



ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2016

Administration Office

Immediately following the Organizational meeting

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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  
ABSENT: Board of Education:  
GUESTS: Jessica Knoth

**I. RECONVENE FROM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: 12:13 PM**

A. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Jessica Knoth, principal at Zeeland East, introduced herself to the Board.

**II. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

**III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of the June 20, 2016 Truth-in-Budget and regular board meetings were approved.

B. Revised minutes of the May 16, 2016 regular board meeting were approved.

C. Approved bills paid as of June 2016. Checks #114495-114877

Accounts Payable	1,267,343.14
Payroll:	5,406,349.50
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>6,673,692.64</b>

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

VOTE: All yes

**V. DISCUSSION**

A. Technology Bids – Lynn Van Kampen report that the technology purchases are funded by Phase I of the February 2015 bond. Additionally, each vendor is the low bid through a state operated or other process.

B. Headlee Restoration – Operating Millage Renewal - Property taxable values grew faster than the cost of living index to the extent that the Headlee Amendment of 1978 was triggered, causing a Headlee Millage Reduction Fraction. As a result, we must reduce our Non-Homestead millage from the normal 18.00 to 17.776 mills and Commercial Personal from the normal 6.00 to 5.776. For district funding calculations, the State of Michigan assumes we will collect the full 18 and 6 mills. When the full 18 and 6 mills are not collected, as in our current required scenario, the local district is withheld the amount not collected causing the district to fall below the guaranteed state minimum. The amount in question is \$118,572.

Proposal A, 1994, did not account for this situation. In order to reinstate the 18 and 6 mills we need to ask the voters for a Headlee override millage. This millage is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction. If the voters pass the Headlee override in November we would submit a revised L-4029 to the townships and the billing in the winter would be increased by the .224 mills in non-homestead and commercial/personal. If the override does not pass it would be a loss of approximately \$118,000 in property taxes and our General Fund.

We are currently funded at the state guaranteed minimum per pupil, which for 2016-17 will be \$7,511. If this proposal fails, we will fall below the guaranteed state minimum on a per pupil basis; the equivalent of approximately \$20 per student, or a total of \$118,572. Our per pupil amount will effectively fall to \$7,491.

This resolution is for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 tax years. If this condition still exists in the 2018-19 school year, we will add the Headlee Restoration language into our annual operating millage renewal.

**VI. ACTION:**

**A. TECHNOLOGY BID APPROVAL**

Tom Den Herder moved and Carol Slagh supported the motion to approve technology bids as discussed.

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

**B. OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Carol Slagh moved and Linda Bush supported the motion to approve the resolution to put before the voters of the district on November 8, 2016, a proposition for a millage renewal for Headlee restoration for 2017 (if necessary) as per attached document.

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

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT & REPORTS**

- A. School Safety Report Update – Cal De Kuiper reported that all drills were scheduled and completed for 15-16 school year as required.
- B. Board Seat Filing Deadline is July 26, 2016 at 4:00pm
- C. Construction Update – Cal De Kuiper reported he has visited the construction sites recently and all projects are ahead of schedule at this time.

The regular meeting of July 20, 2015 adjourned at 12:59 P.M.