

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on January 24, 2022**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 24, 2022. President Drabek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Koenigsknecht, Hallead

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Member Darragh, with support by Vice President Watson, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on January 10, 2022. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Member Hallead arrived at 7:03 p.m.

**ARRIVAL OF BOARD
MEMBER**

The Board of Education received online public comments from Kindergarten teacher DJ Logan with positive feedback about the virtual staff Professional Development last Monday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Superintendent Mark Palmer presented the Board of Education with information on the 2022-2023 Schools of Choice Program for St. Johns Public Schools. This included both inter-district and intra-district programs.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
SCHOOLS OF CHOICE
PROGRAM REVIEW**

Operations Director Rob Gleeson briefly reviewed to the Board of Education the importance of updating the fire alarm system at Riley Elementary School.

RILEY FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Superintendent Mark Palmer briefly discussed the change in the Orchestra trip for the 9th and 10th grade students, from Chicago, IL to Cleveland, Ohio.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
9TH AND 10TH GRADE
ORCHESTRA TRIP TO
CLEVELAND, OH**

Superintendent Mark Palmer briefly discussed the change in the Orchestra trip for the 8th grade students, from Chicago, IL to Cleveland, Ohio.

**8TH GRADE ORCHESTRA TRIP
TO CLEVELAND, OH**

President Drabek mentioned the Board Policy Committee will get together to review updates from Thrun and look at the bylaws that govern the Board. Vice President Watson is in charge of the Committee, President Drabek is Chair of

BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

the Committee, and Member Hallead is also a member of the Committee. Member Darragh volunteered to fill the opening available for the Committee.

Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII, A1, B1, B2, and B3. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for December 2021:

General Fund	\$1,825,246.86
Food Service Fund	\$9,413.49
Activity Fund	\$26,178.72

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Selena Hart - Little Wings Childcare, Rachel Powelson - Oakview South Elementary SSP, Rich Lund - High School Teacher.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Darragh, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the trip to Cleveland for the 9th and 10th grade orchestra students, as previously presented in the submitted forms. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
9TH AND 10TH GRADE
ORCHESTRA TRIP TO
CLEVELAND, OHIO**

Motion by Member Darragh, with support by Secretary Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the trip to Cleveland for the 8th grade orchestra students, as presented in the submitted forms. Motion unanimously approved.

**8TH GRADE ORCHESTRA TRIP
TO CLEVELAND, OHIO**

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the air conditioning projects at Eureka and Riley Elementary Schools, as previously presented. The welcome investment was unanimously approved.

**EUREKA AND RILEY
ELEMENTARY AIR
CONDITIONING**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the fire alarm panel project at Riley Elementary. Motion unanimously approved.

RILEY FIRE ALARM PANEL

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his written report. He highlighted the benefit of the basketball game on Friday night, Peter's Sunny Day Foundation in memory of Peter Kurncz who passed away from cancer in 2015. After all of the donations and merchandise sold, \$5,500 was raised for the foundation. The donations go towards helping other families with children with terminal illness.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

He also discussed where the district is at as a whole for attendance, which is 83-85%.

He mentioned the community forum next Monday in the high school auditorium to discuss the ESSER and 11t Grants to provide educational opportunities for students.

Since there is no school this Friday, a network update will be completed throughout the district that will take all network services down.

The Board of Education received online public comments about COVID testing from Heather Hager.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Member Darragh spoke on the state revenue.

Member Hallead apologized for her tardiness.

President Drabek adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Jackson, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education
Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Peterson, Recording Secretary