

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on October 22, 2018**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 2018 at the Wilson Center Board Room. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Member Tennant was appointed as Acting Secretary for the meeting.

**ACTING  
SECRETARY  
APPOINTED**

Members Present: Darragh, Drabek, Kirk, Nelson, Tennant, Watson

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: Dedyne, Student Representative Ernst, Student Representative Pung

Motion by Member Tennant, support by Member Kirk, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved unanimously as presented.

**AGENDA  
APPROVED**

Motion by Member Nelson, support by Member Drabek, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on October 8, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Motion approved unanimously.

Dru Mitchell from the Clinton County Economic Alliance provided the Board of Education with an update on the Wilson Center project, particularly with information on the progress with the City of St. Johns.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carrie Ramirez from the East Olive Community Center provided the Board of Education information on the many projects and events that are going on at the center. They should get their childcare licensing in another month or so. They are having an open house on November 3, 2018 and all are invited.

**REPORTS AND  
INFORMATION**

Special Education Director Kim Ross, and School Social Worker Stephanie Bush provided the Board of Education with an update on the projects and initiatives they are working on for the new social work program in the district.

**SCHOOL SOCIAL  
WORK UPDATE**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett and Curriculum Director Jason Gnegy provided the Board of Education with an update on Adventure Club at Riley, and an overview of the district's entire childcare program.

**CHILDCARE  
PROGRAM UPDATE**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett provided the Board of Education with information regarding the recommended bid for purchasing two new buses.

**BUS PURCHASE BID  
RECOMMENDATION**

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with information on the out-of-country, overnight trip that high school students are taking to France.

**HIGH SCHOOL TRIP  
TO FRANCE**

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with information on an overnight trip the high school Varsity Tennis team took to the State finals in Novi.

**HIGH SCHOOL  
VARISTY TENNIS  
TEAM TRIP TO THE  
STATE FINALS**

Motion by Member Kirk, support by Member Nelson, to approve the consent grouping Number VII, A1, B1, and B2. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
GROUPING  
ITEMS**

Approved the resignation of Marena Contreras – Adventure Club/Little Wings Staff, and Mary Schomisch – Business Office Accounting Technician.

**Resignation  
Approval**

Motion by Member Drabek, support by Member Tennant, to accept the audit report for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Motion approved unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS  
2017-2018 Fiscal  
Year Audit Report  
Acceptance**

Motion by Member Tennant, support by Member Nelson, to approve the out-of-state Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, OH. Motion approved unanimously.

**Middle School 8<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Trip to Cedar  
Point in Sandusky,  
OH Approval**

Motion by Member Nelson, support by member Kirk, to approve the Electronic Attendance Policy for St. Johns Public Schools to fulfill pupil accounting requirements. Motion approved unanimously.

**Electronic  
Attendance Policy  
Approval**

Motion by Member Tennant, support by Member Drabek, to approve the fee of \$180.00 for Board President Darragh, and Member Kirk to take course CBA 106 – Community Relations Leadership, at the MASB Leadership Conference on November 1, 2018. Motion approved unanimously.

**MASB Annual  
Leadership  
Conference Course  
Approval**

In absence of the Student Representatives, Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with an update on several sports, fine arts, and activity events that have taken place at the high school recently.

**BOARD  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Board of Education members commented that they enjoyed the band and it's light show at the football game this past Friday. They also shared that they have visited Eureka Elementary and the positive attitudes of staff and students really show since the building was repainted. Jason Gnegy also shared that Gateway North kindergarten teacher, Erica Muehlhauser, received a monetary award for her classroom from a local dentist.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD  
COMMENTS**

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

William Tennant, Acting Secretary  
St. Johns Board of Education