

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

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2022, in the High School Band Room. President Drabek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: None

Motion by Vice President Watson, with support by Secretary Jackson, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved unanimously.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Member Koenigsknecht, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on February 28, 2022. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

The Board of Education received in-person public comments including, but not limited to, freedom of speech, bullying, and controversial books. Those who addressed the Board were Walter Schmidtman and Kendel Darragh.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Technology Director Wendy Andrzejewski provided the Board of Education with information on purchasing chromebooks for students in all grade levels. Board member questions were answered.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION**

**STUDENT
CHROMEBOOK
REPLACEMENT**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett provided the members of the Board of Education with information on the revisions to the 2021-2022 General Fund budget. The questions asked by the Board of Education members were answered.

**2021-2022 GENERAL
FUND BUDGET
REVISION**

President Drabek summarized the contract of the Superintendent. Board members commented and offered suggestions regarding the contract.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
CONTRACT**

Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII, A1, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, C1, and C2. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for February 2022:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$1,774,260.22
Food Service Fund	\$14,040.34

Activity Fund	\$31,575.08
1998 Debt Fund	\$9,448.82
2020 Refunding	\$189.35
2013 Refunding	\$4,189.70
2021 Refunding	\$3,200.28
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	\$9,603.50
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	\$37.33
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,846,544.62

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Andy Fillwock – High School Student Success Coach, Andrew Tisdale – Middle School Student Success Coach, David Higgins – Gateway North Building / Special Education SSP, Megan Merchant – High School Athletic & Activities Director, Chad Marecek – Payroll Specialist, and Ashley Bowers – Middle School Special Education LRE SSP

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Jennifer Smith – Gateway North Elementary Teacher, Kathleen Freed – Custodian

**RESIGNATION
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Darragh, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the contract between St. Johns Public Schools and Superintendent Mark Palmer with the change that the merit pay amounts for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school years as follows: In section 6.4 “The Superintendent shall be paid a lump sum of \$3,500 for the 2021-2022 school year, \$5,000 for the 2022-2023 school year, \$7,500 for the 2023-2024 school year and \$10,000 for the 2024-2025 school year if he is awarded an evaluation rating of “effective”. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
SUPERINTENDENT’S
CONTRACT APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Secretary Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the Pre-Labor Day start checklist, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**PRE-LABOR DAY START
CHECKLIST FOR LOCALS
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Koenigsknecht, with support by Member Darragh, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the High School Choir Trip, as presented. Motion approved.

**HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR
TRIP APPROVAL**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Darragh, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the Capturing Kids Hearts program using ESSER funds, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**CAPTURING KIDS HEARTS
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Secretary Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the District Office window replacement using ESSER funds, as presented. Motion approved.

**DISTRICT OFFICE
WINDOW REPLACEMENT
APPROVAL**

Motion by Vice President Watson, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the Board Policy updates, as presented.

**BOARD POLICY UPDATES
APPROVAL**

Superintendent Palmer thanked the Board for completing his contract. He informed the Board that he approved an overnight field trip in May for the Forensics team. He updated the Board on the quarantine and isolation guidance from the Health Department. He also mentioned the Board Workshop meeting and the topics that will be discussed.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENTS
REPORT**

Student Representative Schlogel provided members of the Board of Education with updates including Spring sports, exams, and field trips coming up. President Drabek thanked her for her report and welcomed her to the Board. He also mentioned that the Workshop on Monday will have no voting.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

The Board of Education received in-person public comments regarding bullying, the Capturing Kids Hearts program, and controversial books. Comments were received from Middle School Principal Adel DiOrio and Walter Schmidtman.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

There were no online public comments.

Many of the Board members welcomed new staff members. Member Nelson thanked Wendy for her presentation. Member Darragh gave highlights about the St. Johns Music Festival, and commented on controversial books. President Drabek thanked the public for their attendance and Board members for consideration in the Superintendent's contract.

President Drabek adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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

