

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of COW Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on March 12, 2018**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in the Riley Elementary School Media Center for a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018. Board of Education President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Darragh, Drabek, Nelson, Dedyne, Kirk, Watson, and Student Representative Tahvonen.

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Tennant, and Student Representative Ernst.

Motion by Member Drabek, support by Member Nelson, to approve the agenda as presented.

**AGENDA
APPROVED**

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Member Watson, support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2018, the Special Meeting Minutes from February 28, 2018, the Executive Session Minutes from February 28, 2018, the Special Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2018, and the Special Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF
BOARD MINUTES**

Motion passed unanimously.

Riley Elementary School Principal Joseph Corr and teacher Jackie Brown from the building's Math Department presented information on Math instruction at the school.

**PRESENTATIONS
RILEY
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL MATH
PERFORMANCE
REVIEW**

Adeline Wharton – Parent – Let the Board of Education know that she believes more supports for Math are need in the district and questioned the district about some safety concerns she has. Interim Superintendent Pearson answered her questions.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Interim Superintendent Pearson informed the Board of Education about an overnight, in-state trip he approved for the High School Wrestling Team to take to Detroit, MI.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM
TRIP TO DETROIT,
MI**

Interim Superintendent Pearson informed the Board of Education about an overnight, in-state trip he approved for the High School BPA students to take to Grand Rapids, MI.

**HIGH SCHOOL
BPA TRIP TO
GRAND RAPIDS,
MI**

Interim Superintendent Pearson summarized the notices of retirement that the district has recently received.

**STAFF
RETIREMENT**

Interim Superintendent Pearson summarized the resignation that the district has recently received.

**STAFF
RESIGNATION**

Interim Superintendent Pearson summarized the position transfer that will be taking place in the district.

**POSITION
TRANSFER**

Interim Superintendent proposed changing the title of the "Committee of the Whole" meetings to "Regular" meetings beginning with the 2018 – 2019 school year.

**RENAMING TITLE
OF COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE
MEETINGS**

Motion by Member Drabek, support by Member Dedyne, that Member Nelson be designated to represent the Board of Education of the St. Johns Public School District at the meeting to review the 2018-2019 Proposed General Fund Operating Budget of the Clinton County RESA on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS
DESIGNATION OF
CCRESA GENERAL
FUND BUDGET
MEETING
REPRESENTATIVE
APPROVAL**

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Member Drabek, support by Member Watson, that the St. Johns Public School Board of Education approves the resolution of support for the School Finance Research Collaborative findings, as presented.

**SCHOOL FINANCE
RESEARCH
COLLABORATIVE
FINDINGS
RESOLUTION OF
SUPPORT
APPROVAL**

Motion passed unanimously.

Student Representative Tahvonen presented her report to the Board of Education, which included a summary of some of the events taking place in the High School and state competition for athletic teams.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

Board President Darragh summarized the special meetings that took place on February 28, March 5, and March 8, 2018. He also informed the public of the second round interview meetings coming up this week and next week.

**SUPERINTENDENT
SEARCH UPDATE**

Interim Superintendent Pearson informed the Board of Education about the success of some Middle School students who attended the MACUL Conference last week and provided a legislative update on two house bills that might affect public school districts in the future.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Joseph Corr – Riley Elementary School Principal – informed the Board of Education about the success of his school and Eureka Elementary School this past weekend at the Battle of the Books event.

**PUBLIC AND
BOARD
COMMENTS**

The Board of Education members shared comments thanking the Riley Elementary School principal and staff for their presentation at tonight's meeting and for hosting the meeting, thanked the parent for bringing her safety concerns to the attention of the Board of Education tonight, and congratulated the High School Choirs and the wrestling and swim athletes on their success in recent competitions.

Motion by Member Watson, support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Board of Education go into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving an update on litigation and arbitration under Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, and for the purpose of discussing upcoming negotiations under Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

**MOVE INTO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Motion passed 6 – 0 via roll call vote at 7:55 p.m.

The Board of Education returned from Executive Session at 8:44 p.m.

**RETURN FROM
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Board Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education