

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on January 13, 2020**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2020, at the St. Johns Middle School Band Room. Superintendent Mark Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Darragh, Dedyne, Drabek, Kirk, Jackson, Nelson, Watson, Student Representative Schafer, and Student Representative Kiel

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: None

Member Drabek nominated Member Darragh for the office of Board President. Nominations were closed after no other nominations were made, and a unanimous ballot for Member Darragh was cast.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Control of the meeting was given to President Darragh.

Member Dedyne nominated Member Drabek for the office of Board Vice-President. Nominations were closed after no other nominations were made, and a unanimous ballot for Member Drabek was cast.

Member Watson nominated Member Dedyne for the office of Board Secretary. Nominations were closed after no other nominations were made and a unanimous vote for Member Dedyne was cast.

Member Nelson nominated Member Watson for the office of Board Treasurer. Nominations were closed after no other nominations were made, and a unanimous ballot for Member Watson was cast.

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Member Jackson, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved as presented.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Nelson, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on December 9, 2019. Motion unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

St. Johns Middle School Principal Adel DiOrio, Middle School teachers Renee Jorae and Nate Wade, and St. Johns Middle School students provided the Board of Education with information about the St. Johns Middle School's modular technology curriculum. The presentation included information about the structure of the classroom and how it works, as well as information about the many community partners the class has, and some of the items that have been provided for the class from the community partners. Students from the class provided the Board of Education with reasons why they like the class. The

**PRESENTATION
Full STEAM Ahead with
Modular Curriculum**

presentation concluded with a demonstration in the classroom. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:55 pm.

There were none.

Curriculum Director Jason Gnegy provided the Board of Education with information from the 2018-2019 School Index Reports, including how the School Index is determined, as well as and some of the issues the school buildings have in reaching the expected threshold values and overall index scores.

Kurt Carter of Performance Contracting Owner’s Representatives, LLC, provided the Board of Education with information of the district’s energy savings performance contract, and solar power purchase agreement. Included in the information was an overview of the process in selecting a recommended vendor for both services, as well as data regarding costs, savings and cash flow. Unesco and Ecojiva were suggested as the recommended vendors to complete the projects. Mr. Carter answered questions from the members of the Board of Education. Because of the late hour, the Student Representatives provided their reports, and were released from the remainder of the meeting at 9:45 pm.

Motion by Member Kirk, with support by Vice President Drabek , to approve the consent grouping Number IX, A1, A2, B1, and B2. Motion approved unanimously.

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Karen Taylor – Oakview South Elementary SSP, and Stephanie Barnett – Bus Driver.

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Lori Davey – St. Johns High School Food Service Head Cook, and Raelynne Kinsora – St. Johns Middle School Reading Intervention/Academic Support Teacher.

Superintendent Palmer thanked the Middle School staff and students for their presentation this evening. He reminded the Board of Education that he will be attending the MASA mid winter conference next week, January 22-24, 2020. He also commented on the property transfer hearing that he attended at CCRESA earlier this month. He recognized and thanked Curriculum Director Jason Gnegy for the reading challenge he suggested to the staff, as it appears that much of the staff is participating. He thanked Technology Director Wendy Andrzejewski for the extra work she did this weekend to avoid problems with an anticipated electrical outage due to the inclement weather.

The Student Representatives provided their reports during the intermission of the Energy Savings Performance Contract presentation. Student Representative Schafer provided an update on many of the sports teams at the high school. Representative Kiel provided and update on the fine arts

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
2018-2019 SCHOOL INDEX
REPORTS**

**ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE
CONTRACT UPDATE**

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS
NEW HIRE APPROVAL**

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT**

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S
REPORT**

groups at both the high school and middle school level, as well as the elementary level.

Bob Randolph of Quality Solar expressed his concerns about the accuracy of the data included in the Energy Savings Performance Contract presentation, and requested a copy of the presentation. He further cautioned the Board of Education on making a decision on this project too quickly and with the information presented.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Many members of the Board of Education wished all a Happy New Years. All thanked the Middle School staff and students for their presentation, and also thanked everyone for the energy presentations. Some members commented on the use of assumptions with the energy project.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education