

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on February 12, 2024**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2024, at the Riley Elementary Cafeteria. President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Boak, Darragh, Elliott, Jackson, Mansfield, Nelson, Watson, and Student Representative Koenigskecht

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: None

Motion by Member Mansfield, with support by Treasurer Nelson, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved unanimously.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Member Elliott, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on January 15, 2024. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Treasurer Nelson, to approve the executive session minutes from the meeting held on January 15, 2024. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES**

The Board of Education received in-person public comments from Heather Romero regarding student behavior.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no online comments.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION**

Rob Gleeson, Operations Director, introduced Greg and Kurt from Site Logiq. They each shared information with the Board on the status and the savings of the energy project thus far. Questions were asked by the Board and were answered by Site Logiq as well as Rob Gleeson.

ENERGY PROJECT OVERVIEW

Andrew Tisdale, Riley Principal, brought in student council students to present to the Board of Education, to share what makes Riley Elementary a great place.

**BUILDING UPDATE - RILEY
ELEMENTARY**

Roy Davis, Band Director, presented the Board of Education with information on requesting a student trip to Hawaii. Questions were asked and answered.

**BAND TRIP TO HAWAII
PRESENTATION**

Superintendent Anthony Berthiaume presented to the Board of Education the return to learn services plan for the district in the event there should be another pandemic.

**RETURN TO LEARN AND
CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN**

Superintendent Anthony Berthiaume presented the 2024-2025 calendar tentative agreement to the Board.

**2024-2025 CALENDAR TA
UPDATE**

Jacob Hampton, Technology Director, presented to the Board of Education the ERATE process and recommended going with MOSS and AmComm for the projects. Questions were asked and answered.

ERATE PRESENTATION

Superintendent Anthony Berthiaume updated the Board of Education on the status of the previous Construction Manager, Rockford, and his recommendation to move forward with The Christman Company for the upcoming bond projects. Jacob and Amy from Christman shared their philosophy with the Board and ensured the Board they are ready for the work.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER
AND BOND UPDATE**

Superintendent Anthony Berthiaume gave the Board of Education the opportunity to discuss any of the board policy updates that were reviewed in December before approving.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES

Motion by Member Watson, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII - A1, B1, B2, and C1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for January 2024:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$1,844,059.34
Food Service Fund	\$8,280.57
Activity Fund	\$19,667.87
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	\$500.00
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	\$500.00
<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</i>	<i>\$1,873,007.78</i>

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:
Olivia Loomis – Special Education Teacher at the Middle School, Jaxson Sillman – Childcare Provider at Little Wings and Adventure Club.

NEW HIRE APPROVALS

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee:
Jean Pingel – Math Interventionist at Gateway North Elementary.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Motion by Member Elliott, with support by Member Mansfield, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve continued participation during the 2024-2025 school year in the Schools of Choice program described in Sections 105 and 105c of the State School Aid Act. Motion approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
SCHOOLS OF CHOICE
INTER-DISTRICT (105/105c)
POLICY UPDATES APPROVAL**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the revised Intra-District Schools of Choice Guidelines and Request for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented. Motion approved.

**SCHOOLS OF CHOICE
INTRA-DISTRICT GUIDELINES
APPROVAL**

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the trip to Pensacola, Florida for the high school baseball team, as presented. Motion approved.

**HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM
TRIP TO PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Watson, with support by Vice President Darragh, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the policy updates and revisions, as presented. Motion approved.

POLICY UPDATES APPROVAL

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Vice President Darragh, that the St. Johns Board of Education approve the registration for Member Mansfield's attendance at the MASB 2024 Winter Webinar Series on January 25, February 22, and March 14, 2024. Motion approved.

**MASB CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION APPROVAL -
2024 WINTER WEBINAR**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to enter into agreement with The Christman Company for construction management services related to the bond initiative. Motion approved with a 6-1 vote, with Member Mansfield voting no.

**APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT FIRM**

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Secretary Boak, that the St. Johns Board of Education approve the network electronics project be awarded to MOSS, in a total not to exceed \$644,221.72 from general fund, as recommended. Motion approved.

**NETWORK ELECTRONICS RFP
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Elliott, with support by Member Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the structured cable project be awarded to MOSS, in a total not to exceed \$3,351.00 from general fund, as recommended. Motion approved.

**STRUCTURED CABLE RFP
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Mansfield, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the self-provisioned fiber maintenance project be awarded to AmComm, as recommended. Motion approved.

**SELF-PROVISIONED FIBER
MAINTENANCE RFP APPROVAL**

Superintendent Anthony Berthiaume and the Executive Directors' shared updates with the Board regarding their departments. Superintendent Berthiaume congratulated competition theatre and shared that Gateway and Oakview were nominated as showcase schools for Capturing Kids Hearts. He reminded the Board that the March meeting will be combined with the City Commissioners.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT AND EXECUTIVE
DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Student Representative Ella Koenigsknecht gave the Board of Education an update on sports, competition theatre going to States, and shared that YAC and the Compassion Club made bags for MSU in remembrance of the tragedy a year ago. She was also excited to share that Fox 47 interviewed the high school pantry.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

There were no in person or online public comments.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Many members thanked Andrew Tisdale for hosting the meeting, and welcomed new members to the team: Dan Romzek and Christman. Many also expressed that the student council members' presentation was great. Member Elliott shared she is looking forward to the combined meeting next month. Secretary Boak shared a few takeaways from his CBA course. Member Watson thanked Site Logiq for the energy update, and Vice President Darragh thanked those who reached out regarding MSU, as it touched a lot of us. He also congratulated Ella and Solo and Ensemble, and shared Mr. Davis is always there to support his students.

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Boak, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education
Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Peterson, Recording Secretary