

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on February 28, 2022**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 28, 2022, at the St. Johns High School Band Room. President Drabek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Drabek, Koenigsknecht, Nelson, and Watson

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Darragh, Hallead, and Jackson

President Rick Drabek appointed Member Koenigsknecht as acting Secretary for the meeting, as Secretary Jackson was not in attendance.

**ACTING SECRETARY
APPOINTED**

Motion by Vice President Watson, with support by Member Koenigsknecht, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved as presented.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Vice President Watson, with support by Treasurer Nelson, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on February 14, 2022. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

Motion by Member Koenigsknecht, with support by Treasurer Nelson, to approve the Special Meeting minutes from the meeting held on February 14, 2022. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES**

Member Darragh arrived at 7:06 p.m.

**ARRIVAL OF BOARD
MEMBER**

The Board of Education received in-person public comments including, but not limited to, bullying and the high school choir field trip. Those who spoke were Walter Schmidtman, DeWayne Diffin, James Sills, Heather Romero, and Emily Diffin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Member Hallead arrived at 7:16 p.m.

**ARRIVAL OF BOARD
MEMBER**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed the guidelines with members of the Board of Education for starting school before Labor Day. This will be an Action Item at the next meeting.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
PRE-LABOR DAY START
CRTEC CHECKLISTS OF
REQUIREMENTS**

Vice President Watson shared with members of the Board of Education that 3 board policies were updated at the February 14, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting. Superintendent Palmer briefly reviewed each policy update and that these will be an Action Item at the next meeting.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES

Superintendent Palmer provided members of the Board of Education with information on the out-of-state trip to Chicago for the High School Choir students.

**HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR TRIP
REQUEST**

President Drabek reviewed the resolution regarding the Waiver of 75% Attendance for this school year. The resolution allows funding for schools as long as there is 75% attendance. Superintendent Palmer confirmed that we have not gotten below 75% and added that if schools go below 75% they have to make up the days. MASB, along with MASSP, put this resolution together to support all schools in the state. Superintendent Palmer answered questions from the members of the Board of Education.

**BOARD RESOLUTION ON
WAIVER OF 75%
ATTENDANCE FOR
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

President Drabek requested that the Board Resolution on Waiver of 75% Attendance for 2021-2022 School Year be an Action Item on tonight's agenda.

Curriculum Director Jason Gnegy provided members of the Board of Education with information on the Capturing Kids Hearts program in hopes to better support our students and staff. Middle School Counselor Katie Goff and Oakview South Elementary Principal Jim Alspaugh made comments on how the program helped them in previous districts. The presentation included a slideshow with information about the program. Jason answered questions from the members of the Board of Education.

CAPTURING KIDS HEARTS

Operations Director Rob Gleeson provided the members of the Board of Education with information on the District Office Window Replacement Bids. Rob answered questions from members of the Board of Education.

**DISTRICT OFFICE WINDOW
REPLACEMENT BIDS**

President Drabek established the Superintendent Evaluation Committee who will be charged with making sure the Superintendent's expectations are being met by following a rubric that includes all components that the State requires. Drabek is Chair of the committee, Hallead and Jackson will also be members of the committee. Superintendent Palmer will attend the meeting.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION
COMMITTEE**

Motion by Member Darragh, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII - A1, B1, C1, and D1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for January 2022:

General Fund	\$2,107,351.29
Food Service Fund	\$11,718.14
Activity Fund	\$51,285.80
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	\$500.00
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,171,355.23

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Luke Smith - Middle School Counselor.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee:
David Mariage - High School Teacher.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Approved the position transfer of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Jennifer Murdock - Little Wings Childcare Provider to Oakview South SSP.

POSITION TRANSFER APPROVAL

Motion by Vice President Watson, with support by Member Darragh, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education vote to support candidate John Tramontana for our region in the 2022 MASB Board of Directors Election. Motion approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
MASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTION BALLOT**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of interactive whiteboards to replace in the High School and Middle School classrooms. Motion approved, as presented.

**INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD
REPLACEMENT APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Darragh, with Support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the MASB Board Resolution on the Waiver of the 75% attendance requirement for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion approved, as presented.

**BOARD RESOLUTION ON WAIVER
OF 75% ATTENDANCE FOR
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his written report. He confirmed the Board Workshop will take place on Monday, March 21, 2022 in the High School Band Room to discuss future tech plannings, facilities, maintenance, and curriculum. Although this meeting might not be enough to discuss all topics, it will discuss the budget as a priority.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

He introduced the Student Representative, a junior at St. Johns High School, Laura Schloegl. Laura commented that she is excited to be taking part in future meetings. President Drabek thanked Laura for being a part of the Board.

He mentioned they are in a good spot in their search for the Athletic Director and should have someone to approve at the next meeting. He also shared that he will be out of the office next week for family time.

The Board of Education received in-person public comment regarding vaccination requirements for field trips, classroom book selections, comments on Capturing Kids Hearts. Comments were received from James Sills, Raquel Dietrich, and Mishelle Pagels.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

The Board received online public comments regarding the Capturing Kids Hearts program from Elizabeth Shepard.

Many of the Board Members welcomed Luke Smith and Laura Schloegl and look forward to adding the student perspective and contribution to the Board. Treasurer Nelson made comments on school book selections and bullying.

President Drabek thanked the public for their comments and turnout, he mentioned the Board does listen and wants this district to continue to be great and help our children.

President Drabek adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Koenigsknecht, Acting Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education
Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Peterson, Recording Secretary