

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on June 27, 2022**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 2022, at the St. Johns High School Band Room. President Drabek called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Boak, Darragh, Drabek, Koenigsknecht, Nelson, Watson

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Jackson, Student Representative Schloegl

President Drabek appointed Member Darragh as acting secretary, as Secretary Jackson was absent.

**ACTING SECRETARY
APPOINTED**

President Drabek shared that the agenda was slightly modified as to what was published. Motion by Member Darragh, with support by Member Koenigsknecht, to approve the agenda as amended. Agenda approved as amended.

**AGENDA
APPROVED**

Motion by Member Koenigsknecht, with support by Treasurer Nelson, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on June 13, 2022. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

The Board of Education received in person public comment from Walter Schmidtman sharing how happy he is to be a part of the community and commented on several other topics.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no online comments.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION**

Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Human Resources, Kelly Corbett, presented the Board of Education with information on the 2022-2023 State Aid Borrowing Resolution. Questions were asked by members of the Board about the presentation and Kelly answered them.

**2022-2023 STATE AID
BORROWING RESOLUTION**

Curriculum Director, Jason Gnegy, presented the Board of Education with a data summary report of the student assessment, Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MIPHY). Members of the Board asked questions about the presentation and Jason answered them.

MIPHY DATA SUMMARY

Motion by Member Koenigsknecht, with support by Member Darragh, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VI - A1, B1, B2, B3, and B4. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for May 2022:

General Fund	\$2,216,694.12
Food Service Fund	\$20,914.02
Activity Fund	\$59,460.88
1998 Debt Fund	\$300.00
2021 Refunding Bonds	\$500.00
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	\$2,500.00
Public Improvement Fund	\$29,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,329,369.02

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:
Samantha Dick – Lead Preschool Teacher at Oakview South, Katie Marsh –
Childcare Provider at Little Wings, Ira Carbone – Network Specialist, and
Nicholas Mason – Network Specialist.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Motion by Vice President Watson, with support from Member Koenigs knecht,
that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the 2021-2022
budget amendment for the General Fund Budget, the Food Service Fund
Budget, and the Student/School Activity Fund Budget, as presented. Motion
unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS
2021-2022 BUDGET
AMENDMENT FOR
GENERAL FUND, FOOD
SERVICE FUND, AND
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND
APPROVAL

Motion by Member Darragh, with support from Treasurer Nelson, that the St.
Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 proposed
budget for the General Fund Budget, the Food Service Budget, and the
Student Activity Fund Budget, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

2022-2023 PROPOSED
BUDGET FOR GENERAL
FUND, FOOD SERVICE
AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES
FUND PROPOSAL

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support from Member Darragh, that the St.
Johns Public Schools Board of Education authorize the levy of 18.0 mills for
non-homestead operations, and 7.0 mills for debt, as presented. Motion
unanimously approved. President Drabek asked for confirmation of how many
mills for debt. Member Nelson confirmed 7.0 mills.

L-4029 TAX LEVY
APPROVAL

Motion by Member Boak, with support from Member Koenigs knecht, that
the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the resolution to
issue general obligation notes in anticipation of state school aid of \$1.5
million, as presented. Motion unanimously approved. President Drabek
recognized this as Member Boak’s first motion.

2022-2023 STATE AID
BORROWING RESOLUTION
APPROVAL

Motion by Member Koenigs knecht, with support by Vice President Watson,
that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve granting
tenure to the following teachers effective at the beginning of the
2022-2023 school year, or on the anniversary of their hire: 1) Casandra
Costigan, 2) Mallory Harden, 3) Mackenzie Motz, 4) Ryan Nevins, 5) Sarah
Nevins, 6) Jill Ruiz, 7) Zachary (Nate) Wade, and 8) Tammy Wilson. Motion
unanimously approved.

TEACHER TENURE
APPROVAL

Motion by Vice President Watson, with support from Member Boak, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the proposed Administrator Contracts, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR
CONTRACT APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Darragh, with support from Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the proposed Non-Union Support Staff Contracts and Compensation Schedule, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**NON-UNION SUPPORT
STAFF CONTRACT
APPROVAL**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support from Member Boak, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the proposed breakfast and lunch meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH
MEAL PRICES APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Boak, with support from Member Koenigsnecht, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the high school trip to Spain in March of 2023, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**HIGH SCHOOL SPAIN TRIP
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Koenigsnecht, with support by Vice President Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 Building Handbooks, as presented. Member Darragh asked to amend the motion to add to the hat rule: "head coverings may not be worn", and add "other than religious or medical purposes." He expressed this has been honored, but having it in writing can eliminate stress for families. Motion unanimously approved as presented.

**BUILDING HANDBOOKS
APPROVAL**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his written report. He shared with the Board that there is one special education teaching position open for the fall and have two interviews set for tomorrow. He reminded the Board that the district office will be taking a break on the weekly board memos for the month of July and will pick up again the first week of August.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

He reminded the Board that the Organization Meeting will take place on July 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m to set dates.

He gave an update on the middle school asphalt project, the middle school flooring project, the window replacement project at Riley, and the AC work at Riley. He expressed that we have been very pleased with the contractors on these projects.

He briefly talked about summer school beginning for the high school, and the middle school and elementary summer school starts July 25, which we provide transportation for.

He mentioned that about 50 students signed up for the science program for elementary students, in hopes to get kids engaged.

He shared with the Board that the Admin team will be meeting with a marketing company on Wednesday. He reminded them of the District Office summer hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Student Representative Schlogel provided an update to the Board of Education via zoom. She shared that school ended on good terms and that summer sports are happening. President Drabek thanked Student Representative Schloegl for her report.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice President Watson motioned that the St. Johns Board of Education move into Executive Session to discuss the tentative agreements with the St. Johns Maintenance and Custodial Association and SJESA Secretary Association, and was supported by Treasurer Nelson.

**MOVE TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, and the Board of Education moved into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

The Board of Education returned from Executive Session at 9:14 p.m.

**RETURN FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Member Koenigsknecht, with support by Vice President Watson, that the St. Johns Board of Education approve the St. Johns Public Schools Maintenance and Custodial Association Contract, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
ST. JOHNS
CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE
CONTRACT APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Darragh, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Board of Education approve the St. Johns Education Secretary Association Contract, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**ST. JOHNS SECRETARIES
CONTRACT APPROVAL**

Member Boak stated he's looking forward to working with the Board. Treasurer Nelson commented on Jason's report and hopes we can get students help. Member Koenigsknecht welcomed Member Boak. President Drabek mentioned how interesting it is to work on the board and see great people having it be their last meeting. He commented on the anonymity of the survey and the only way to address the issues is to do it for all students.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Drabek adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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

