

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on April 10, 2023**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2023, at the St. Johns High School Orchestra Room. Vice President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members Present: Boak, Darragh, Elliott, Mansfield, Nelson, Watson, and Student Representative Schloegl

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: Jackson

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

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion by Member Boak, with support by Member Elliott, to approve the special workshop meeting minutes from the meeting held on April 3, 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

The Board of Education received in person public comment from Walter Schmidtman regarding evolution.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board did not receive any online public comments.

**REPORTS AND  
INFORMATION**

Michigan Leadership Institute representative Andy Ingall gave the Board of Education an update on the Superintendent search.

**MLI UPDATE**

Jennifer Branch, CCRESA Career Education Director, provided the Board of Education with an update on Career Education. Three students from the program provided information, answered questions from Jennifer and shared some of their experiences in the program.

**CAREER EDUCATION/CTE  
UPDATE IN CLINTON COUNTY**

Rob Gleeson, Director of Operations, provided the Board of Education with information on a recommendation to update bus cameras. Questions were asked and answered.

**BUS CAMERAS REPLACEMENT  
PROPOSAL**

Rob Gleeson, Director of Operations, provided the Board of Education with the recommendation of Smith Oil and Propane for the gas and diesel bid. Questions were asked and answered.

**GAS AND DIESEL BID  
PROPOSAL**

Rob Gleeson, Director of Operations, provided the Board of Education with the recommendation of Smith Oil and Propane for the propane bid. Questions were asked and answered.

**PROPANE BID PROPOSAL**

Jacob Hampton, Technology Director, provided the Board of Education with the recommendation to update the SAN/Backup server, which is the heart of the entire network and stores all of our data. Questions were asked and answered.

**SAN/BACKUP SERVER  
REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL**

Jacob Hampton, Technology Director, provided the Board of Education with the recommendation to replace the High School CAD Lab computers. Questions were asked and answered.

**HIGH SCHOOL CAD LAB  
REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL**

Jacob Hampton, Technology Director, provided the Board of Education with the recommendation to replace student chromebooks devices for 6th grade, 9th grade, and 2nd grade students. Questions were asked and answered.

**STUDENT CHROMEBOOK  
REPLACEMENT PURCHASE  
PROPOSAL**

High school social studies teachers Joe Foster and Allison Zuke presented the Board of Education with information on the social studies curriculum they would like to purchase. Questions were asked and answered.

**HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES  
CURRICULUM PURCHASE  
PROPOSAL**

Elementary teachers Hali Mehney and Tammy VanNorman presented the Board of Education with information on the Benchmark Assessment System they would like to purchase. Questions were asked and answered.

**ELEMENTARY BAS PURCHASE  
PROPOSAL**

Superintendent Mark Palmer shared a couple of minimal updates in the board policies. There were no questions asked.

**BOARD POLICY UPDATES**

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VI A1, B1, B2, B3, and C1.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
GROUPING  
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for March 2023:

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

General Fund	\$2,081,492.35
Food Service Fund	\$11,021.16
Activity Fund	\$24,796.71
2020 Energy Bonds	\$500.00
Energy Bond Construction	\$26,008.25
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,143,818.47</b>

Approved the resignations of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Nanette Hagan – Eureka Elementary Principal, Cheryl Maloney – High School Teacher, and Jamie Smith – Riley Elementary Teacher.

**RESIGNATION APPROVAL**

Approved the termination of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Edith Robinson – Food Service Director.

**TERMINATION APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Elliott that the St. Johns Board of Education approve the purchase for bus cameras from AngelTrax in the amount of \$49,501.34 using funds from the school safety grant. Motion supported by Member Mansfield. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS  
BUS CAMERAS PURCHASE  
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Watson, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the recommendation of the gas and diesel bid submitted by Smith Oil and Propane in the amount of \$2.5000 per gallon of gasoline and \$2.91000 per gallon of diesel, received on March 21, 2023 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Motion unanimously approved.

**GAS AND DIESEL BID  
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Mansfield, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the recommendation of the propane bid submitted by Smith Oil and Propane in the amount of \$1.1700 per gallon received on March 21, 2023, for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 fiscal years. Motion unanimously approved.

**PROPANE BID APPROVAL**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Secretary Boak, that the St. Johns Public School Board of Education approve the purchase of the SAN/Backup Server in the amount of \$63,803.62, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**SAN/BACKUP SERVER  
REPLACEMENT APPROVAL**

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the recommendation to purchase desktop computer replacements for the High School CAD Lab in the total amount of \$56,030, with Clinton County RESA providing \$20,000 toward the cost of the lab, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**HIGH SCHOOL CAD LAB  
REPLACEMENT APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Mansfield, with support by Secretary Boak, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the recommendation to purchase student Chromebook replacements with the total amount not to exceed \$260,000, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**STUDENT CHROMEBOOK  
REPLACEMENT PURCHASE  
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Elliott, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the High School Social Studies Curriculum purchase from SAVVAS Learning Company LLC in the amount of \$59,105.44, as recommended. Motion unanimously approved.

**HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES  
CURRICULUM PURCHASE  
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Watson, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the Elementary BAS purchase, in the amount of \$23,222.70, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**ELEMENTARY BAS PURCHASE  
APPROVAL**

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Member Mansfield, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the policy updates and revisions, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**BOARD POLICY UPDATES  
APPROVAL**

Superintendent Palmer thanked the presenters and teachers for the research in the materials for their students. He shared with the Board that the bond survey was sent out to the community and will close on April 19. He reminded members of the Board of the PEAP Awards that will take place prior to the next board meeting in the Auditorium and that state testing is starting up this

**BOARD  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

week. He shared that all students that applied for Young 5s were accepted at this time, so the lottery draw wasn't needed.

He gave the Board an update on the pool and also on the exterior kitchen freezers and combi-ovens that were ordered for the elementary buildings. He shared that the 2 new buses are set to be delivered May 3, 2023 and will be transitioned into the rotation for next school year.

Superintendent Mark Palmer clarified dates of the Senior Awards, Graduations, and PEAP Awards to the Board.

Student Representative Schloegl provided updates to the Board of Education on the tri-county Youth Action Committee under the Capital Region Community Foundation that allocated \$64,000 to nonprofits for teen issues, sports update, state testing, prom, and she shared that the last day for Seniors is May 26.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT**

The Board of Education received in-person public comments from Marsha Findlay regarding student IEPs.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD  
COMMENTS**

There were no online public comments.

Many Board Members shared they are looking forward to summer and the new social studies curriculum. Many members also thanked the presenters for their information. Vice President Darragh shared that former coach Mariage was named in the Coaches Hall of Fame.

Vice President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Boak, Secretary  
St. Johns Board of Education  
Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Peterson, Recording Secretary