

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on Monday, October 10, 2022**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 10, 2022, at the St. Johns High School Orchestra Room. President Drabek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members Present: Boak, Darragh, Drabek, Jackson, Koenigsknecht, Nelson, and Watson

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: Student Representative Schloegl

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

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion by Vice President Watson, with support by Member Darragh, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on September 12, 2022. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

No public comment in person or online.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jordan Smith, of Maner Costerisan, P.C., provided the Board of Education with the 2021-2022 fiscal year audit report. Jordan answered questions from the Board of Education.

**REPORTS AND  
INFORMATION  
2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR  
AUDIT REPORT**

Mke Winkel, Curriculum Director, provided the Board of Education with the student data from M-STEP testing in the spring. Board Members asked questions about the data and requested more historical data for the next data summary update.

**SPRING DATA SUMMARY**

Rob Gleeson, Director of Operations, provided the Board of Education with the importance of replacing the Middle School fire alarm system. Rob answered questions from the Board of Education.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRE ALARM  
SYSTEM REPLACEMENT**

Rob Gleeson, Director of Operations, provided the Board of Education with updated information on the price increase for the middle school parking lot. Rob answered questions from the Board of Education.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING  
LOT CONTRACT REVISION**

Motion by Member Boak, with support by Member Koenigsknecht, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VI, A1, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, B8, C1, C2, and C3. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
GROUPING  
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for September 2022:

General Fund	\$1,780,718.20
Food Service Fund	\$624.37
Activity Fund	\$35,169.69
1998 Debt Fund	\$25.63
2020 Refunding	\$5.43
2021 Refunding	\$17.48
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	\$27.37
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	\$0.11
Energy Bond Construction	\$542,992.71
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$2,359,580.99</i>

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:

**NEW HIRE APPROVAL**

Ramona Smith – Kitchen Assistant at Eureka Elementary, Rob Gleeson – Director of Operations and Transportation, April Welch – Part-Time Custodian, Charles Albring – Custodian, Jordan Waeiss – Part-Time Custodian, Pamela Butler – Custodian, Douglas Bisel – Custodian, and Destanie Rambo – Childcare Provider at Little Wings.

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:

**RESIGNATION APPROVAL**

Kennedy Bearden – Childcare Provider at Little Wings, Shaya Feeley Dancer – SSP at Eureka Elementary, Cathy Cook – Childcare Provider at Little Wings.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Member Boak, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education accepts the audit report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as presented by Maner Costerisan, P.C. Motion unanimously approved.

**2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR  
AUDIT REPORT APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Koenigsknecht, with support by Vice President Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the Middle School Fire Alarm System Replacement for \$74,000, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRE ALARM  
SYSTEM REPLACEMENT  
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Darragh, with support by Secretary Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the revised Middle School parking lot invoice for \$636,088.66 from the Public Improvement Fund, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT  
INVOICE APPROVAL**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Koenigsknecht, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the trip to Chicago for the Middle School Choir and Orchestra students, as presented in the submitted forms. Motion unanimously approved.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CHOIR/ORCHESTRA TRIP TO  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS APPROVAL**

Motion by Vice President Watson, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the trip to Nashville for the High School Orchestra students, as presented in the submitted forms. Motion unanimously approved.

**HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA TRIP  
TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
APPROVAL**

**BOARD  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Superintendent Palmer reported that the Eureka building was closed for a day due to a power outage. He shared that his evaluation is coming up and he will get information to the Board by November 1. It will be brought to the Board at the next regular meeting.; all Board Members are now evaluation trained.

Superintendent Palmer shared that parent teacher conferences are coming up, and expressed his excitement with our current enrollment numbers. He mentioned that we are working on updating the website, hoping for a new look in the next few months. He mentioned the Annual St. Johns Hall of Fame on Friday and reviewed the inductees that will be recognized during the reception.

He took a moment to thank Dr. Koenigsknecht for his service on the Board.

The Board of Education received in-person public comments on parade groups, student questionnaires, and parent teacher conferences from James Sills and Mishelle Pagels.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD  
COMMENTS**

There were no online comments.

Many Members welcomed back Rob Gleeson, thanked Kelly Corbett for her work on the audit, thanked Mike Winkel for his presentation, and thanked Member Koenigsknecht for his service on the Board over the years.

Member Darragh gave an update on his attendance to the MASB webinar that he attended. He also thanked Mrs. Hagan for his visit at Eureka Elementary in September. Member Boak mentioned his attendance to the Superintendent evaluation webinar.

Member Koenigsknecht provided the Board of Education with a presentation on the recommendation of secondary students' later school start times, based on information from a book called 'Why We Sleep' by Matthew Walker. Superintendent Palmer added that he started the research this summer. Member Koenigsknecht thanked the Board and Administration.

President Drabek adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Jackson, Secretary  
St. Johns Board of Education  
Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Peterson, Recording Secretary

