

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on October 12, 2020**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 12, 2020, at the Wilson Center Board Room. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Drabek, Student Representative Kiel

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Secretary Dedyne, to approve the Special Meeting minutes from the meeting held on October 5, 2020, and the Executive meeting minutes from October 5, 2020. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Mishelle Pagels, parent, expressed her opinion on the requirement for students to wear facial coverings at school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jordan Smith, of Maner-Costerisan, P.C., reviewed the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit report that was provided to the members of the Board of Education.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR
AUDIT REPORT**

Members of the Board of Education discussed remote participation at Board of Education meetings. They discussed the need to have a quorum of the Board physically present onsite, if some members want to participate remotely. Some Members shared they've been on other boards that allowed remote participation. Several members commented that it appears we have better public participation with remote meetings.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETINGS**

In light of recent rulings made by the Michigan Supreme Court stating executive orders issued after April 30, 2020, by Governor Whitmer were unconstitutional, the Board of Education discussed the need to consider adopting a motion to ratify all action taken of this Board at meetings that were held remotely after April 30, 2020

**RATIFICATION OF ACTION
TAKEN AT BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETINGS**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Secretary Dedyne, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII, A1, A2 and B1. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:
Audriana Wright – Childcare Provider, and Kendra Thelen – Bus Driver.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:
Debra Chamberlain – Technology Department Secretary

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Motion by Member Jackson with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education ratify all board decisions made at regular or special board meetings held remotely between May 1, 2020 and that date of this motion. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
Ratification of Action
Taken At Board of
Education Meetings
Approval**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approves the recommendation to appoint Terrilynn Voisin, residing at 3986 West M-21, St. Johns MI 48879, to a four year term on the Briggs District Library Board, expiring on December 31, 2024. Motion unanimously approved.

**Briggs District Library
Board Appointment
Request Approval**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his written report. He shared that our flu shot clinics were last week. Both Superintendent Palmer and Curriculum Director Jason Gnegy have been meeting with teachers to discuss what is and what is not working. He also shared that we finally received our hot spots from Verizon.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Brenda DeLiso and Chris DeLiso, parents of children in the district, expressed their views on the requirement of students having to wear facial coverings while at school or at school events.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Some members of the Board of Education commented on the wearing of facial coverings.

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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