

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on August 24, 2020**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 2020, for a virtual meeting using Zoom. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87406333279?pwd=cXZsM01ISzREbWRGYjFIWGQ1UVEydz09>

Members Present: Darragh, Drabek, Hallead , Jackson, Nelson, and Watson

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Dedyne, and Student Representative Kiel

President Darragh appointed Member Nelson as acting secretary for the meeting.

**ACTING SECRETARY
APPOINTED**

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Treasurer Watson, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Jackson, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on August 10, 2020. Agenda approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with the language that needs to be added to the student handbooks regarding online student expectations, and facial covering expectations. The Members of the Board of Education asked many questions and shared their thoughts about the new language. Vice President Drabek encouraged Superintendent Palmer to provide an update on the amount of warnings and suspensions for facial covering violations on a regular basis.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
ONLINE STUDENT
EXPECTATIONS AND FACIAL
COVERING EXPECTATIONS**

President Darragh provided the Board of Education with information for this year's MASB annual leadership conference. The conference in its entirety will be held virtually instead of in person. Since their governing documents do not allow voting to be held virtually, no action needs to be taken to determine who attends as delegates and alternates, so all are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend, please let Michelle know so she can get you registered.

**MASB ANNUAL LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE AND DELEGATE
ASSEMBLY**

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with information on a recommendation from NEOLA, that we grant emergency powers to the Superintendent for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Chris Ervin provided the Board of Education with information for a project to construct a press box, concession stand, and storage building for the baseball/softball fields at the high school. A couple of the board of Education members asked questions about the project, and were provided answers.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PRESS
BOXES

Superintendent Palmer, and Vice President and Policy Committee Chairman Rick Drabek, quickly reviewed the NEOLA policies that were presented at the previous meeting. Superintendent Palmer also provided information about the Title IX policy that needs to be added to our set of policies.

POLICY REVISION: SECOND
READING

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett, and Director of Operations Rob Gleeson, reviewed the recommendation to award Smith Oil and Propane the bid for the district's propane for the next 3 fiscal years. President Darragh asked why more companies do not submit bids. Kelly Corbett replied that it appears to be just regional companies that are interested. She added that they contacted another local company with the RFP information, and they were not interested in submitting a bid.

PROPANE BID

Member Hallead must attend the required Superintendent Evaluation Training. The registration for this course must be approved by the Board of Education.

MASB SUPERINTENDENT
EVALUATION TRAINING
REGISTRATION

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Treasurer Watson , that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII, A1, A2, A3, A4, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, B8, B9, C1, C2, C3, C4, and D1. Motion approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Marcy McCracken - Oakview South Elementary Teacher, Andrew Jennings – Middle School Teacher, Steven Brimmer – Oakview South Elementary Teacher, and Adam Zarotney – Middle School Teacher.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Charissa Rausch-Middle School MTSS Reading Intervention Teacher, Judy Abendroth-Riley SSP, Sandra Sperry-Riley SSP, Vincent Costanzo-Middle School Teacher, Duane Haviland-Maintenance, Kathy Montville-Middle School Teacher, Wendy Smith-Middle School Teacher, Mark Burnash-High School SSP, and Lindsay Weismiller-Middle School Secretary.

RESIGNATION
APPROVAL

Approved the leave of absence of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Lindsay Jury-Oakview South Elementary Teacher, Michelle Smiley – Oakview South Elementary Teacher, Amber Nance-Middle School Teacher, and Cortny Toomey-Middle School Teacher.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
APPROVAL

Approved the termination of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Kasey Patrick-Childcare Provider.

TERMINATION APPROVAL

Motion made by Member Jackson, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of a new press box, concession stand and storage facility for both baseball and softball fields, with monies from the athletic advertising revenue funds, and other donations to the athletic department. Motion approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

ACTION ITEMS
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PRESS
BOXES APPROVAL

Motion made by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the new, revised, and replacement NEOLA Policy Revisions from the General and District policy groups, and the new Title IX policy. Motion approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

NEOLA POLICY UPDATE AND
REVISION APPROVAL

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the propane bid be awarded to Smith Oil and Propane in the amounts specified in their bid received July 15, 2020, for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 fiscal years.

PROPANE BID APPROVAL

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve payment of \$90.00 for Board Member Hallead to attend the required MASB Superintendent Evaluation training workshop on August 26, 2020. Motion approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

MASB SUPERINTENDENT
EVALUATION TRAINING
REGISTRATION

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve adding the online student behavior and Covid-19 facial covering expectations language to all 2020-2021 student handbooks, as presented. Motion approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

ONLINE STUDENT
EXPECTATIONS AND FACIAL
COVERING EXPECTATIONS

Superintendent Palmer reviewed the report he sent to the Board of Education members this past weekend. He apologized for not getting his report into the board packet before it was released.

BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Andrew Jennings, and Adam Larotzy, newly hired teachers at the middle school, introduced themselves, and commented that they are really excited to get started this year.

PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS

DJ Logan, Gateway North kindergarten teacher, welcomed the new hires and wished the retirees well. She also thanked the Board of Education for their discussion this evening on the facial covering expectations.

The members of the Board of Education welcomed the new hires. They thanked and commended the administrative team for their efforts with the Return to Learn plan.

President Darragh added that these are uncertain times for the district, as well as the State and economic forecasters; none of us have done this before.

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Nelson, Acting Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Gorby, Recording Secretary