

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on Monday, March 9, 2020**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2020, at the Wilson Center Auditorium. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members Present: Darragh, Drabek, Kirk, Nelson, Watson, and Student Representative Kiel

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: Dedyne, Jackson, and Student Representative Schafer

President Darragh appointed Member Nelson as Acting Secretary for the meeting.

**ACTING SECRETARY  
APPOINTED**

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Member Kirk to approve the agenda. Agenda approved as presented.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Member Kirk that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on February 24, 2020. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

President Darragh encouraged participants to exercise restraint if discussing legal proceedings, and that the Board fully supports our administration's response to the notice of an investigation. The safety of our children is the matter of first importance. He reminded participants to allow the legal process to run its course in the pursuit of justice.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with information about the CRTEC program we participate in with the other districts in the CCRESA consortium. Superintendent Palmer answered questions about student participation from the Board President.

**REPORTS AND  
INFORMATION  
PRE-LABOR DAY START  
CRTEC APPROVAL  
CHECKLIST**

Superintendent Palmer shared information regarding the CCRESA 2020-2021 Budget Hearing to be held on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at CCRESA, and the need for the Board of Education to designate a member of the Board as a representative. Treasurer Watson indicated that he is interested in attending, but will step aside if someone else would like to attend.

**CCRESA 2020-2021  
BUDGET HEARING AND  
DESIGNATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett provided the Board of Education with information regarding the authorization of issuance and delegating the sale of 2020 refunding bonds. Vice President Drabek asked Ms. Corbett questions about percentage rates and benefits to doing this earlier than planned. Ms. Corbett responded to Vice President Drabek's questions.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE ISSUANCE AND  
DELEGATING THE SALE OF  
2020 REFUNDING BONDS**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett, and Kurt Carter from Performance Contracting Owner’s Representative, LLC, provided updated information about the Solar Power Purchase Agreement, and the recommendation of a vendor. Members of the Board of Education asked questions about the project.

**SOLAR POWER PURCHASE  
AGREEMENT**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett presented the Board of Education with information on the request to purchase football uniforms. Members of the Board of Education asked Ms. Corbett questions about the purchase.

**FOOTBALL UNIFORM  
PURCHASE**

Members of the Board of Education asked questions regarding specifics of the trips. They also expressed concerns regarding the need for consideration of alternate plans for visiting certain areas.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA  
TRIP TO CHICAGO, IL, AND  
HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA  
TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Nelson, to approve the consent grouping Number VII, A1, and B1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
GROUPING  
ITEMS**

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Nancy Salazar – Childcare Provider.

**NEW HIRE APPROVAL**

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Mary Ellen Darnell – Oakview South Elementary SSP.

**RESIGNATION APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Vice President Drabek that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the out-of-state, overnight Middle School Orchestra trip to Chicago, IL. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA  
TRIP TO CHICAGO, IL  
APPROVAL**

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Member Nelson that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the out-of-state, overnight High School Orchestra trip to Washington D.C., as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA  
TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.  
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Kirk, with support by Treasurer Watson that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the resolution authorizing the issuance and delegating of the sale of 2020 refunding bonds, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**Resolution Authorizing  
the Issuance and  
Delegating the Sale of  
2020 Refunding Bonds  
Approval.**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his written report. He shared a letter with the Board of Education that Middle School Principal Adel DiOrio received from an adjudicator of the past weekend’s Band and Orchestra festival. He was very impressed with students of our orchestra program and the talent of orchestra teacher Jennifer Parker. He added information about current discussions of

**BOARD  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SUPERINTENDENT’S  
REPORT**

revisions and adjustments to the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the biggest changes that we may see are in the area of foreign languages.

Student Representative Kiel provided the members of the Board of Education with an update on past and upcoming events at the high school and middle school.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT**

Middle School Principal Adel DiOrio reminded the Board of Education that March is Reading Month.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD  
COMMENTS**

Several members of the Board of Education thanked Student Representative Kiel for his update, and wished him well on his upcoming trip to Spain. President Darragh stated that a budget workshop needs to be scheduled. It was decided to hold the budget workshop on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary  
St. Johns Board of Education