

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on Monday, January 30, 2023**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met on Monday, January 30, 2023, for a special meeting at the St. Johns High School Orchestra Room. President Timothy Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Boak, Elliott, Jackson, Mansfield, Nelson, and Watson

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Darragh and Student Representative Schloegl

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the special meeting minutes of the meeting held January 16, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD
MINUTES**

There were no in-person public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board of Education received online public comment from Kindergarten teacher DJ Logan, and Middle School ELA teacher Megan Dreffs, regarding the upcoming superintendent search. They are both hopeful that stakeholders will have the opportunity to be a part of the process. They both shared that Superintendent Mark Palmer will be missed.

Vice President Darragh arrived at 6:05 p.m.

**ARRIVAL OF BOARD
MEMBER**

Superintendent Mark Palmer introduced Jay Bennett from Michigan Associates of School Boards (MASB) who presented to the Board of Education with information on preparing for and the steps to select a new superintendent. Mr. Bennett answered many questions from the Board Members.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
PRESENTATION ON PREPARING
FOR AND SELECTING A
SUPERINTENDENT**

The Board of Education deliberated their thoughts on hiring a firm for the superintendent search, posting the position internally and externally, as well as posting the position nationally.

**DISCUSSION ITEM
BOARD DISCUSSION ON
MOVING FORWARD IN THE
SELECTION PROCESS**

Motion by Vice President Darragh that the St. Johns Board of Education accept the resignation. Motion supported by Member Mansfield.

Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 7-0.

No action was taken on this item.

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

**RESIGNATION APPROVAL OF
MARK PALMER,
SUPERINTENDENT**

**APPROVAL OF
SUPERINTENDENT SELECTION
PROCESS**

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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