

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on November 26, 2018**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 26, 2018, 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, Kirk, Tennant, Watson

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Student Representative Ernst, Student Representative Pung

President Darragh amended the agenda to include a discussion item and an action item for the vacant Treasurer position. Motion by Member Kirk, support by Member Drabek, to approve the agenda as amended. Agenda unanimously approved as amended.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Member Kirk, support by Member Watson, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on November 12, 2018. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Gary Scheuren from HRS provided the Board of Education with a draft copy of a Memorandum of Understanding between the district and HRS. HRS would like a commitment before the end of the year from the district to sell a portion of the Wilson Center building to HRS for a residential project. Dru Mitchell also provided the Board of Education an update on the overall progress of the Wilson Center project.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
MEMO OF
UNDERSTANDING
WITH HRS**

Motion by Member Watson, support by Member Drabek, to approve the consent grouping Number VII, A1 and B1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved the resignation of Katlin Kindel – Adventure Club/Little Wings Childcare Provider

**RESIGNATION
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Dedyne, support by Member Drabek, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the recommendation to appoint Renae Larsen, residing at 8119 N. Welling Rd, Elsie MI, to a four-year term on the Briggs District Library Board, expiring on December 31, 2022. Motion approved unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS
Briggs District
Library Board
Appointment
Approval**

Motion by Member Watson, support by Member Dedyne, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the 2018-2019 Curriculum Guides for the St. Johns High School and St. Johns Middle School, and the elementary course list for St. Johns Public Schools to fulfill pupil accounting requirements. Motion approved unanimously.

**2018-2019
Curriculum Course
List Approval**

Motion by Member Drabek, support by Member Kirk, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the purchase of the Fountas & Pinnell Phonics, Spelling and Word Study program in the amount of \$20,437.06, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**Elementary Phonics
Program Approval**

Motion by Member Drabek, support by Member Kirk, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the resolution to change the Third Party Administrator for the district's 403(b) plan, as well as add other options for employees, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**403(b) Third Party
Administrator
Change Approval**

Motion by Member Tennant, support by Member Watson, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the reimbursement of MASB conference expenses in the amount of \$154.07 for Board President Darragh and Member Kirk. Motion approved unanimously.

**MASB Conference
Reimbursement**

Motion by Member Tennant, support by Member Drabek, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the temporary placement of the following Board of Education member to the Treasurer position: Robert Watson. Motion approved unanimously.

**Board of Education
Treasurer Position
Placement**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his report. He updated the Board of Education on the advantages of the Early Middle College program. He also suggested that the district revisit the graduation requirement policy, to allow students in the program to walk at graduation with their class.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Al Nelson, former Board of Education member, asked for clarification on the policy that requires a Board member to resign from the Board before applying for a job with the district. He suggested the policy be changed to require a leave of absence instead of a resignation.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Motion by Member Tennant, support by Member Kirk, that the St. Johns Board of Education go into Executive Session for the purpose of the evaluation of the Superintendent.

**MOVE TO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Motion approved unanimously by a roll call vote at 7:50 p.m.

The Board of Education returned from Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

**RETURN FROM
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education