

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on June 14, 2021**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2021, at the high school band room. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was also available online for public participation.

CALL TO ORDER

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87558437196?pwd=dU4xQVZZUXpVaTI3MmE0TjRqb0tWQT09>

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: None

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Member Hallead, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on May 24, 2021. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Director of Business and Finance, Kelly Corbett, presented the projected general fund, food service fund and student/school activity fund budgets for the 2021-2022 school year. The presentation included enrollment projections, information on the State Aid membership calculation, and a financial overview.

**BUDGET HEARING
2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR
BUDGET – GENERAL FUND,
FOOD SERVICE FUND, AND
STUDENT/ACTIVITY FUND**

Director of Business and Finance, Kelly Corbett, provided information on the 2021-2022 Tax Levy.

L-4029 TAX LEVY

Director of Business and Finance, Kelly Corbett, provided the 2020-2021 budget revision information for the general fund and the food service fund. President Darragh asked for confirmation that the 18 mils is up in 2023, and Ms. Corbett confirmed that this is correct.

**2020 - 2021 BUDGET
REVISIONS FOR GENERAL
AND FOOD SERVICE FUNDS**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed the plan. Although this school year is done, we still have to report the plan and attendance for the remainder of this month.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
EXTENDED COVID-19
LEARNING PLAN RE-
CERTIFICATION**

Online participation:

DJ Logan – Gateway North Elementary Teacher, thanked the Board for helping to get through the year, and also the district office for helping things run smoothly. She also encouraged the Board to get information out about the solar panels that are being installed throughout the district. She stated there a lot rumors about

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what is going on and where the money is coming from. She is excited about it and is looking forward to the savings for the district.

Middle School Math Teacher Kim Weber provided the Board of Education with information on a math curriculum purchase they would like to make. Board members asked questions about the curriculum, and those questions were answered.

Curriculum Director Jason Gnegy presented the Board of Education with the recommendation for a teacher that should be granted tenure.

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with the administrator and non-union support staff contract compensation schedule recommendation. He also shared information on how the schedule was determined.

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with Thrun Law Firm Board Policy 5207 Anti-Bullying. Per state law, if there is a change to this policy, it must be presented to the Board of Education for its approval apart from the other policies.

Technology Director Wendy Andrzejewski provided the Board of Education with the Edgenuity software license renewal. Because of the increased number of students using Edgenuity this school year, the amount of this renewal has increased.

As required by law, Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with the 2020-2021 Matt Epling Safe School Law Annual Report.

The Board of Education was provided the opportunity to discuss the Thrun Law Firm Board Policies that appear as an action item at this meeting. There were no questions asked by the members of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education was given the opportunity to discuss the plan to restructure the middle school schedule. Member Hallead stated that she is very excited to see the work that was done on the plan. It presents much more rigor and student choice. She thanked the staff for their work on the plan. Treasurer Watson and President Darragh also thanked the staff for their work on the plan.

The Board of Education was given the opportunity to discuss the sale of the 2021 refunding bonds. Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett reviewed the sale and added that it will save the taxpayers \$1.3 million. Member Jackson complimented Ms. Corbett on her work on the sale of the bonds.

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number IX, A, B1, B2, B3 and C1. Motion approved unanimously.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH
CURRICULUM PURCHASE
REQUEST**

**TEACHER TENURE
RECOMMENDATION**

**ADMINISTRATOR AND
NON-UNION SUPPORT
STAFF CONTRACTS**

**THRUN LAW FIRM BOARD
POLICY REVIEW – 1ST
READING – 5207 ANTI-
BULLYING POLICY**

**EDGEUNITY SOFTWARE
LICENSE RENEWAL**

**MATT EPLING SAFE
SCHOOL LAW**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
THRUN LAW FIRM BOARD
POLICY REVIEW – 2ND
READING**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE
RESTRUCTURE PLAN**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SALE
OF 2021 REFUNDING
BONDS**

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved the 2021-2022 MHSAA Membership Resolution.

**2021-2022 MHSAA
MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION
APPROVAL**

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:
Noelle Cramer – Eureka Elementary 4th Grade Teacher, Gary Welch – District
Maintenance, Skilled Trades 1, Brenna Rambo – Custodian.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the position transfer of the following St. Johns Public Schools
employee: Sandra Brewbaker – High School Custodian to Technology Secretary

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Member Hallead, that the St.
Johns Public Schools Board of Education re-certify the district’s Extended
COVID-19 Learning Plan as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
EXTENDED COVID-19
LEARNING PLAN RE-
CERTIFICATION**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Nelson, that the St.
Johns Public Schools Board of Education repeal its existing NEOLA board
policies, bylaws, and administrative guidelines, with the exception of existing
Board policy 5517.01, concerning student bullying, and adopt the Thrun Policy
Manual, with the exception of Policy 5207, concerning student bullying, as
presented and recommended by the Administration in the Repeal/Replace
Resolution. Motion unanimously approved.

**BOARD POLICY REPEAL AND
REPLACE APPROVAL**

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Member Hallead, that the
St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the Middle School
Schedule Restructure Plan as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE
RESTRUCTURE PLAN**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Treasurer Watson, that the St.
Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the resolution of the sale of
2021 refunding bonds. Motion unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION OF THE SALE OF
2021 REFUNDING BONDS**

Superintendent Palmer encouraged the members of the Board of Education to
contact their State Senator regarding a bill that was introduced to remove the
July 1st deadline for the budget, which was just put in place a couple of years
ago. Now they want to repeal it and “leave everyone hanging.” He also made
the Board aware of the 5th graders that received the PEAP awards. Other items
included the hiring of the new special education supervisor. He also provided
the Board information on the high school principal position and the math
coach position. Member Hallead asked about the hiring process for the new
principal and asked if there was any Board involvement. Member Nelson and
Vice President Drabek commented that they had participated in administrator
interviews in the past. Superintendent Palmer will take this suggestion back to
the interview team.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT**

Adel Diorio thanked the Board for their support of the middle school schedule
restructure, as well as those the team that worked on the plan.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Member Jackson appreciates the depth and breadth of dedication by the administrative staff through this rough time – great job by everybody.

Treasurer Watson provided an update on the CCRESA biennial election. He also mentioned that 3 of the CCRESA districts are getting new superintendents – DeWitt, Pewamo-Westphalia and Fowler.

Vice President Drabek shared that it was a fantastic opportunity to attend the graduation ceremonies. He thanked Rob Gleeson for his set up of the high school graduation.

President Darragh also commented on commencements. He recognized and thanked Dr. Kim Ross for her service as she is retiring. He shared his personal experience working with Dr. Ross concerning his daughter.

Member Jackson motioned that the St. Johns Board of Education move into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and was supported by Member Hallead.

**MOVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The motion passed unanimously by a 7-0 roll call vote at 8:18 p.m., and the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

The Board of Education returned from Executive Session at 8:54 p.m.

**RETURN FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the contract with the St. Johns Bus Driver's Association. Motion unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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