

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on April 25, 2022**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2022, at the St. Johns High School Band Room. President Drabek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Hallead

Motion by Vice President Watson, with support by Treasurer Nelson, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved as presented.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Member Darragh, with support by Secretary Jackson, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on April 11, 2022. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

There were no public comments in-person or online.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Superintendent Palmer announced the resignation of Board Member, Trustee Andrea Hallead.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
RESIGNATION OF BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEMBER**

Motion by Secretary Jackson, with support by Member Koenigsknecht, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII - A1, B1, C1, C2, and D1.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for March 2022:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$1,850,406.62
Food Service Fund	\$99.01
Activity Fund	\$50,785.33
2020 Energy Bonds	\$500.00
Public Improvement Fund	\$181,318.00
Energy Bond Construction	\$1,027.23
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,084,136.19

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Sarah Finley – Middle School Secretary to the Principal.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Mark Schafer – Bus Driver, and Kevin Montes – Network Specialist.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Approved the position transfer of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Michael Winkel – Gateway North Elementary Principal to Curriculum Director.

**POSITION TRANSFER
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Jackson that the St. Johns Board of Education accept the resignation of Board Member Trustee Andrea Hallead, with regret. Motion supported by Treasurer Nelson. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION,
TRUSTEE ANDREA HALLEAD**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Secretary Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the High School French students trip to France, March 19-30, 2023, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH
STUDENTS TRIP TO FRANCE
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Koenigsnecht , with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the High School BPA student trip to Dallas, Texas, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**HIGH SCHOOL BPA STUDENT
TRIP TO DALLAS, TEXAS**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his written report. He addressed the Open Meetings Act's policy on replacing Member Hallead's seat, giving the Board 30 days to fill the vacancy. He mentioned moving to one regular meeting per month in the upcoming school year, give or take a couple months where two meetings would be necessary. He discussed the Middle School Principal interviews will soon take place, as well as Gateway Principal interviews. He and President Drabek debriefed on their visit to the Middle School for lunch.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Palmer mentioned they will be bringing back the co-op Agriculture class, where there is already a significant amount of interested students signed up. He also mentioned that the budget update has not been released, Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett said they might come out this week.

Student Representative Schloegl provided updates to the Board of Education on state testing, prom, the Youth Action Committee's latest projects, SSCHO can drive, and blood drive hosted by the student council. President Drabek thanked Student Representative Schlogel for her updates.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

The Board of Education received in-person public comments from Walter Schmidtman about public comment and that he's thankful for the St. Johns district.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

The Board of Education received online public comments from DJ Logan, a St. Johns teacher, about our district's fine arts programs and the opportunities student's are given. She also commented on the Middle School play, Willy Wonka, Jr, and thanked staff and students for putting on the show.

Many Board Members welcomed Mike Winkel into his new role and commented on the Middle School play, Willy Wonka, Jr. Member Darragh added that the student performances at that level are intense and worthy of their arts, and also spoke on a poem in honor of April being national poetry month.

President Drabek reflected on his experience at the middle school lunch with Superintendent Palmer.

President Drabek adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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