

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on February 25, 2019**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 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, Jackson, Nelson, Watson, and Student Representative Ernst

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Kirk, and Student Representative Pung

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Treasurer Watson, support by Member Jackson, to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes from the meeting held on February 20, 2019. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Clinton County Sheriff Larry Jerue, St. Johns Chief of Police, David Kirk, and Clinton County Emergency Services Coordinator Larry St. George, presented Director of Operations Jerry Jones, with a Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing the time, effort and dedication he has put forth to improve preparedness for school safety.

**PRESENTATION
Clinton
County Sheriff's
Office**

Middle School teacher Josh Heethuis presented the Board of Education with an update on the trip that middle school students took to the Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta, GA in January 2019. Student participants also shared the positive experiences they had on the trip. Mr. Heethuis would like to make this an annual trip.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
Middle School Junior
Theater Festival Trip to
Atlanta, GA**

Middle School Assistant Principal Dan Kemsley provided the Board of Education with information and reasons on why the 7th and 8th grade football program should be moved back to the middle school. SJYAA has responsible for the program for the past 10 years.

**Middle School Football
Program**

Oakview South Principal Jim Alspaugh, Elementary Math Coach Jennifer Newman, and Curriculum Director Jason Gnegy provided the Board of Education with information on a math program they would like purchased for the elementary level.

**Elementary Math
Purchase**

Technology Director Wendy Andrzejewski, provided the Board of Education with information and a vendor recommendation for the eRate bid and project.

**eRate Bid
Recommended Vendor**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett, and Operations Director Jerry Jones, presented the Board of Education with the results and vendor recommendation for the Riley Elementary paint bid.

Riley Paint Bid

Superintendent Palmer informed the Board of Education about the Clinton County RESA 2019-2020 proposed general fund operating budget special meeting that will take place in April 24, 2019.

**CCRESA Budget
Hearing Designation of
Representative Form**

Superintendent Palmer informed the Board of Education of an overnight trip the High School Business Professionals of America Team is taking to the State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, MI in March.

**High School BPA Trip
to Grand Rapids, MI**

Superintendent Palmer informed the Board of Education about the hiring of Lindsay Weismiller as the Middle School Secretary.

**STAFFING
New Hire**

Superintendent Palmer informed the Board of Education of the resignation, in preparation of retirement, of Heather Dedyne, High School teacher.

Resignation

President Darragh made a recommendation to postpone Item VII, sub items A, B and C, in order to allow the discussion on sub item D. No one opposed the recommendation.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

Gary Scheuren of HRS reviewed the final draft of the memorandum to purchase the Wilson Center. Director of Business and Finance added that Thrun has reviewed the document and have given their approval. The appraisal of the property came back earlier today and it falls within the range.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
Memorandum of
Understanding with
HRS**

President Darragh reviewed what was discussed at the February 20, 2019, workshop meeting.

**Board Workshop
Meeting Update**

Secretary Dedyne, Member Jackson and Member Watson are willing to work on the Superintendent's Evaluation process in an effort to ensure a smooth process for the end of the year. President Darragh asked that they get with Superintendent Palmer to set up times to meet. President Darragh will continue to take the notes for the discussions on goals, vision and mission.

Board Assignments

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by member Jackson, to approve the consent grouping Number VIII, A1, B1, and C1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for January 2019:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$1,487,685.29
Food Service Fund	42,209.49
1998 Debt Fund	0.00
2013 Refunding	0.00
2014 Refunding	0.00
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	500.00
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	500.00
Public Improvement Fund	0.00
2010 Series B Bond Payment	0.00
Scholarship/Trust Fund	0.00

ACTIVITY FUND	40, 866.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1, 572, 060.78

Approved the hiring of Lindsay Weismiller, Middle School secretary

New Hire Approval

Approved the resignation, in preparation of retirement, of Heather Dedyne, High School teacher.

Resignation Approval

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Secretary Dedyne, with support by Member Nelson that the St. Johns Board of Education approves continued participation during the 2019-2020 school year in the Schools of Choice program described in Section 105 and 105c of the State School Aid Act. Motion approved unanimously.

Schools of Choice Inter-District 105 and 105c Program Participation Approval

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Treasurer Watson that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the revised Intra-district Schools of Choice Guidelines and Request Form for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Schools of Choice Intra-District Guideline Approval

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his weekly memo with the Board of Education. He mentioned the Energy Recovery and Reinvestment program with Schneider Electric that the district is considering. He would like to move to the next step in the process. If any of the Board of Education members have any concerns either way about this endeavor, please contact Superintendent Palmer.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Student Representative Ernst provided the Board of Education with an update on events that have taken place recently at the high school. This included a report that the sports teams are doing great this season. She also reported that the students put up posters in the high school food commons area, thanking the food service staff. The high school students are excited to welcome Shane and Chris Houghton to the district later this week.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

DJ Logan, Gateway Elementary Teacher, informed the district, and thanked members of the high school Good Wins Club for their help with Gateway's Daddy/Daughter Dance. She also mentioned that Mike Winkel did a fantastic job taking care of the needs of his staff earlier today.

Members of the Board of Education congratulated Jerry Jones on the commendation he received. They also thanked the staff for their presentations and reports at tonight's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education

