

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on June 28, 2021**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 28, 2021, at the St. Johns High School Auditorium. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Dedyne, Hallead

President Darragh appointed Member Jackson as secretary, as Secretary Dedyne was absent.

**ACTING SECRETARY
APPOINTED**

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Jackson, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on June 14, 2021, and the executive session minutes from the meeting held on June 14, 2021. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Several members of the audience voiced their concerns of the mask requirements during the pandemic, as well as required COVID-19 vaccinations and testing for children. They also shared concerns on the socio-emotional effects that these mandates have on children, including suicide. Those that spoke were: Kelly Havens of 1262 W. Mead Road, St. Johns, Carol McClain of 8934 S. Grove Road, St. Johns, Gary Schnepf of 3200 Willow Street, Lansing, Chelsea Schafer of 1204 Lincolnshire Drive, St. Johns, Jeff Simpson of 110 E. Buchanan Street, St. Johns, and Jordan Schafer of 1204 Lincolnshire Drive, St. Johns.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keri Moon of 501 S. Clinton Avenue, St. Johns, expressed her frustration and disappointment that her 12th grade daughter was unable to walk at graduation because she lacked credit in one of her classes.

Director of Business and Finance presented the Board of Education with information on the 2021-2022 State Aid Borrowing Resolution.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
2021-2022 STATE AID
BORROWING RESOLUTION**

Superintendent Palmer presented the 2021-2022 building handbooks and curriculum guides to the Board of Education. The STRIVE Academy handbook needs to be updated to reflect changes necessary with their move to the CCRESA building.

**BUILDING HANDBOOKS
AND CURRICULUM GUIDES**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VI, A1, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, and C2. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for May 2021:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$1,780,317.39
Food Service Fund	\$61,600.41
Activity Fund	\$51,996.77
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,893,914.57

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:
Bernard Barrett – High School PE and Science Teacher, Trey Bauer – Middle School Mod Tech Teacher, Case Trevino – Middle School ELA and Social Studies Teacher, and Cole Trevino – High School Social Studies and English Teacher.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:
Mark Horak – High School Principal, and MariJo Weatherwax – High School Attendance Secretary.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Motion by Member Jackson, with support from Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the resolution for the fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget, the Food Service Budget, and the Student/School Activity Fund Budget, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS
**2021-2022 Fiscal year
Budget – General Fund,
Food Service Fund, and
Student/School Activity
Fund.**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support from Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education authorize the levy of 18.0 mills for non-homestead operations, and 5.0 mills for debt, as presented. Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett stated that it should be 7.0 mills for debt, not 5.0 mills. President Darragh amended the motion, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education authorize the levy of 18.0 mills for non-homestead operations, and 7.0 mills for debt. Motion unanimously approved as amended.

L-4029 Tax Levy

Motion by Member Nelson, with support from Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year budget revision amendment, and the revised 2020-2021 Food Service fund budget, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**2020-2021 Budget
Revisions for General
and Food Service Funds**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support from Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the resolution to issue general obligation notes in anticipation of state school aid of \$2,000,000.00, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**2021-2022 State Aid
Borrowing Resolution
Approval**

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support from Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of Open Up Resources as the math curriculum to be used at the middle school level, as

**Middle School Math
Curriculum Purchase
Request**

presented. Motion unanimously approved. President Darragh thought the presentation of this at the previous meeting was wonderful.

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support from Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approves granting tenure to Mollie Hallihan effective at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, or on the anniversary date of her hire. Motion unanimously approved.

**Teacher Tenure
Recommendation**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support from Treasurer Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the proposed Administrator Contracts and Compensation Schedule, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**Administrator Contract
Approval**

Motion by Member Jackson, with support from Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the proposed Non-Union Support Staff Contracts and Compensation Schedule. Motion unanimously approved.

**Non-Union Support Staff
Contract Approval**

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support from Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve Policy 5207-Anti-Bullying, as required by law, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**Policy 5207-Anti-Bullying
Approval**

Superintendent Palmer reminded the Board of Education that on July 1, we are turning over the keys to the Wilson Center. He provided an update on summer school across the district. He informed the Board of Education that the State's House of Representative's passed a budget similar to the Governor's budget, and now needs to be passed by the Senate. The energy project and solar projects are going well.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Members of the Board of Education welcomed the new staff and thanked the members of the audience for their comments. Member Nelson informed the audience that there will be fireworks this year on July 4th. President Darragh thanked everyone for the decorum shown at tonight's meeting and assured them that Board will be having more discussions regarding requirements closer to school start.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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

