

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on June 22, 2020**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 22, 2020, through a virtual, online meeting. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting url:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89309799011?pwd=UktULzV3QnUxUWJzZmUyZCtoOEZJQT09#success>

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Student Representative Kiel

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Member Jackson, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved unanimously as presented, via a 6-0 roll call vote.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Member Nelson, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on June 8, 2020. Motion unanimously approved via a 6-0- roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

The Board of Education interviewed 2 candidates for the open position on the St. Johns Public School Board, to fulfill the seat recently vacated by Kevin Kirk.

**CANDIDATE
INTERVIEWS**

Adeline Wharton, community member, with 3 children attending the school district, thanked the teachers for how they reacted to the Covid pandemic. She felt it was not great, but was impressed with how quickly the teachers came on board with remote learning. She believes we were better at the implementation than most other districts in Michigan. President Darragh shared that the board cannot engage in dialogue during public comments, but reassured the audience that the administration is considering options, and that decisions will be made when we receive guidance from the State administration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with an overview of the district's student handbooks and curriculum guides for the 2020-2021 school year.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
BUILDING HANDBOOK AND
CURRICULUM GUIDE
UPDATES**

Director of Curriculum, Jason Gnegy, provided the Board of Education with information about the purchase of new textbook for the AP Biology course at the High School. College Board requires our textbooks not be more than 6 years old, and also added the current textbooks are falling apart.

**HIGH SCHOOL AP BIOLOGY
TEXTBOOK PURCHASE**

Director of Curriculum, Jason Gnegy, provided the Board of Education with information regarding the need to purchase new textbooks for the Anatomy and Physiology course at the High schools

**HIGH SCHOOL ANATOMY AND
PHYSIOLOGY TEXTBOOK
PURCHASE**

As required by law, Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with the 2019-2020 Matt Epling Safe School Law Report.

**MATT EPLING SAFE SCHOOL
LAW ANNUAL REPORT**

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Secretary Dedyne, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VIII, A1, B1, B2, C1, C2, C3, C4, D1, E1, E2, E3, E4, and F1. Motion approved unanimously via a 6-0 roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS
PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for May 2020:

General Fund	\$1,326,776.90
Food Service Fund	\$49,738.52
Activity Fund	\$13,279.98
Public Improvement Fund	\$12,475.00
Energy Bond Construction	\$258,592.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,660,862.40

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:
Dawn Gudbranson – Oakview South Elementary SSP, and Tammy Wilson – Oakview South Elementary MTSS Literacy Coach.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:
Betty Hayward – Childcare Provider, Mary Beth Adams Rosenbaum – Print Shop Secretary, Tom Moldenhauer- District Maintenance, and Christine Shutes – Bus Driver.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Approved the non-renewal of contract for the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Sarah Mills – Accounting Technician.

**NON-RENEWAL OF
CONTRACT APPROVAL**

Approved the annual renewal of the following software licenses: Microsoft license for \$21,056.03, Micro Focus license for \$24,352.68, Infinite Campus license for \$31,175.40, and Edgenuity license for \$24,750.00.

**TECHNOLOGY/NETWORK
SOFTWARE LICENSE RENEWAL
APPROVAL**

Approved the 2020-21 MHSAA Membership Resolution.

**2020-2021 MHSAA
MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Vice President Drabek that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the resolution for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget, the Food Service Budget, and the Student/School Activity Fund Budget, as presented. Motion unanimously approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

**ACTION ITEMS
2020-2021 Fiscal Year
Budget Approval for
General Fund, Food
Service Fund, and
Student/School Activity**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Jackson that the St. Johns Board of Education authorizes the levy of 18.0 mills for non-homestead operations and 7.0 mills for debt, as presented. Motion unanimously approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

**L-4029 Information
Approval**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Treasurer Watson, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget Revision Amendment, and revised 2019-2020 Food Service Fund Budget, as presented. Motion unanimously approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

**2019-2020 Budget
Revisions Approval for
General and Food
Service Funds**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Nelson that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the resolution to issue general obligation notes in anticipation of state school aid of \$3,255,000.00 as presented. Motion unanimously approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

**State Aid Borrowing
Resolution 2020-2021
Approval**

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Secretary Dedyne that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the resolution of the sale of 2020 refunding bonds. Motion unanimously approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

**Resolution of the Sale of
2020 Refunding Bonds
Approval**

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves granting tenure to the following outstanding St. Johns Public Schools teachers effective at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, or on the anniversary date of their hire: Schalla Swab, Cortny Toomey, Alexa Weatherwax, Michael Ballor, Monica LaCelle, Joy Kilanowski, and Michael Taylor. Motion unanimously approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

**Teacher Tenure
Recommendation
Approval**

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Secretary Dedyne, that the St. Johns Board of Education appoint Andrea Hallead to the position of Member of the Board of Education of St. Johns Public Schools for the remainder of the term. Motion unanimously approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

**Appointment of
Candidate for Board of
Education**

Superintendent Palmer welcomed Andrea Hallead to the Board of Education, and stated that he will be in touch with her in the next day or so. He also thanked Leslie Salemi for applying, and looks forward to her running in the fall election. He reviewed his written report, and informed the Board of Education of a squirrel chew that took the fiber and power down at Eureka Elementary.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Many members of the Board of Education congratulated Andrea Hallead on her appointment to the Board of Education, and thanked Leslie Salemi for her interest in the position. Several also thanked the staff and administration for how they handled the transition to remote learning. President Darragh thanked the Board of Education for all they have done.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education