

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Virtual Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on April 27, 2020**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2020, at a virtual online meeting. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. after Curriculum Director, Jason Gnegy, reviewed guidelines for the virtual meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Darragh, Dedyne, Drabek, Kirk, Jackson, Nelson, Watson

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Student Representative Schafer, and Student Representative Kiel

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Member Nelson, to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented with a roll call vote of 7-0.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Vice President Drabek, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on April 9, 2020. Member Kirk noted that the minutes from the March 9 meeting indicated that Secretary Dedyne would be signing the minutes, yet Member Nelson was appointed acting secretary for the meeting. Member Nelson will sign the minutes. Motion unanimously approved, via roll call vote 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gayla Phillips, community member, and member of the historical society, Ed Thelen, community member, and Bob Craig, community member, and Vice Mayor for the City of St. Johns, commented on the sale of the Wilson Center building. They would like to see the building repurposed rather than destroyed. Dru Mitchell from the Economic Alliance shared that she supports the bid from Dymaxion, and asked the Board of Education do the same.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jodie Fisher, Middle School Science Teacher, presented the Board of Education with a proposal to purchase a new science curriculum for use at the middle school level. Several members of the Board of Education asked questions, which were answered by Mrs. Fisher and Middle School Principal Adel DiOrio.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE
CURRICULUM PROPOSAL**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett reviewed the bids received for the sale of the Wilson Center building. Members of the Board of Education asked questions and commented the bids and the proposed plans for the building and property.

WILSON CENTER BIDS

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett reviewed the bids that were submitted for the replacement of the Riley Elementary roof.

**RILEY ELEMENTARY ROOF
REPLACEMENT**

Technology Director Wendy Andrzejewski presented the Board of Education with a plan to replace Chromebooks in the district.

**CHROMEBOOK REPLACEMENT
PURCHASE PROPOSAL**

A recorded presentation from CCRESA Business Manager Lori Schomisch was shared during the meeting. The presentation included information on the preliminary general fund budget for the 2020-2021 year for CCRESA.

**CCRESA 2020-2021
PRELIMINARY BUDGET
PROPOSAL**

Information was again shared with the Board of Education about the high school uniform purchase.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
UNIFORM PURCHASE**

Information was again shared with the Board of Education about the pre-Labor Day checklist that needs to be completed for the CCRESA consortium CRTEC program.

**PRE-LABOR DAY START CRTEC
CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS
APPROVAL**

President Darragh explained the need for a resolution to grant emergency powers to the superintendent since we are not currently in the normal physical learning environment. Superintendent Palmer explained some circumstances where this policy would be used.

**RESOLUTION TO GRANT
EMERGENCY POWERS TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT**

Vice President Drabek stated that there is a potential conflict with voting on Suzanne Hopko Drabek's resignation. No one asked that this resignation be removed from the consent agenda.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Member Nelson, to approve the consent grouping Number VII, A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, and B6. Motion approved via a 7-0 roll call vote.

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for February 2020:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$1,590,871.84
Food Service Fund	8,587.69
Activity Fund	38,017.62
1998 Debt Fund	
2013 Refunding	
2014 Refunding	
2008 Debt Fund	
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	
Public Improvement Fund	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,637,477.15

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for March 2020:

General Fund	\$1,622,544.47
Food Service Fund	9,462.48
Activity Fund	30,947.09
1998 Debt Fund	
2013 Refunding	
2014 Refunding	
2008 Debt Fund	
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	500.00

2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	500.00
Public Improvement Fund	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,637,477.15

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Suzanne Hopko Drabek – St. Johns Middle School Teacher, Sally Harry – St. Johns Middle School Teacher, Lisa Marier – St. Johns Middle School and St. Johns High School Counselor, Kimberly Feldpausch – St. Johns Middle School Counselor, Karen Shuck – Riley Elementary Custodian, and Bernadette Hayes – Operations Secretary

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Secretary Dedyne, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the purchase of Under Armour Football Uniforms from BSN Sports, in the amount of \$18, 100, as presented. Motion approved 7-0 via roll call vote.

ACTION ITEMS
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
UNIFORM PURCHASE
APPROVAL

Member Jackson left the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Member Kirk, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approves the pre-Labor Day waiver request to start the Capital Region Technical Early College program, as outline in the checklist of requirements, as presented. Motion approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

PRE-LABOR DAY START
CRTEC CHECKLIST OF
REQUIREMENTS APPROVAL

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the resolution to grant emergency powers to the Superintendent, as presented. Motion approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTION TO GRANT
EMERGENCY POWERS TO
THE SUPERINTENDENT
APPROVAL

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his written report. He reiterated how well the staff is doing with the distance learning plan. He stated we may have to modify it in the fall if we get a second wave of the COVID-19 virus. He also thanked the technology department staff for their work, and thanked Jason Gnegy for all of his work on the district and school improvement plans.

BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Members of the Board of Education thanked all for attending the meeting and for their comments. They also thanked all of the district staff and volunteers for their work during this unusual time.

PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education