

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on March 26, 2018**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 26, 2018, at the Wilson Center Board Room. Board President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Secretary appointed - Member Tennant appointed as Secretary

**ACTING
SECRETARY
APPOINTED**

Members Present: Darragh, Drabek, Nelson, Tennant, Watson

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Dedyne, Kirk, Student Representative Ernst and Student Representative Tahvonen

Motion by Member Tennant, support by Member Nelson, to approve the agenda as printed.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Member Watson, support by Member Tennant, to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2018, the Executive Session Minutes from March 12, 2018, the Special Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2018, and Special Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Motion passed unanimously.

Dru Mitchell from the Clinton County Economic Alliance shared that they continue work on the Wilson Center Committee. Rick Ballard and Gary Scheuran from Home Renewal Systems presented a proposal for a potential plan for the redesign of the East wing of RBW.

**PRESENTATIONS
WILSON CENTER
COMMITTEE
UPDATE**

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Curriculum Director Jason Gnegy and High School Principal Mark Palmer provided information about the Early College Program at Lansing Community College. The plan, if implemented, would start the 2018-2019 school year.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
EARLY COLLEGE
PROGRAM**

Curriculum Director Jason Gnegy and Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett provided the Board of Education with an update on 31a funding for the district. The information included a recommendation to purchase PCL Model book room materials, the creation of a Reading Intervention Teacher, and the reduction of a Literacy SSP position.

31a UPDATE

Interim Superintendent Pearson introduced Michael Taylor, hired as an special education teacher at Riley.

NEW HIRE

Interim Superintendent Pearson summarized the notices of retirement that the district has recently received.

STAFF RETIREMENT

Interim Superintendent Pearson summarized the resignation that the district recently received.

STAFF RESIGNATION

Interim Superintendent Pearson and Business Manager Kelly Corbett summarized the contracts non-union support personnel.

NON-UNION SUPPORT CONTRACTS

Board of Education President Scott Darragh summarized the contract of the newly hired Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Motion by Member Tennant, support by Member Watson, to approve the Consent Agenda Items VI-A 1, B 1, C 1, C 2, C 3, C 4, C 5, D I, D 2, E 1, F 1, and F 2. After discussion, the motion was refused.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT GROUPING ITEMS

Motion failed 0-5

Motion by Member Tennant, support by Member Watson, to approve the Consent Agenda Items VI-A 1, B 1, C 1, C 2, C 3, C 4, C 5, D I, D 2, E 1, F 1, and F 2.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for February 2018:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

11 General Fund	\$1,336,462.91
25 Food Service Fund	52,710.60
31 1998 Debt Fund	257.44
33 2004 Refunding	390.16
35 2014 Refunding	1682.08
36 2008 Debt Fund	720.32
37 2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	1083.97
38 2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	502.18
41 Public Improvement Fund	27,000.00
48 2010 Series B Bond Payment	0.00
51 Scholarship/Trust Fund	0.00
61 Activity Fund	56,910.01
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,477,719.67

Approved hiring of Michael Taylor as the Special Education Teacher at Riley

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the retirement of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Rita Dambrun – Oakview South Elementary 4th Grade Teacher, Cindy Irish – High School Communication Arts Teacher, Patricia Karek – Middle School SSP, Renee Lewis – Middle School Secretary, Marcia Schauer – Gateway North Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher

**RETIREMENT
APPROVAL**

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public School employees: Melinda Locher Jones – Little Wings Lead Teacher, Taylor Shattuck – Adventure Club/Little Wings

**RESIGNATION
APPROVAL**

Approved the position transfer of Michelle Gorby from Data Management Specialist to Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

**POSITION
TRANSFER
APPROVAL**

Approved the Non-Union Support Contracts for Michelle Gorby – Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, and Mark McKeown, Human Resources Specialist.

**NON-UNION
SUPPORT
CONTRACTS
APPROVAL**

Motion by member Drabek, support by Member Nelson, to approve the Superintendent's Contract, contingent on Section 6.1 of the Superintendent's contract, to add any pay increase takes effect on the following July 1st.

**ACTION ITEMS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
CONTRACT
APPROVAL**

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by member Nelson, support by Member Drabek, to approve the settlement agreement and release between Streng Construction, Inc. and St. Johns Public Schools, as presented.

**SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT
APPROVAL**

Motion passed unanimously.

Board President Darragh summarized the special meetings that were held.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
SEARCH UPDATE**

Superintendent Pearson shared that there will be an April 16th budget workshop meeting beginning at 6PM at the Wilson Center. The state Senate has indicated they somewhat agree with the governor on the SAF budget, edging the way towards consensus. There is also talk of grants for school safety

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Wendy Corey – Parent – strongly supports the Early College program. She shared that her nephew went through the program and did great, and has moved on to MSU and is doing well.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

The Board of Education members shared comments and thanked those that gave presentations. They also congratulated Mark Palmer on his new position of Superintendent for the district, and welcomed Michael Taylor as the special education teacher at Riley. The Board also congratulated the Science Olympiad, and wished the Choir well on their upcoming trip to New York, and also thanked all who helped with the Superintendent search process.

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Tennant, Acting Board Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education