

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on Monday, October 9, 2023**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2023, at the St. Johns High School Orchestra Room. President Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Elliott

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Member Mansfield, with support by Vice President Darragh, to approve the board workshop meeting minutes from the meeting held on September 25, 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Secretary Boak, to approve the policy committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on October 4, 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

No public comment in person or online.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jordan Smith, of Maner Costerisan, P.C., provided the Board of Education with the 2022-2023 fiscal year audit report. Jordan answered questions from the Board of Education.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR
AUDIT REPORT**

Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Human Services, Kelly Corbett, provided the Board of Education with a financial update.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

High School Principal, Mark Dobson, shared a building update with the Board of Education. Questions were asked and answered by Mr. Dobson.

**BUILDING UPDATE - HIGH
SCHOOL**

Superintendent Anthony Berthiaume reviewed the 2023-2024 Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan, which is a federal requirement to be reviewed and/or revisited every 6 months for the ESSER grant.

**2023-2024 RETURN TO
LEARN AND CONTINUITY OF
SERVICES PLAN**

Technology Director, Jacob Hampton, provided the Board of Education with information on a recommendation to update building cameras around the district. Questions were asked and answered by Jacob.

**CAMERA REPLACEMENT
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Curriculum Director, Mike Winkel, shared information with the Board of Education on what the MiPHY assessment entails.

**MICHIGAN PROFILE FOR
HEALTHY YOUTH (MiPHY)
INFORMATION**

Superintendent Anthony Berthiaume shared with the Board the minimal changes in the policy updates from Thrun. He also briefed on the new facilities usage policy, as well as the communication protocol flow chart.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
BOARD POLICY UPDATES**

Motion by Member Watson, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping number VII A1, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, C1, C2, C3, and C4. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for September 2023:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$2,225,868.29
Food Service Fund	\$16,827.38
Activity Fund	\$41,047.64
1998 Debt Fund	\$42.33
2020 Refunding Bonds	\$13.79
2021 Refunding Bonds	\$33.48
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	\$48.22
2020 Energy Bond	\$24,975.00
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$2,308,856.13</i>

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Elizabeth Schneider (Cole) – Building SSP at Gateway North Elementary, Sheila Paseka – Building SSP at Riley Elementary, Kelley Kratzer – Media Center SSP at Riley Elementary, Heather Reed – Program Director at Adventure Club and Little Wings, and Brian Fry – Custodian.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Jeremy Worsley – SSP at the Middle School, Ondrea Rademacher – Childcare Worker, Joseph Corr – Riley Elementary Principal, and Kelly Corbett – Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Human Resources.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Vice President Darragh, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education accepts the audit report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year as presented by Maner Costerisan, P.C. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR
AUDIT REPORT APPROVAL**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Secretary Boak, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of Hanwha security cameras and installation by Presidio in the amount not to exceed \$359,432 funded from the State security and safety grant, as recommended. Motion unanimously approved.

**CAMERA REPLACEMENT
APPROVAL**

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Secretary Boak, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education selects the following Board Members as their voting delegates to the 2023 MASB Delegate Assembly: Treasurer Alan Nelson and Member Christi Mansfield. Motion unanimously approved.

2023 MASB ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND DELEGATE ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATION AND DELEGATES APPROVAL

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the registration for Secretary Matthew Boak's attendance at the MASB Basic School Finance and Advanced School Finance Workshops. Motion unanimously approved.

MASB CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - BASIC SCHOOL FINANCE AND ADVANCED SCHOOL FINANCE APPROVAL

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Secretary Boak, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the re-appointment of Kemberly Keys-Kellogg to a four-year term on the Briggs District Library Board expiring December 31, 2027. Motion unanimously approved.

BRIGGS DISTRICT LIBRARY RE-APPOINTMENT APPROVAL

District Executive Directors gave the Board of Education a brief update for their departments.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Berthiaume thanked our food service for doing an excellent job. He shared the next bond community forum date and thanked the Executive Directors and Bond Steering Committee. He also thanked the Student Council on a great homecoming and thanked Joe Corr and Kelly Corbett for their service.

Student Representative Ella Koenigsknecht shared a sports update, band festival update, and musical update. She shared that YAC is partnering with Tri-County to create a labyrinth for people feeling overwhelmed, more details to come. She shared the founder of SSCHO's story, and that homecoming had a record breaking year. She also shared with the Board the current struggles students are having with the new math curriculum.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

There were no in-person or online comments.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

Many members thanked Jacob Hampton and Kelly Corbett for their presentations and welcomed the new hires. Vice President Darragh shared that the Briggs District Library is having a silent auction in early November with many interesting items and he thanked Ella for her report.

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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