

ZEELAND SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 2026

From the Superintendent's Desk

At the January Board Meeting, the Zeeland School Board made an extremely difficult and heartfelt decision to move the Zeeland School District to non-operating status beginning with the 2026–27 school year. Based on current enrollment trends and long-term sustainability considerations, which likely means the district will be dissolved effective July 1, 2027. This decision was not made lightly. The Board carefully weighed many factors, including student enrollment, educational opportunities, and the long-term best interests of students and families, while recognizing the deep history and pride of the Zeeland School District within our community.

As we move forward, our priority remains supporting students and families through this transition. Zeeland School District will be providing opportunities for parents and students to visit surrounding North Dakota school districts to help determine the best educational fit for the 2026–27 school year and beyond. These visits are intended to give families firsthand experience with potential options, allow questions to be answered directly, and help ensure that students continue to receive a high-quality education in an environment where they can succeed.

I understand that this news brings uncertainty and concern, and I want to emphasize that open communication is very important during this time. If you have questions, concerns, or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at contact me via email brandt.dick@k12.nd.us or phone call 701-415-0441.

Thank you for your continued support, engagement, and care for the students of Zeeland School District as we navigate this challenging chapter together.

Brandt Dick
Superintendent, Zeeland School District

Mrs. Wolf's News

The **JH/Middle School All-State Choir and Men's HS/Collegiate Honor Choir** will take place February 6-7 in Grand Forks. JH/Middle Schools students are accepted by recorded audition and I am proud to congratulate our three students accepted into this prestigious choir: James, Avery, and Dena (from Ashley). In addition Jaydan and Micah will be attending the men's honor choir whose membership is by director nomination.

Congratulations Zeeland students who have been accepted into **ND HS All-State Music!** Membership into these elite groups is by live audition only. This year marks the most students Zeeland has ever had get into these groups. Jaydan will be in the mixed choir and this is his third year of All-State attendance. Anaiah will be in the treble choir and Avery will be in the band. Micah was named as an alternate for the mixed choir. All-State takes place March 26-28 in Bismarck. Well done!

March concerts this year will take place March 10 in Zeeland and March 12 in Ashley. More information on this coming up in the March newsletter.

From Mrs. Dockter

Winter MAP testing for grades 2–6 has been completed. We are so proud of all our students for their hard work and effort!

February is American Heart Month! To help celebrate, our students will be participating in the **Kids Heart Challenge**, a fun and engaging program that promotes healthy habits and heart health. The kickoff will take place on **February 9**. More information will be sent home with students soon, so please keep an eye out. We're excited to share this meaningful experience with our students!

We recently enjoyed a fun hands-on science experiment where students created bubble cubes!



**Zeeland High School
2025-2026 Academic Year
Honor Roll – Quarter 2**
* denotes 4.0 GPA

A Honor Roll
3.6 to 4.0 GPA

Seniors
Joseph Keller

Juniors
Jaydan Mann
Anaiah Maravilla

Sophomores
Micah Levine

7th Grade
Conrad Richards*

B Honor Roll
3.00 to 3.59 GPA

Sophomores
Melody Kubat

Freshmen
Avery Richards

*denotes 4.0 GPA

🎉 Way to go, Zeeland Public School students! 🎉

We are so proud of everyone who made the Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter. Your hard work, focus, and determination really paid off! Keep challenging yourselves, keep learning, and keep shining—you earned it!



Zeeland Public School
Zeeland Board of Education
January 12, 2026
(Unofficial minutes)

The regular board meeting was called to order by President Meier at 3:00 p.m. Board members present were Francis Meier, Neil Meidinger, Jen Meier, Josh Rossow and Donavon Bender. Others present were Supt. Brandt Dick, Jayden Streifel, Kim Dockter, Kyle Anderson, Chloe Marvilla, Landy Gayanillo, Jacob Cline, Trudy Fraase Wolf, Cristina Holzer, Kristi Ebel, LeAnda Stabler and Bs. Mgr. Joyce Scherr.

J. Meier made a motion to approve the agenda, second Meidinger. All Aye.

Rossow made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2025 board meeting, second Bender and carried unanimously to approve. All Aye.

Financial reports were presented. Meidinger made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by the auditor and payment of the following claims. ABM 1,142.51; BEK 104.99; City of Zeeland 83.91; CREA 1,513.60; Dakota Dust Tex 226.62; DRN 360.00; J.W. Pepper & Son 22.58; JB Auto Body 392.00; McIntosh Co Treasurer 360.36; MDU 1,661.61; E. Nolz 72.41; Professional Speech Therapists, LLD 397.50; Zeeland Activity 998.36; Zeeland Oil LLC 1,175.68; BCBS 3,920.74; MCARE 583.00 and TFFR 5,901.31. Glaesmann Heating 3,929.77 from bldg. fund. All Aye.

Supt Report – None.

HS Lead Report – Xmas events went well.

PD day will be Jan. 19 with staff going to Linton for the presentation.

Upcoming events – Math Counts in Zeeland Feb 11 and Spelling Bee Feb 17 at Wishek.

Adding a home school student into PE and Choir as requested by parents.

Elem Lead Report – Had wonderful Xmas with new event which included older students if they wished to participate.

NWEA math testing for grade 6 will be held soon.

Knights of Columbus will be here Jan 14 to hold the hoop shoot.

No public comments.

Old Business – Need Statement of Interests from several members by the end of Jan.

Continuation of Zeeland School was next. Supt Dick began by discussing enrollment in grades 2-12 which is 16 this year. With the small enrollment our State Aid would be approximately \$41,600 for pupil aid and \$ 26,174 for transportation for a total of \$67,774 compared to approximately \$260,000 total this year. We have used some of the commercial loan set up at MCB. He explained there is monies through the state bonding. If we went that way all our tax money would have to pay that back first and then be used to operate. Board discussed options. Zeeland would need more students and raise taxes to operate. J. Meier expressed the fact that it is hard to make the decision. Rossow made a motion to go into non operating for the 2026-27 school year, second J. Meier. All Aye. At the present time we are fully operational for the 2025-26 school year.

New Business – Received an email from DPI with elementary scoring.

Not necessary to set a school calendar.

Roof contractor was unable to get here to check the roof, but will try to check what is going on.

Next meeting will be February 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Meidinger made a motion to adjourn, second Bender and carried unanimously to approve.

ATTEST:

Joyce Scherr
Business Manager

Francis Meier
President