

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

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 8, 2021, at the St. Johns High School Auditorium. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Darragh, Drabek, Hallead, Jackson, Nelson, and Watson

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Dedyne

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Secretary Jackson, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on October 11, 2021. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Technology Director Wendy Andrzejewski, provided the Board of Education with information on purchasing paging systems at Eureka Elementary, Gateway North Elementary, Oakview South Elementary, Riley Elementary and the St. Johns Middle School. Board member questions were answered. Vice President Drabek would like to see the capability and costs for making this is a district-wide system.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
PAGING SYSTEM
REPLACEMENT**

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with information on an out-of-state, overnight trip that the St. Johns High School Dance Team would like to take to Orlando, FL, February 3-8, 2022, to participate in the Dance Nationals.

**HIGH SCHOOL DANCE
TEAM TRIP TO ORLANDO,
FL, FOR DANCE
NATIONALS**

Curriculum Director, Jason Gnegy, provided the Board of Education with an update on student state assessment results from last school year, and local assessment results from last school year. Questions from board members were answered.

**STATE ASSESSMENT
UPDATE**

Secretary Jackson requested that items VII.C6 and VII.C7 be removed from the consent agenda. Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII, A1, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, C2, C3, C4, and C5. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: David Hanson – Bus Driver, and Cody Blunt – High School Custodian, Joella Hitchcock – Childcare Provider, and Lisa Gruber – Riley Food Service.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Sandra Niznak – Middle School Food Service, Brenna Rambo - Oakview South and High School Custodian, Sheri Menard – Oakview South SSP, Lindsie Grieve – Childcare , and Tabor Vits – Middle School Attendance Secretary.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Motion by Vice Present Drabek, with support by Treasurer Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education accepts the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Audit Report, as presented by Maner Costerisan, P.C. Motion unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS
2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR
AUDIT REPORT APPROVAL

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the recommendation to purchase a paging system for use at Eureka Elementary, Gateway North Elementary, Oakview South Elementary, Riley Elementary and the St. Johns Middle School, as recommended. Motion unanimously approved.

PAGING SYSTEM
REPLACEMENT APPROVAL

Motion by Secretary Jackson that the St. Johns Board of Education accept the resignations previously labeled as items VII.C6 and VII.C7, with regret and recognition of an outstanding job done by those two individuals for the several years they served St. Johns Schools and the St. Johns Community, and with the warning to our superintendent that that is a big hole to fill. President Darragh clarified that this motion refers to Mary Donald and Chris Ervin. Motion supported by Member Nelson. Member Hallead and President Darragh commented on the many years of institutional knowledge, and that they will be missed. Motion unanimously approved, with the Board's gratitude.

RESIGNATION OF MARY
DONALD, HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES SECRETARY, AND
CHRIS ERVIN, ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with an update on the success of our high school cross country team at the State meet. It is also time for his evaluation, and he is preparing the documentation for it. It will be brought to the Board at the next regular meeting. Earlier in the day today we had a smoking bus, but everyone is fine. Classroom libraries are being built up. This is the third year that each elementary classroom teacher is given \$250 to purchase books of interest for their students for their classroom libraries. He provided an update on what was covered during the last professional development session this past Friday. He also provided an update on the latest student count. He reminded the Board that there were no new buses purchased last year, but we are back on track and have bids out to replace buses again this year. New windows will be purchased for Eureka and Riley using ESSR grant funds. The windows in these two buildings currently are original and for the most part have not been replaced. Grant funds will also be used to purchase air conditioning at Eureka and Riley. He further reported that there was a fiber issue at East Olive that needed to be repaired. Superintendent Palmer answered questions from the members of the board.

BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

The Board of Education received public comment regarding mask mandates. Those that addressed the Board were Sara Beauchamp-Hicks, and Britney Gutierrez. Member Nelson congratulated Mary Donald and Chris Ervin on their upcoming retirements. Treasurer Watson thanked Jason Gnegy for his presentation this evening.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Jackson, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education