

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on February 11, 2019**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2019, 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, Drabek, Kirk, Nelson, Watson

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Jackson, Student Representative Ernst, Student Representative Pung

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

**AGENDA
APPROVED**

Motion by Member Nelson, support by Vice President Drabek, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on January 14, 2019. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Gateway North Elementary Principal Mike Winkel, Literacy Coach Hali Mehney, and kindergarten teachers Erica Muehlhauser and Emilie Ritter provided and overview and the successes of their comprehensive literacy model.

**PRESENTATION
Coaching in the
Comprehensive
Literacy Model**

Gary Scheuren of HRS provided an update to the Board of Education on the work that has been over the past few months on the Wilson Center project. He shared the concerns that MSHDA has with the project. The project may now include the acquisition of the entire property, not just the space needed for the residential piece.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
Memorandum of
Understanding with
HRS**

Superintendent Palmer outlined both the intra-district and inter-district programs that the district has run for the past several years. The Board of Education reviews these programs yearly and will be asked to approve both at a future meeting.

**Schools of Choice
Program Review**

President Darragh reminded the members of the Board of Education of the workshop scheduled for February 20, 2019, at 6:00pm, at the Wilson Center Board Room. He would like the members to review the list of questions he sent to them, so they would be ready to discuss them at the meeting.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
Board Workshop –
Board of Education
Goals**

President Darragh presented the Board of Education with a couple of committees he would like formed. One is to work with Superintendent Palmer on the Superintendent evaluation process, to make the process run more smoothly. He would also like members to work on a planning meeting, to formulate Board goals for the next 1 ½ years. He would like a member of the committee to record the discussions.

Board Assignments

Motion by Treasurer Watson, support by Member Nelson, to approve the consent grouping Number VIII, A1, B1, and B2. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for December 2018:

**PAYMENT OF
BILLS**

General Fund	\$1,549,505.64
Food Service Fund	53, 525.03
1998 Debt Fund	0.00
2013 Refunding	0.00
2014 Refunding	0.00
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	0.00
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	0.00
Public Improvement Fund	0.00
2010 Series B Bond Payment	0.00
Scholarship/Trust Fund	0.00
Activity Fund	40, 265.75
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1, 643, 296.42

Approved hiring of McKenna Grieve – Gateway North Elementary SSP, and Eloisa Martinez-Nadeau – Childcare Provider

**NEW HIRE
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Nelson, support by member Kirk, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the High School Baseball Team trip to Pensacola, FL from March 25-29, 2019, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS
High School Baseball
Team Trip to
Pensacola, FL
Approval**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Board of Education accepts and authorizes the Resignation and Release Agreement of C. Conley. Motion approved unanimously.

Retirement

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his report. The MASA conference that he attended last week went well, and he shared highlights of what he heard and learned at the conference. He also pointed out accomplishments of some of the high school groups and teams, and reviewed the schedule for the visiting authors that will be in the district at the end of the month.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Carla Wardin appreciates the Board of Education for listening and getting back to her on her concerns. She thanked the members for their service to the district.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Board of Education members thanked the Gateway staff for tonight's presentation, and shared some of the experiences they had over the past couple of weeks with community activities and members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education