

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on December 9, 2019**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 9, 2019, at the Wilson Center Board Room. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: Dedyne, Kirk, and Student Representative Kiel

President Darragh appointed Member Nelson as Acting Secretary for the meeting.

**ACTING SECRETARY  
APPOINTED**

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

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Nelson, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on November 25, 2019, and the Executive Session Meeting minutes from the meeting held on November 25, 2019. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Vice President Drabek, to approve the consent grouping Number VI, A1, B1, and B2. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
GROUPING  
ITEMS**

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee:  
Hannah Figlewicz – Eureka Elementary SSP.

**NEW HIRE APPROVAL**

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:  
Elizabeth (Betsy) Fuller – High School SSP, and Kimberly Berguis – Eureka Elementary SSP.

**RESIGNATION APPROVAL**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the out-of-state, overnight trip that five St. Johns High School students will be taking with the Clinton County RESA EMS and Fire Science class to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, for the National Fire Explorer Competition. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS  
NATIONAL FIRE EXPLORER  
COMPETITION TRIP  
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Board of Education accepts the evaluation of Superintendent Palmer as Effective. Motion unanimously approved.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
EVALUATION APPROVAL**

**BOARD  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Superintendent Palmer thanked the members of the Board of Education for the Effective approval of his evaluation. He stated that he believes the process went better this year than last year, and appreciates working well with the Board.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

He informed the Board of Education of the policy committee meeting scheduled for January 27, 2020. He also reviewed his written report, highlighting the discrepancy in the Eureka scores on the School Index information. They appear lower because they are not recognizing that Eureka offers art, PE and music, just as the other elementary buildings do. He further mentioned that our new digital flyer program with Peachjar is going live tomorrow. Flyers on Peachjar will be ADA compliant, and parents can opt out of receiving the emails from Peachjar. Member Nelson asked about the distribution of information about the Soap Box Derby. They charge an entry fee, so asked if they will they be charged for distribution. Superintendent Palmer replied that yes, they would be charged a small fee.

Student Representative Schafer informed the Board of Education of several future sporting events. She reminded them of the choir concert this evening. Also, the grand opening of the Birds and Beans Coffee cart is tomorrow at the high school.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT**

Several members of the Board of Education wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Member Nelson invited all to participate in the annual lighting of a candle on Christmas Day at 3:45pm, in memory of his son Andrew Nelson.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD  
COMMENTS**

Several members also made mention of the Facebook comments about the recent threat, and thought the administrative staff and law enforcement handled it quickly and well.

Member Jackson thanked everyone for how well the Superintendent's evaluation process went.

In her absence, President Darragh relayed a statement from Secretary Dedyne. *"While I am not able to attend the Dec. 9 Board of Education meeting that contains information on Supt. Mark Palmer's evaluation, please accept my 'yes' vote and endorsement of Supt. Palmer. Please include these comments in the Board's minutes. I look forward to the coming year and continuing success for St. Johns Public Schools. Thank you, Mark."*

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Nelson, Acting Secretary  
St. Johns Board of Education