



# Innocademy

## Minutes for the Budget Hearing of the Board of Directors

*Jessica Parker*  
8/16/24

**June 27, 2024; 4:00 p.m.**

**Innocademy-Upstairs**

**Team Room**

**8485 Homestead Drive**

**Zeeland, MI 49464**

School Mission Statement:

*Innocademy is an inclusive public school academy that prepares PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade students to have a global mindset through whole child, Spanish language, and nature-rich learning.*

**1. Call to Order**

Laurie Schmitt called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**2. Attendance**

Laurie Schmitt, Abbie Petroelje, Jessica Parker, April Best

**3. Presentation of the 2024-2025 Budget**

Dave presented the upcoming budget. He began with a metaphor about electrical boxes.

State revenue assumptions: do not have a school aid bill passed yet. Expecting an \$253 per pupil increase with an increase in \$94K in state aid. GRSP has 2 full day classes. Several mental health and school safety supports. Increase in state aid for specific use.

Federal revenue assumptions: initial allocations Title I-IV all down a little bit.

IDEA increase a little. No ESSR money.

Local revenue: Precademy will be cost free. LSSU Grant is the same.

Revenue comparison: budget grew 2.4% (modest increase)

Expenditure assumptions: added years of service compensation recognition to all steps on salary schedule. Health insurance renewal premium increase (switching to Priority Health). Staffing - reduced one TK teacher for classic, MS continues with 23-24 design, behavior led by certified teacher, physical activities by paraprofessional. Continuing partnership with ODC. Support for capstone trip. Redesign of marketing and student recruitment TBD. 2 full day GRSP program (1 with Spanish focus) no tuition-based pre-school. Will maintain speech therapy services on-site for students.

Expenditure totals and comparisons: 0.6% increase from last year's budget  
2024-2025 Fund Balance Summary: everything balanced out

Laurie asked a question about marketing budget. Dave responded that Allegan's strategy is different than Zeeland's. Need to have a conversation with each school specifically. Laurie asked about paraprofessional counting as instructional time – yes, because they have a BA and are a sub-approved parapro. Laurie also wondered about GRSP transportation for students. Dave suggested considering leasing a bus from Allegan next year.

4. Public Comment on the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget  
None.
5. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

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8/15/24

