

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Virtual Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on February 8, 2021**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2021, virtually using Zoom. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88420377446?pwd=cWRvRnFMYW9uMmJOT2NFdThzeDh3UT09>

Members Present: Darragh, Drabek, Hallead, Jackson, Nelson, Watson, and Student Representative Kiel

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Dedyne

President Scott Darragh appointed Member Alan Nelson as acting secretary for the meeting, as Secretary Dedyne was not in attendance.

**ACTING SECRETARY
APPOINTED**

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Member Hallead, to approve the agenda. Agenda unanimously approved as presented via a 6-0 show of hands.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Member Nelson, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on January 25, 2021. Motion unanimously approved via a 6-0 show of hands.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

DJ Logan, Gateway North Elementary teacher thanked those that arranged for the staff to be vaccinated. She is also excited to see that the district received the energy rebates and commented on the dimmer switches that are now in her classroom.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Superintendent Palmer provided the members of the Board of Education with an update on instruction which included student attendance and course failures, and COVID -19 staff and student positive test cases and quarantine information. Board members asked questions about the data.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
INSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Athletic Director Chris Ervin provided the members of the Board of Education with an update on winter athletics. Board members asked questions about attendance at the competitions, and the use of personal protection equipment at practices and competitions.

WINTER ATHLETICS

There were no comments.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
SCHOOLS OF CHOICE
PROGRAM REVIEW**

President Darragh requested discussion and feedback about a resolution MASB created that outlines reasons school boards should be allowed to meet in person for their meetings, instead of only virtually during the pandemic. Members of the Board of Education expressed their views on whether they should be allowed to meet in person or not.

**MASB RESOLUTION TO
PERMIT SCHOOL BOARDS TO
MEET IN-PERSON**

Motion by Member Halled, with support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping number VII, A1, A2, and A3. Motion approved unanimously via a 6-0 roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Vicki Foreback – Eureka Elementary Teacher, Jodi Welch – Gateway North Elementary SSP, and Anne Marie Potter – Eureka Elementary Principal.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the revised Intra-District Schools of Choice Guidelines and Request Form for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented. Motion unanimously approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

ACTION ITEMS

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

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve continued participation during the 2021-2022 school year in the Schools of Choice program described in Sections 105 and 105c of the State School Aid Act. Motion unanimously approved via a 6-0 roll call vote.

**SCHOOLS OF CHOICE
INTER-DISTRICT POLICY
REVIEW APPROVAL**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his written report. He thanked Jason Gnegy for arranging for our literacy staff to virtually attend the literacy conference this year. He informed the board of the new student online registration process the district is implementing. He also provided an update on the ORS closing agreement, the energy rebates, and the Special Education summary data that was included in his report.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Student Representative Kiel shared that the high school competition theatre took first place in regionals over the weekend, and has advanced them to the state competition. He provided information on how the virtual show may be viewed. Member Hallead asked about middle school and high school musicals and Student Representative Kiel answered the question.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Members of the Board of Education congratulated the high school competition theatre students on their success, and thanked Mr. Ervin for his presentation. They also reflected on the careers and resignations of Vicki Foreback and Anne Marie Potter.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:27p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Nelson, Acting Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education
Minutes submitted by: Michelle Gorby, Recording Secretary