

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on Monday, October 11, 2021**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 2021, at the St. Johns High School Auditorium. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members Present: Darragh, Jackson, Nelson, and Watson

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: Dedyne, Drabek, Hallead

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

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Secretary Jackson, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on September 27, 2021. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

The members of the Board of Education received public comment regarding mask mandates, COVID vaccinations, quarantines, and data policy and procedures. Those that addressed the Board were Lilli R., Marilyn Becker, Kendel Darragh, Travis LaCelle, Beth Cook, Christi Mansfield, Chuck Eldridge, Erin Wyrick, and Mishelle Pagels.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jordan Smith, of Maner Costerisan, P.C., provided the Board of Education with the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit report. Jordan answered questions from the Board of Education.

**REPORTS AND  
INFORMATION  
2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR  
AUDIT REPORT**

Jennifer Branch, CCRESA Career Education Director, provided the Board of Education with an update on Career Education. Two students from the program, John Kinkema and Nick Smith also provided information and their experiences in the program. All three answered questions from the Board of Education.

**CAREER EDUCATION  
UPDATE**

Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VI, A1, A2, and B1. Motioned unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
GROUPING  
ITEMS**

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:  
Colton Reeves – Gateway North Custodian, and Matt Downing – High School Custodian.

**NEW HIRE APPROVAL**

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee:  
Lorraine Hammer – Middle School Teacher

**RESIGNATION APPROVAL**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Secretary Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the appointment of Eric Verlinde, to the Briggs District Library Board for a four year term expiring December 31, 2025, as presented and recommended. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**BRIGGS DISTRICT LIBRARY**  
**BOARD APPOINTMENT**  
**REQUEST APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Secretary Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the trip to Chicago for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra students, as presented in the submitted forms. Motion unanimously approved.

**9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**ORCHESTRA STUDENTS TRIP**  
**TO CHICAGO**

Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Treasurer Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the trip to Chicago for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra students, as presented in the submitted forms. Motion unanimously approved.

**8TH GRADE ORCHESTRA**  
**STUDENTS TRIP TO CHICAGO**

Superintendent Palmer reported that the Michigan Teacher of the Year was able to visit two of our elementary buildings this past week to observe our comprehensive literacy model and our math programs. She was in the classrooms one day, and worked with teachers directly during their planning periods on the next day. He also updated the Board on pupil enrollments and transportation. He informed the Board that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at the middle school is moving to virtual instruction later this week in hopes of slowing down the number of COVID exposures in the class.

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

The Board of Education received public comment on mask mandates from Mishelle Pagels and an online participant named Leann.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD**  
**COMMENTS**

Members of the Board of Education thanked Kelly Corbett and her staff for their work on the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit. Secretary Jackson reiterated the importance of career and technical education in today's schools, and believes it is the best money the board can spend.

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Jackson, Secretary  
St. Johns Board of Education  
Minutes submitted by: Michelle Gorby, Recording Secretary