

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on October 8, 2018**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 8, 2018, at the St. Johns High School Information Center. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Student Representative Pung

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

**AGENDA
APPROVED**

Motion by Member Kirk, support by Member Tennant, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on September 24, 2018. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Kevin Collins, parent of a Riley student, shared his frustration that the district is unable to provide daycare in the Riley area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jason Peters, parent of a Riley student, shared his thoughts on the length of the current bus ride from the Adventure Club at Gateway North Elementary to Riley Elementary, and thinks it is too long.

St. Johns High School Principal Mark Horak introduced the video presentation created by the Vocational Education Department. Mr. Horak also thanked Rhonda Gingrich for the goodies for tonight's meeting and also thanked the vocational education staff on their hard work. After the video presentation, members of the Board of Education and audience toured the vocational education classrooms.

PRESENTATION

Jordan Smith of the accounting firm Stevens, Kirinovic and Tucker, reviewed the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Audit Report with the Board of Education. Mr. Smith thanked Kelly Corbett and the business office staff for their cooperation and assistance in conducting the audit.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION**

**2017-2018 Fiscal
Year Audit Report**

Superintendent Mark Palmer presented information on an out-of-state Middle School 8th grade trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio.

**Middle School 8th
Grade Trip to Cedar
Point in
Sandusky, OH**

Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency Career Education Director, Jennifer Branch, presented an update to the Board of Education on the Career and Technical Education Program offered to students of the Clinton County school districts. She also shared that there will be a CTE

**Career and
Technical Education
(CTE) Program
Update**

Expo in DeWitt on November 6th and 7th, that will allow students to explore career pathways.

Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency Superintendent, Wayne Petroelje, presented the Board of Education with information on the Headlee Restoration Millage that will be on the November 6, 2018 ballot. He shared the importance of this millage, and encouraged the Board of Education members to remind voters to vote on this millage. He also encouraged Board of Education members to tour the CCRESA Education Center.

**Headlee Restoration
Millage**

Superintendent Palmer presented the electronic attendance policy that the district has been using for years. This policy must have Board of Education approval.

**Electronic
Attendance Policy**

Motion by Member Tennant, support by Member Drabek, to approve the consent grouping Number VIII, A1, A2, B1, B2, and C1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved the hiring of Paige Andrews-Shinabargar – Adventure Club/Little Wings Staff, and Amanda Chapko – Child Care Director.

New Hire Approval

Approved the position transfer of Alexia Smith – Sub Bus Driver to Adventure Club/Little Wings Staff, and Stephanie Keller, Sub Food Service Staff to Middle School Food Service Staff.

**Position Transfer
Approval**

Approved the leave of absence request for Joann Prohaska- High School SSP.

**Leave of Absence
Approval**

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Member Drabek, support by Member Kirk, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the resolution to form and support a cooperative agreement for lacrosse between St. Johns and Ovid Elsie. Motion approved unanimously.

**MHSAA Lacrosse
Cooperative
Agreement Approval**

Superintendent Palmer shared that October is National Principal's Month. He also thanked Mark Horak for the tour of the classrooms. He shared that he, along with Kelly Corbett, will be doing a presentation on school funding at this week's Rotary Club meeting.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Student Representative Ernst shared the upcoming events of Homecoming Week and the Homecoming Parade. She invited the Board of Education to the Homecoming assembly on Friday at 10:00 am.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT**

Phyllis McLellan, parent of a Riley student, shared that she wishes there was more transparency in communication, particularly in the Riley efforts for daycare. She suggested the district come up with some sort of communication mechanism to keep parents updated.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Several Board of Education members thanked Kelly Corbett and the business office staff on their efforts with the audit. Many also thanked the parents in attendance, and acknowledged the Riley parents concern over daycare in the area. They also thanked the high school staff for the presentation, tour and snacks. Member Nelson invited anyone interested to attend the Rotary Club meeting as his guest.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education