

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Virtual Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on June 8, 2020**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2020, through a virtual, online meeting. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting url:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84017025380?pwd=NVRJRlk3anN1NERISlpuQWpUQlRFdz09>

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Student Representative Schafer, and Student Representative Kiel

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Member Nelson, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved as presented with a 6-0 roll call vote.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Vice President Drabek, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on May 11, 2020. Motion approved with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**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 2020-2021 school year. She relayed that it appears that we will see a decrease in our per pupil state aid monies, as well as enrollment.

**BUDGET HEARING
2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR
BUDGET – GENERAL FUND,
FOOD SERVICE FUND, AND
STUDENT/ACTIVITY FUND**

Director of Business and Finance, Kelly Corbett, provided information on the 2020-2021 Tax Levy.

L-4029 TAX LEVY

Director of Business and Finance, Kelly Corbett, provided the 2019-2020 budget revision information for the general fund and the food service fund.

**2019-2020 BUDGET
REVISIONS FOR GENERAL
AND FOOD SERVICE FUNDS**

Troy Bancroft, President and CEO of AgroLiquid, and resident of the school district, addressed the Board of Education and encouraged the members and Administration to support the development of an AgScience program in the district. He shared many of the advantages of having an AgScience program in our district, including enhancing employability skills and confidence, enhance school notoriety, and leadership development. He also shared that 20% of the state of Michigan is employed by the agriculture industry, and it ranks second, behind automobile manufacturing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

DJ Logan, Gateway North Elementary School kindergarten teacher welcomed the newly hired staff. She also thanked the administration for their support during

the uncharted waters this spring with remote learning. She also thanked the administration for their forward leading thinking.

Director of Business and Finance, Kelly Corbett, notified the Board of Education that given all the uncertainty, she is still working on the State Aid Borrowing Resolution. If we do not receive additional information from the State on funding, she will likely borrow conservatively. The district needs enough cash on hand to make payroll, and pay our bills.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
STATE AID BORROWING
RESOLUTION 2020-2021**

Director of Technology, Wendy Andrzejewski, provided the Board of Education with information for the renewal of the Microsoft license. She explained that Microsoft has changed their pricing structure, and we no longer have the option we've had in the past.

**MICROSOFT LICENSE
RENEWAL**

Director of Technology, Wendy Andrzejewski, provided the Board of Education with information for the Microfocus License Renewal.

**MICROFOCUS LICENSE
RENEWAL**

Director of Technology, Wendy Andrzejewski, provided the Board of Education with information for the renewal of the license for Infinite Campus.

**INFINITE CAMPUS LICENSE
RENEWAL**

Director of Technology, Wendy Andrzejewski, provided the Board of Education with information for the Edgenuity license renewal.

**EDGEUINITY LICENSE
RENEWAL**

Curriculum Director, Jason Gnegy, presented the Board of Education the recommendations for teachers that should be granted tenure.

**TEACHER TENURE
RECOMMENDATION**

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with the annual renewal for the middle school and high school to participate in MHSAA tournaments.

**2020-21 MHSAA
MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION**

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with the resignation of Member/Trustee Kevin Kirk, effective immediately.

**RESIGNATION OF BOARD
OF EDUCATION MEMBER**

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items VII, A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, and D1. Motion unanimously approved with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Katie Goff – St. Johns Middle School Counselor, and Delaney Sullivan – Elementary Counselor.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Tammy Hazelman – St. Johns High School Food Service, Marianne Schloegel – Oakview South Elementary Preschool Assistant Teacher.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Approved the layoff of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Mary Beth Adams- Rosenbaum – Print Shop Secretary.

LAYOFF APPROVAL

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

TERMINATION APPROVAL

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Palmer expanded on his written report. He conveyed information about the two meetings that SJPS, CCRESA and Fowler School District have had with Mr. Bancroft, from AgroLiquid. The biggest challenge we seem to have is generating enough interest in the program, as we have tried having this program in the past without any success. He said that it is surprising to him that with agriculture being so big in our county, that there is very little interest this type of program. We will continue to explore to see what we can do differently to recruit interest.

Superintendent Palmer told the Board of Education the non union staff and administration are on a salary freeze.

He was going to bring the 2020-2021 student handbooks and course/curriculum guides to the Board of Education this evening, but because of some recent Title IX changes, we will not introduce them until the next meeting.

Our current version of BoardBook, the application we use to create the board packets, will no longer be supported after June 30, 2020. We will be transferring to BoardBook Premier on July 1, 2020. We are going to try to have the July 1, 2020 board packet completed in our current version, as we will have read-only access to the current version for awhile. This is to avoid the issue of the Board members learning the new application, then having a 6 week break before using the new product again in the new school year.

He relayed that the parents, students and staff were outstanding throughout the online process. He has formed a committee to see what the learning environment may look like in the fall.

Superintendent Palmer thanked Kelly Corbett for all of her work with the budget.

Bob Craig, resident of St. Johns and the school district for over 43 years addressed the Board of Education. He is also a former Board of Education member. He thanked the Board of Education for all of the work they do. He supports having an agscience program at St. Johns, and hopes we can succeed with a good collaborative effort with Fowler. He is looking forward to working with CCRESA, St. Johns and Fowler to get this program started.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Treasurer Watson thanked Kevin Kirk for his service to the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education. He also thanked Kelly Corbett for her work on the budget, and welcomed the newly hired counselors.

Trustee Nelson is sure that the new counselors will enjoy working at St. Johns.

Vice President Drabek thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and also wished Kevin Kirk was at the meeting so that we could thank him for his service.

President Darragh stated that he hopes the budget won't look as bad as it does now. He also asked Superintendent Palmer if we had any more information about graduation. Superintendent Palmer said that if we have not heard anything from the governor, we will have to finalize a plan. He also welcomed the new counselors.

Eric Voisinet entered the meeting late. He expressed his support for an agscience program. His daughter attends the program at Bath (High School) and is no longer a shy student and is effective with public speaking, interviewing and such. He asked to be put on the agenda for the next Board of Education meeting.

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education