

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on June 10, 2024**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2024, at the High School Orchestra Room. President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Boak, Darragh, Elliott, Jackson, Mansfield, Nelson, Watson, and Student Representative Sklapsky

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: None

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Member Elliott, with support by Member Mansfield, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on May 13, 2024. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Finance Director, Dan Romzek, provided the 2023-2024 budget amendment information for the general fund, food service fund, and student activity fund. Questions were asked and answered.

**BUDGET HEARING
2023-2024 BUDGET
AMENDMENT FOR GENERAL
FUND, FOOD SERVICE AND
STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Finance Director, Dan Romzek, presented the projected general fund, food service fund and student/school activity fund budgets for the 2024-2025 school year. The presentation included enrollment projections, and a financial overview.

**2024-2025 PROPOSED
BUDGET FOR GENERAL
FUND, FOOD SERVICE, AND
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Finance Director, Dan Romzek, provided information on the 2024-2025 Tax Levy.

L-4029 TAX LEVY

The Board of Education received in-person public comment about the bond outreach survey from David Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Curriculum Director, Mike Winkel, presented the Board of Education with the recommendations for teachers that should be granted tenure: Sarah Holder, Megan Ruestman, and Dorice Steiner.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
TEACHER TENURE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

As required by law, Superintendent Berthiaume provided the Board of Education with the 2023-2024 Matt Epling Safe School Law Annual Report.

**THE MATT EPLING SAFE
SCHOOL LAW**

Building Principals shared the updates to their handbooks for the 2024-2025 school year. The middle school and elementary handbooks were

**BUILDING HANDBOOKS &
ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES**

updated with Thrun Law Firm’s handbook for consistency with the high school handbook. Questions were asked and answered.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Superintendent Berthiaume provided the Board with the purpose of MHSAA Membership Resolution and that it must be renewed annually.

2024-2025 MHSAA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

Superintendent Berthiaume shared with the Board that the district will be installing vape detectors at the Middle School and High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year, and there will be a communication sent out to the families with more information. Questions were asked and answered.

INSTALLATION OF VAPE DETECTORS AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE START OF THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Curriculum Director, Mike Winkel, introduced high school teacher, Jackie Charneski, who presented the proposal to purchase new AP psychology textbooks to help students succeed due to the updates in the curriculum. Questions were asked and answered.

AP PSYCHOLOGY TEXTBOOK PURCHASE PROPOSAL

Superintendent Berthiaume reminded the Board about the organizational meeting on July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEM SCHEDULE JULY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - JULY 15 AT 6:30PM

Operations/Transportation Director, Rob Gleeson, recognized the retirement of Emojune DeSander, who drove bus for St. Johns Public Schools for 51 years.

RECOGNITION OF RETIREE

Motion by Member Watson, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping numbers VIII A1, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, and C1. Motion unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT GROUPING ITEMS

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for May 2024:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$2,126,971.29
Food Service Fund	\$18,295.66
Activity Fund	\$83,637.09
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	\$2,500.00
<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</i>	<i>\$2,231,404.04</i>

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public School employees: Abigail Payment – SSP at Oakview South Elementary, Courtney Pohl – 2nd Grade Teacher at Gateway North Elementary, Kristine Markman – 1st Grade Teacher at Eureka Elementary, Emojune DeSander – Bus Driver (with the intent to retire), and David Hanson – Bus Driver.

RESIGNATION APPROVALS

Approved the position transfers of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Sheela Hoy – SSP at Riley Elementary to Technology Secretary at the Middle School.

POSITION TRANSFER APPROVAL

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the proposed granting tenure to the following teachers effective at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, or on the anniversary date of their hire: 1. Sarah Holder, Megan Ruestman, and Dorice Steiner.

ACTION ITEMS

**TEACHER TENURE
RECOMMENDATION
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Mansfield, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the resolution supporting the MHSAA membership renewal for the 2024-2025 school year.

**2024-2025 MHSAA
MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION
APPROVAL**

District Executive Directors' gave the Board of Education updates within their departments.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT AND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS'
REPORT**

Superintendent Berthiaume thanked Rob Gleeson and Dan Romzek for their help with the contract negotiations. He recognized a job well done by high school principal Mark Dobson and his team on the graduations and awards ceremonies, and thanked the principals for aligning the handbooks with Thrun Law Firm as recommended by the attorneys. He thanked the community donations for helping with the weight room updates, and shared that all voters will get the post bond survey.

Student Representative, Joseph Sklapsky, gave updates on seniors' last day festivities, the 8th grade tour to the high school, the choir students trip to New York, spring concerts, sports, student awards, graduation, and end of the year exams.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

There were no in-person or online public comments.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Many members welcomed the new student representative to the Board, congratulated the three teachers who received tenure, and thanked the principals for hard work on the handbooks. Many also wished everyone a great summer!

Vice President Darragh motioned that the St. Johns Board of Education move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the tentative agreements with the St. Johns Maintenance and Custodial Association, St. Johns Bus Drivers Association, and Administrative and Non-Union Employees Salary recommendation, and was supported by Member Mansfield.

**MOVE INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The motion passed unanimously via a 7-0 roll call vote, and the Board of Education moved into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

The Board of Education returned from Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

**RETURN FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Vice President Darragh, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the St. Johns Public Schools Maintenance and Custodial Association contract, as presented.

ACTION ITEMS
ST. JOHNS
CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE
ASSOCIATION CONTRACT

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the master agreement between the St. Johns Board of Education and the St. Johns Transportation Association, as presented.

ST. JOHNS BUS DRIVERS
ASSOCIATION CONTRACT

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Boak, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education
Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Peterson, Recording Secretary