

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education  
held on July 1,2019**

The St. Johns Board of Education met for their Organizational Meeting on Monday, July 1, 2019, in the Wilson Center Board Room. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members Present: Darragh, Drabek, Dedyne, Jackson, and Watson.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: Kirk and Nelson

Motion by Treasurer Watson, support by Member Jackson, to approve the agenda as written. Treasurer Watson requested a discussion item be added to the agenda. Item VI.D was added to the agenda regarding conflict of interest.

**AGENDA  
APPROVED**

Agenda approved as amended.

Motion by Treasurer Watson support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2019, and the Executive Session Minutes from June 24, 2019.

**BOARD MINUTE  
APPROVAL**

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Treasurer Watson, support by Vice President Drabek that the St. Johns Board of Education approves that the place, time, and meeting dates of the St. Johns Board of Education for the 2019-2020 school year be as presented and revised on the Schedule of Meetings.

**OPERATIONAL  
ACTION ITEMS  
SETTING OF  
PLACE, TIME AND  
MEETING DATES  
OF THE BOARD**

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Member Jackson support by Secretary Dedyne, that the St. Johns Board of Education designates the Secretary of the Board of Education, with the assistance from the Superintendent, to be responsible for posting any and all meetings of the Board, as required by Act Number 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976.

**DESIGNATION OF  
PERSON  
RESPONSIBLE FOR  
POSTING NOTICES  
OF MEETINGS**

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Treasurer Watson, support by Member Jackson, that the Huntington Bank, Mercantile Bank, Michigan Class, and Michigan Liquid Asset Fund be designated as depository institutions for St. Johns Public School District for the 2019 - 2020 Fiscal Year.

**SELECTION OF  
BANK  
DEPOSITORIES**

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Secretary Dedyne, support by Member Jackson, that the Superintendent of Schools or the Director of Business and Finance shall be and is hereby authorized to make investments in the name of the school district, to wire transfer funds for school district investment purposes, and transfer funds between school district bank accounts in order to conduct the day-to-day financial business of the school district.

**APPROVAL TO  
INVEST SCHOOL  
FUNDS**

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Member Jackson, support by Secretary Dedyne, that the St. Johns Board of Education retains Thrun Law Firm, P.C. and Clark Hill PLC as legal counsel for St. Johns Public Schools. Vice President Drabek asked if we have ever used the services of Clark Hill PLC. Kelly Corbett replied they are just a back up in case we need a second opinion. We do not pay any fees to them unless we use their services.

**ESTABLISH  
ATTORNEY  
RETAINER  
PRIVILEGES**

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Member Jackson, support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Board of Education designates the Director of Business and Finance as St. Johns Public Schools Electronic Transfer Officer.

**DESIGNATE  
ELECTRONIC  
TRANSFER  
OFFICER**

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Secretary Dedyne, support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the delegation of school plan review and inspection authority to the Clinton County Building Department, a local unit of government enforcing agency, as presented.

**ANNUAL  
DELEGATION OF  
SCHOOL PLAN  
REVIEW AND  
INSPECTION  
AUTHORITY TO A  
LOCAL UNIT OF  
GOVERNMENT  
ENFORCING  
AGENCY**

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Treasurer Watson, support by Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the Annual Loan/Repayment Activity Application Resolution to obtain a loan from the Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund, as presented.

**MICHIGAN SCHOOL  
LOAN REVOLVING  
FUND RESOLUTION**

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Member Jackson, support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Board of Education utilize Maner Costerisan as the fiscal auditing firm for St. Johns Public Schools.

**APPROVAL OF  
ANNUAL FISCAL  
AUDITING FIRM**

Motion unanimously approved.

Member Nelson arrived at the meeting at 6:10 pm

**ARRIVAL OF  
BOARD MEMBER**

DJ Logan addressed the Board of Education. She was asked by Jason Gnegy to attend as a representative of the district to the Briggs District Library Board meeting. She mentioned that the board discussed the need

**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS**

to build bridges with the community, as many of the outlying community members did not understand what would happen with the merge.

Treasurer Watson abstained from the teacher tenure vote at the last meeting due to a conflict of interest with one of the teachers expected to be granted tenure. After Treasurer Watson reviewed MCL 380.1203, he believes the relationship with the employee in question does not appear to meet the definition of family member. After discussion, President Darragh requested we consult with our legal counsel to obtain clarification.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS  
CONFLICT OF  
INTEREST**

Motion by Treasurer Watson support by Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approves the propane bid be awarded to Applebee Oil & Propane Company in the amounts specified on their bid dated June 19, 2019, for the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year. Treasurer Watson asked about the need to add a stipulation as to what the process is if we run out of fuel. Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett will ensure it is added.

**ACTION ITEMS  
PROPANE BID  
RECOMMENDATION  
APPROVAL**

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion by Member Nelson, support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the proposed 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year calendars, as presented.

**2019-2020 & 2020-  
2021 PROPOSED  
SCHOOL YEAR  
CALENDAR  
APPROVAL**

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion by Member Jackson, support by Member Nelson that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the 2019-2021 master agreement between the St. Johns Board of Education and the St. Johns Education Association/ICEA, as presented. Vice President Drabek requested a roll call vote. He be abstaining from vote due to a conflict of interest. Treasurer Watson will also abstain due to a conflict of interest.

**ST. JOHNS  
EDUCATION  
ASSOCIATION/ICEA  
MASTER  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVAL**

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote, with Vice President Drabek and Treasurer Watson abstaining from the vote.

Motion by Treasurer Watson, support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the resignation of the following district employee: Dr. Daniel Kemsley – Middle School Assistant Principal.

**RESIGNATION  
APPROVAL**

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion by Member Jackson, support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves recalling the following district employee: Kimberly Berghuis – Eureka Elementary SSP.

**EMPLOYEE  
RECALL  
APPROVAL**

Motion unanimously approved.

Dwight Pearson and Josh Heethuis thanked the Board of Education for approving the SJEA contract, and recognized the time that the negotiating team put into negotiations.

**PUBLIC AND  
BOARD COMMENT**

Several Board of Education members recognized and thanked the teaching staff for their professionalism and hard work, and wished them a great summer. Superintendent Palmer thanked the Board of Education for a great first year as Superintendent.

President Darragh adjourned the Organizational Meeting at 6:37 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary  
St. Johns Board of Education