

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on November 22, 2021**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 22, 2021, at the St. Johns High School Auditorium. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Dedyne

Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Member Hallead, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved as presented.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Secretary Jackson, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on November 8, 2021. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

The board received public comment regarding mask mandates, COVID testing, vaccinations, quarantine of students, freedom of speech concerns, and the MIPHY survey. Those that addressed the board included Karen Andrews, Kellie Havens, Jeff Simpson, Emily Diffin and Lisa Mancuso.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Gleeson presented the Board with information on bids to replace the windows and Eureka Elementary and Riley Elementary.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
EUREKA AND RILEY
WINDOW REPLACEMENT**

Rob Gleeson presented the Board with information to replace 2 busses that use gas instead of propane. Gas is more accessible and allows for use of a variety of gas stations.

BUS REPLACEMENT

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Treasurer Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII, A1, B1, C1, C2, and D1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for October 2021:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$1,472,017.10
Food Service Fund	\$6,735.43
Activity Fund	\$17,075.26
1998 Debt Fund	\$173,145.00
2020 Refunding	\$285,821.25
2013 Refunding	\$11,695.00
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	\$487,575.00
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	\$2,520.00
2020 Energy Bonds Debt Fund	\$44,056.50
Energy Bond Construction	\$673,640.97

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$3,174,281.51

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Rachel Powelson – Oakview South SSP.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Lisa Gruber – Riley Elementary Food Service, and Tom Rollis – District Licensed Professional Counselor.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Approved the transfer of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Trisha Kloha – Middle School SSP to Middle School Secretary.

TRANSFER APPROVAL

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the high school dance team trip to Orlando, FL to compete in dance nationals. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM
TRIP TO ORLANDO, FL FOR
DANCE NATIONALS**

Superintendent Palmer reminded the board that there will not be a weekly report this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday, and that the first trimester is coming to an end. Winter sports for the high school are underway. At half time of the varsity girls' basketball game on November 30th, the high school administration will be recognizing Mark Lasceski for his accomplishments with the girls' basketball program. He resigned as coach last spring.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Several board members wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. There were no public comments.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

President Darragh motioned that the St. Johns Board of Education move into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and was supported by Vice President Drabek.

**MOVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The motion passed unanimously by a 6-0 roll call vote at 7:29 p.m.

The Board of Education returned from Executive Session at 9:38 p.m.

**RETURN FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Jackson, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education
Minutes submitted by: Michelle Gorby, Recording Secretary