P.M.