

**ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
October 17, 2016
Zeeland West High School Cafeteria
3390 100th Avenue
6:00 PM**

PRESENT: Board of Education: Todd Brennan, Linda Bush, Rick Dernberger, Tom Den Herder, Ron Scott, Carol Slagh, Mark Snyder

Administrators: Cal De Kuiper, Lynn Van Kampen, Jon Voss

ABSENT: Board of Education:

GUESTS: Holly Boehle, Brandi-Lyn Mendham

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6PM

Ron Scott

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Cal De Kuiper

B. RECOGNITION: None

C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

II. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

A. Board Work Session Reminder October 24, 6 PM, Yacht Basin Marina

B. Update on Purchasing Cards - Lynn VanKampen and the Finance Committee accepted bids for district credit cards, and advised the district will change to a Huntington Bank card, with an estimated savings to the district of \$40,000. The key to the savings is paying most of the district energy bills with these cards which triggers a bigger rebate.

C. Leisure Living Right-of-Way - The Agenda Planning committee agreed with the Superintendent and Director of Finance's recommendation to approve this right-of-way for the senior citizen apartments located behind Roosevelt Elementary. This right-of-way will be needed only in case of an emergency situation in which their primary entrance/exit is non-accessible.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the September 19, 2016 [regular board meeting](#) were approved.

- B. Approved bills paid as of September 2016. Checks #115494-115973
 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$1,129,402.05
 - PAYROLL: \$3,485,193.13
 - TOTAL: \$4,614,595.18**

- C. [Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trips](#) were approved (per attached list).

Tom Den Herder moved and Carol Slagh supported the motion to accept the Consent Calendar as presented.

VOTE: All Yes

V. DISCUSSION

- A. Reading Now Network Update - Brandi Mendham & Holly Boehle gave a presentation on this program on K-5 literacy. The Reading Now Network team and our elementary teachers are seeing positive results. As one of key initiatives for this year and following, this will be an opportunity to discuss and review the most current results.

- B. [Refunding of Bonds](#) - Lynn VanKampen advised the board this was discussed in detail at the October 4 finance meeting. After reviewing the 2007 Refunding proposal from Paul Stauder from The PFM Group, formally Stauder Barch, it is beneficial for Zeeland Public Schools to refund the 2007 Bonds. There is currently \$9,885,000 in principal payments that would be callable after February 2017. The refunding would not exceed \$9,500,000. Projected taxpayer savings for this refunding is just over \$1,000,000. The debt millage is projected to drop from 7.16 to 6.65, or .51 mills. The Finance Committee and full board will have opportunity to review the bids at a later date.

VI. ACTION

- A. **REFUNDING OF BONDS** - Lynn VanKampen
Tom DenHerder moved and Todd Brennan supported the motion to approve ratifying resolution presented by Thrun Law Firm for the sale of the 2007 Refunding Bonds.

VOTE: All Yes

VII. SUPERINTENDENT & REPORTS

A. OASBA Annual Fall Meeting – Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at Spring Lake Public Schools, Holmes Elementary, 426 River Street at 6p.m.

B. Enrollment Update - Cal De Kuiper gave the count day update. The district reported to the media the headcount for purposes on count day reporting. The district is up 108 students from the 2015 count day:

October 2015	5,883
February 2016	5,842
October 2016	5,991

Because not all students attend ZPS on a full-time basis, accurate budgeting is based on our Full Time Equivalent (FTE) numbers, rather than student headcount. Enrollment is up 109 FTE from October 2015 and 132 FTE from February 2016 spring count. State funding is based on 90% of current fall count enrollment and 10% of last spring's count enrollment.

The regular meeting of October 17, 2016 adjourned at 6:49 P.M.