

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on September 27, 2021**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 27, 2021, at the St. Johns High School Auditorium. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Dedyne

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Member Hallead, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on September 13, 2021. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Many members of the audience spoke on various topics including, but not limited to mask mandates, quarantine guidelines, vaccinations, conflict of interest, and public participation guidelines. Those that spoke included Kelly Havens, Jeff Simpson, Marilyn Becker, Kendel Darragh, Karen Andrews, Jean Fedewa, Kellie Nethaway, and Chuck Eldridge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett provided the Board of Education with a financial update that included a 2020-2021 budget to actual comparison, and a 2021-2022 budget update.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
BUDGET UPDATE**

The Briggs District Library Board is making an appointment recommendation for Eric Verlinde to serve on the board.

**BRIGGS DISTRICT LIBRARY
APPOINTMENT REQUEST**

A revised Schedule of Meetings was presented to the Board of Education for their consideration.

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
REVISION**

Superintendent Palmer provided the members of the Board of Education with information on an overnight, out-of-state trip to Chicago for the 9th and 10th grade orchestra students.

**9TH AND 10TH GRADE
ORCHESTRA STUDENTS
TRIP TO CHICAGO**

Superintendent Palmer provided the members of the Board of Education with information on an overnight, out-of-state trip to Chicago for the 8th grade orchestra students.

**8TH GRADE ORCHESTRA
STUDENTS TRIP TO
CHICAGO**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Secretary Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII, A1, B1, and C1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING**

ITEMS

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for August 2021:	
General Fund	\$3,596,295.27
Food Service Fund	\$5,500.30
Activity Fund	\$9,521.60
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,611,317.7

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Paige Andrews-Shinabargar

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Sandy Fandel

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the high school marching band trip to Hawaii, March 23-30, 2022, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING
BAND TRIP TO HAWAII
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the policy updates and revisions as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Treasurer Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education selects Timothy Jackson as their voting delegate to the 2021 MASB Delegate Assembly. Motion unanimously approved.

**MASB ANNUAL LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE AND DELEGATE
ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATION OF
DELEGATES**

Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the amended 2021-2022 Schedule of Meetings as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
REVISION**

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS**

Superintendent Palmer reported that teams will not be going on the world language trips (Spain and France) this year due to costs and vaccination requirements.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

He also shared that the school district received no money for the vaccination clinic that was held earlier in the year; the district just provided the space.

He also gave an overview of the MASA conference he attended last week.

The CCRESA districts are going to again try offering an agriculture program for students, and provided information on some of the requirements and challenges of making this type of program successful.

Many members of the audience spoke on various topics including, but not limited to the political value versus health issues of COVID, board member “contracts”, COVID deaths, mask mandates, and police presence at meetings. Those that spoke included Kellie Nethaway, Chris DeLiso, Karen Andrews, Jeff Simpson, Heather Romero, and Jason R.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Member Hallead and President Darragh thanked Kelly Corbett for her work on the budget.

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Jackson, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education
Minutes submitted by: Michelle Gorby, Recording Secretary