

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on November 14, 2022**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022, at the St. Johns High School Orchestra Room. President Drabek called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Boak, Darragh, Drabek, Jackson, Nelson, Watson and Student Representative Schloegl

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: None

Human Resources Specialist, Mark McKeown, swore in Member Boak to the vacant seat ending December 31, 2026. Member Elliott was also sworn in by Mark McKeown to the vacant seat ending December 31, 2024.

**OATH OF OFFICE OF
NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Member Boak, to approve the special meeting minutes from the meeting held on October 24, 2022. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

The board received online public comment from Kelly Simpson regarding the election results.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Technology Director, Jacob Hampton, presented the Board with a demonstration and information on the CleverTouch Board that are used in some of the math classrooms.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
CLEVERTOUCH BOARD
PRESENTATION**

Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Human Resources, Kelly Corbett, presented the Board of Education with a budget update for the 2022-2023 school year.

BUDGET UPDATE

Director of Operations, Rob Gleeson, presented the Board of Education with information to replace 2 buses. Gas buses are recommended because of the ease to maintain and minor number of issues.

BUS REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL

Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Human Resources, Kelly Corbett, presented the Board of Education with the recommendation on participating in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool.

**PARTICIPATION IN WEST
MICHIGAN HEALTH INSURANCE
POOL**

Motion by Member Darragh, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VIII - A1, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, C2, and D1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for October 2022:

General Fund	\$1,511,925.92
Food Service Fund	\$8,467.42
Activity Fund	\$33,872.42
1998 Debt Fund	\$129,412.50
2020 Refunding	\$285,821.25
2021 Refunding	\$97,348.75
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	\$487,575.00
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	\$2,520.00
2020 Energy Bonds	\$41,814.00
Public Improvement Fund	\$636,088.66
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,234,845.92

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Scott Feldpausch – Custodian, Cody Chvojka – Custodian, Jennifer Perry – Behavior SSP at Eureka Elementary, and Sarah VanWagoner – Building SSP at Eureka Elementary.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Jordan Waeiss – Part-Time Custodian, Jamie Underhill – Custodian.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Approved the termination of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Charles Albring – Custodian.

TERMINATION APPROVAL

Motion by Member Boak, with support by Secretary Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education accepts the recommendation for the participation in West Michigan Health Insurance Pool as presented. Secretary Jackson asked what the other options were, answered by Kelly Corbett. Motion unanimously approved.

PARTICIPATION IN WEST MICHIGAN HEALTH INSURANCE POOL APPROVAL

Motion by Vice President Watson, with support by Secretary Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools of Board Education accepts the reappointment of Renae Larsen to the Briggs District Library Board to a four year term expiring December 31, 2026, as recommended. President Drabek asked why we vote for Briggs. Superintendent Palmer answered that Briggs needs 2 municipalities to appoint 3 members, the school district is one of those municipalities.

BRIGGS DISTRICT LIBRARY RE-APPOINTMENT REQUEST APPROVAL

Superintendent Palmer welcomed Kathie Elliott and welcomed Matthew Boak back, along with the re-election of Vice President Watson, and Christine Mansfield for the 6 year term. He gave an overview on how the election process works and shared his appreciation to the community for the non-homestead millage passing during the election as well.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Palmer shared with the Board that we applied for 2 security grants: first, building maps of all buildings; second, a security assessment of all buildings for \$2,000 per building. Secured education consultants spent 2 days

making a report with recommendations for physical facilities, cameras, door locks, safety protocols. Building principals were interviewed. Superintendent Palmer expects some update recommendations.

He shared with the Board that a team went to a behavior threat assessment to help our staff recognize any changes that could be a threat to the district or a building. He gave an update on child care moving from the Wilson Center to East Olive. He answered questions from Member Boak and President Drabek.

Student Representative Schlogel shared with the Board the success of the Matilda play. She shared that the cross country team won regionals, students helped with the annual rake and run, the band marched in the Veteran's Day Parade, and that the band is also participating in Silver Bells Parade. She also shared that the donut sale for Trees for Troops raised over \$600. She added that winter sports are starting up, and Monday and Tuesday are exams. President Drabek thanked her for a nice report.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

There were no public comments in person or online.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Many Board members commented on the great Matilda play. Treasurer Nelson thanked YAC for the fallen soldier posters. Member Boak stated looking forward to working with the Board. Member Elliott shared she is pleased to be here and how much it meant to her to see students do activities to support troops.

Member Darragh suggested seeing St. Johns music programs and welcomed the new members. Vice President Watson thanked Jacob Hampton for his presentation. President Drabek shared how happy he was with the election results and welcomed new board members.

President Drabek motioned that the St. Johns Board of Education move into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and was supported by Secretary Jackson.

**MOVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The motion passed unanimously by a 7-0 roll call vote at 8:26 p.m.

The Board of Education returned from Executive Session at 11:20 p.m.

**RETURN FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Drabek adjourned the meeting at 11:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Jackson, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education
Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Peterson, Recording Secretary