

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on October 28, 2019**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 28, 2019, at the Wilson Center Board Room. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Darragh, Dedyne, Drabek, Kirk, Jackson, Nelson, Watson, and Student Representative Schafer

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Student Representative Kiel

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Vice President Drabek, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on October 14, 2019. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Branch, Career Education Director for Clinton County RESA, provided the Board of Education with an update on this program offered to high school students in Clinton County. The update included enrollment numbers by district and by course, including the amount of credits earned collectively for each district. Many of the Board of Education members asked questions about the program, which were answered by Ms. Branch.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
CLINTON COUNTY CAREER
AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION (CTE)
PROGRAM UPDATE**

Superintendent Palmer and Technology Director Wendy Andrzejewski provided the Board of Education with information on Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, and how the district handles Title IX complaints.

TITLE IX

Curriculum Director Jason Gnegy provided the Board of Education with an update on state and local assessment scores for the 2018-2019 school year. Many of the Board of Education members thanked Jason for his detailed presentation, and shared their thoughts on the data presented.

**2018-2019 M-STEP/SAT
RESULTS OVERVIEW**

Superintendent Palmer presented information on the Emergency Operations Plans the district administration has been creating over the past several months.

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
PLANS**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett, and Director of Operations and Transportation Rob Gleeson, provided the Board of Education with information and costs of 2 new buses the district will be purchasing.

BUS PURCHASE

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with the information received from the Briggs District Library Board regarding their nomination of Sharon Bassette.

**BRIGGS LIBRARY BOARD
APPOINTMENT APPROVAL
REQUEST**

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

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for September 2019:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$1,480,438.86
Food Service Fund	2574.71
Activity Fund	844.70
1998 Debt Fund	0.00
2013 Refunding	0.00
2014 Refunding	0.00
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	0.00
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	0.00
Public Improvement Fund	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,483,858.27

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Janel Thornton - Childcare Provider, and Robin Jensen – Childcare Provider.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Motion by Member Kirk, with support by Treasurer Watson, that the St. Johns Board of Education accepts the audit report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year as presented by Maner Costerisan, P.C. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR
AUDIT REPORT ACCEPTANCE**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his written report, highlighting the cancelation of the Grassroots Advocacy Workshop. He also shared that the safety training that district administrators attended last week went well and was an excellent training. He commented that many of the processes and procedures that were recommended are already in place for our district. He shared that SJ alumni, Dillan Haviland, runs cross country for Lansing Community College, and won 1st place at the NJCAA regional championship on October 27th. Also, we had several individuals and local organizations donate to relieve the district's student lunch debt.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Student Representative Camille Schafer shared that the door decorating contest at the high school is done. She likes this event, as it requires the seminar classes to come together to work on decorating the classroom doors.

Superintendent Palmer reminded the Board of Education of the high school orchestra concert tomorrow night, and of the play off game that the high school football team will play at Mason on Friday night.

Member Kirk questioned why more football play-off games are not played in our new stadium. Superintendent Palmer replied that we have hosted some, but the MHSAA tends to choose sites with a synthetic surface. Many of the members of the Board of Education thanked those that presented updates and information this evening. Vice President Drabek asked if the student achievement information had been shared yet with staff; he would like to see the information presented in a manner as to keep the staff positively engaged. President Darragh reminded those in attendance to get their tickets for the fall musical, Newsies.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education