

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on August 10, 2020**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met virtually in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2020, using Zoom Webinar. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting url

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83037417762?pwd=NjFnVXhlaXA4ZEhJbXY5R21PTFI4Zz09>

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: Student Representative Kiel

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Member Hallead, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved as presented via 7-0 roll call vote.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Hallead, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on July 6, 2020, and the Special Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2020. Motion unanimously approved via a 7-0 roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Superintendent Mark Palmer presented the proposed Return to Learn Plans for school re-opening this fall. This plan must be approved by the district's Board of Education by August 15, 2020, and submitted to Clinton County RESA by August 17, 2020. Several members of the Board of Education asked questions about the plans and shared their thoughts and concerns about the plans.

**RETURN TO LEARN  
PLANS**

There were approximately 203 members of the public in attendance virtually at the time of the public comment. Many attendees shared their comments, thoughts and concerns about the Return to Learn Plans.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Athletic Director Chris Ervin, presented the Board of Education a proposal to construct a press box, concession stand, and storage building for the baseball and softball fields at the high school. Member Nelson asked if restrooms are included in the plans. Mr. Gleeson responded, no, there will not be restrooms. The cost of this project will have no effect on the general fund.

**REPORTS AND  
INFORMATION  
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PRESS  
BOXES**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett, and Director of Operations Rob Gleeson, presented the Board of Education with a recommendation for the award of the propane bid. The recommended bid from Smith Oil is for school years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023.

**PROPANE BID**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett, and Director of Operations Rob Gleeson, presented the Board of Education information and a recommendation

**CHILLER APPROVAL**

to purchase a second chiller to be placed in the in-town elementary buildings. Over the summer, the chiller at Gateway North Elementary went down, so now both buildings have bad chillers. Vice President Drabek asked if we had bid out the cost. Ms. Corbett and Mr. Gleeson explained that they may have purchased it for a lower cost from another vendor, but there would be additional charges had they went with a different vendor than the other chiller.

Superintendent Palmer and Board of Education Vice President Rick Drabek, provided the board members with the latest policy changes.

**POLICY REVISIONS – FIRST  
READING**

Board of Education President Scott Darragh, provided registration information on the Superintendent Evaluation course through MASB that Member Hallead is required to attend.

**MASB SUPERINTENDENT  
EVALUATION TRAINING  
REGISTRATION**

All of the members of the Board of Education provided their thoughts and comments on the Return to Learn Plans.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS  
RETURN TO LEARNS PLANS**

Member Hallead commented that she believes the additional chiller should be purchased if we expect people back in the buildings soon.

**CHILLER APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Treasurer Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VIII, A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2 and C3. Motion approved unanimously, via a 7-0 roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
GROUPING  
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for June, 2020:

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

General Fund	\$2,192,343.73
Food Service Fund	\$36,850.64
Activity Fund	\$53,665.55
1998 Debt Fund	
2013 Refunding	
2014 Refunding	
2008 Debt Fund	
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	
Public Improvement Fund	\$3,742.50
Energy Bond Construction	\$1,154,737.08
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,441,339.50

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for July, 2020:

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

General Fund	\$1,524,454.05
Food Service Fund	\$5,527.97
Activity Fund	\$10,008.74
1998 Debt Fund	
2020 Refunding	\$332,414.22
2013 Refunding	
2014 Refunding	
2008 Debt Fund	
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	

2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	
Public Improvement Fund	\$153,244.22
Energy Bond Construction	
Total Expenditures	\$2,025,649.20

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Kelly Myers - Middle School Family Consumer Science Teacher, and Tonya Nurenberg – Maintenance and Print Shop Secretary.

**NEW HIRE APPROVAL**

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Dolores Tompkins – Bus Driver, Adrienne Simison – Childcare Provider, and Cindy Aldrich – Middle School Secretary.

**RESIGNATION APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Treasurer Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the Return to Learn Plans as presented. Motion unanimously approved via a 7-0 roll call vote.

**ACTION ITEMS  
RETURN TO LEARN PLANS**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve adding a second chiller at the cost of \$302,076.00, under the Energy Project. Any remaining costs not covered by the energy bond will come from the Public Improvement Fund. Motion unanimously approved via a 7-0 roll call vote.

**CHILLER APPROVAL**

Superintendent Palmer commented on the use of the new software for tonight’s meeting; he thought it went very well. He appreciates the input from everyone on the plans. He also expressed concern for the safety of staff, students, and anyone that enters any of our buildings. Timelines for the Return to Learn Plans are being finalized. He commented on some of the progress that is being made in the buildings for the energy project.

**BOARD  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Several members of the audience expressed their concerns, feelings and appreciation for work and approval of the Return to Learn Plans.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD  
COMMENTS**

Board of Education members thanked everyone for attending and sharing their thoughts and concerns. They also thanked those that worked to develop the Return to Learn Plans.

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary  
St. Johns Board of Education  
Minutes submitted by: Michelle Gorby, Recording Secretary