

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on Monday, January 9, 2023**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2023, in the St. Johns High School Orchestra Room. Superintendent Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members Present: Boak, Darragh, Elliott, Jackson, Mansfield, Nelson, Watson, Student Representative Schloegl

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: None

Member Darragh nominated Member Jackson for the office of Board President. Nominations were closed after no other nominations were made, and a unanimous 6-0 vote for Member Jackson was cast.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Control of the meeting was given to President Jackson.

Member Boak nominated Member Darragh for the office of Board Vice-President. Nominations were closed after no other nominations were made, and a unanimous 6-0 vote for Member Darragh was cast.

Member Elliott nominated Member Boak for the office of Board Secretary. Nominations were closed after no other nominations were made. A unanimous 6-0 vote for Member Boak was cast.

Member Watson nominated Member Nelson for the office of Board Treasurer. Nominations were closed after no other nominations were made. A unanimous 6-0 vote for Member Nelson was cast.

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Treasurer Nelson, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved as presented.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion by Member Watson, with support by Member Mansfield, to approve the Special Meeting minutes from the meeting held on December 28, 2022. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

The Board of Education received in-person public comments from Walter Schmidtman sharing his thoughts on our Constitution and showed appreciation for the SJPS School Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no online public comment.

Superintendent Mark Palmer presented the Board of Education with information on the 2023-2024 Schools of Choice Program for St. Johns Public Schools. This included both inter-district and intra-district programs.

**REPORTS AND  
INFORMATION**  
**SCHOOL OF CHOICE PROGRAM  
REVIEW**

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education a brief overview of the policy revisions the Board policy committee reviewed at the policy meeting held November 29, 2022.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**  
**BOARD POLICY UPDATES**

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping number IX A1, B1, B2, C1 and D1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT GROUPING  
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for December 2022:

General Fund	\$1,838,879.28
Food Service Fund	\$89,855.44
Activity Fund	\$42,463.59
2010 Bond Series B	<u>\$111,955.00</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$2,083,153.31</i>

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:  
Gregory Pifer – Custodian and Candace Fenby – Custodian.

**NEW HIRE APPROVAL**

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee:  
Thwria Kaggo – Custodian.

**RESIGNATION  
APPROVAL**

Approved the retirement of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee:  
Dixa Rositas – Custodian.

**RETIREMENT APPROVAL**

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Member Mansfield, that the St. Johns Board of Education approve the policy updates and revisions, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**BOARD POLICY UPDATES  
APPROVAL**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Watson, that the St. Johns Board of Education approve the registration for Member Kathie Elliott to attend the MASB CBA 101: Fundamentals of School Board Service class on January 26, 2023.

**MASB CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION - CBA 101:  
FUNDAMENTALS OF SCHOOL  
BOARD SERVICE**

Superintendent Palmer gave the Board of Education an update on the childcare facility that relocated from the Wilson Center to East Olive Community Center. The first day went well, and he shared how pleased we are with the new facility. He also shared his excitement about the high student attendance on the first day back to school after the break.

**BOARD  
COMMUNICATIONS**  
**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

He shared with the Board of Education that today was the deadline for requests for qualifications bond proposals. There were 7 proposals turned in, the top 3 will be presenting at the special meeting on Monday, January 16, 2023.

He informed the Board of Education about the FBI Targeting Student Meeting that will be in the St. Johns High School on January 18, 2023. There will also be a meeting in Dewitt on January 27, 2023.

January is Board recognition month, Superintendent Palmer thanked the members of the Board of Education for their thankless volunteer service and support to the students and community.

Student Representative Schloegl gave the Board of Education an update on high school sports and the Chris Kringle holiday give away. She shared that 16 BPA students are moving onto States.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT**

The Board of Education received public comments about the great choir concert and complimented the new choir teacher, Mr. Moyer. They also received comments on the special meeting that was held on December 28, 2022. Those that addressed the board in person were James Sills and Lisa Mancuso. There was no online public comment.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD  
COMMENTS**

Many Members of the Board welcomed the new board members and congratulated the board officers elected. There were also comments on the choir and band concerts.

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Boak, Secretary  
St. Johns Board of Education  
Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Peterson, Recording Secretary