

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on May 8, 2023**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 2023, in 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, Elliott, Jackson, Mansfield, Nelson, Watson

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Student Representative Schloegl

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Member Mansfield, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on April 10, 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Treasurer Nelson, to approve the special meeting minutes from May 4, 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

There were no in-person or online public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Hoag and Ron Boezwinkle from GMB shared a presentation with the Board of Education and provided updates on areas of focus, projects, financial updates and next steps. Questions were asked by Board members and answered by Rob Gleeson, Director of Operations, as well as by Jeff Hoag, and Superintendent Mark Palmer. Mark Palmer also shared there will be an opportunity for community engagement to get information to the community.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
BOND SURVEY UPDATE**

Student Representative Schloegl arrived at 7:42 p.m.

**ARRIVAL OF STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

Kelly Corbett, Deputy Superintendent of Business and Human Resources, provided the Board of Education with a financial update that included proposals from the House and Senate.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Prior to the meeting, Superintendent Mark Palmer shared the video sent by Clinton County RESA to all six districts that are within Clinton County and passes the resolution that they have seen the general fund video. There were no questions.

**CLINTON COUNTY RESA
2023-2024 ANNUAL
GENERAL FUND OPERATING
BUDGET**

Technology Director, Jacob Hampton, and Curriculum Director, Mike Winkel shared their presentation and provided the members of Board of Education with information on the recommendation for classroom microphones and audio upgrades, and 34 BENQ Smart Boards. Questions were asked and answered.

CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY

Superintendent Palmer and President Jackson recognized Student Representative Laura Schloegl and presented her with a certificate and her name plate.

**RECOGNITION OF STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE LAURA
SCHLOEGL**

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Vice President Darragh, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VI A1, B1, and B2. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for April 2023:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$2,382,518.06
Food Service Fund	\$172,630.48
Activity Fund	\$33,310.31
1998 Debt Fund	\$1,834,712.50
2020 Refunding	\$470,821.25
2021 Refunding	\$1,322,348.75
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	\$2,271,806.81
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	\$2,445.00
2020 Energy Bonds	\$381,814.00
2010 (BAB) Series B	\$17,145.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,889,552.16

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Christina Leaser – Gateway North Elementary Teacher and Jacqueline Pattison – Gateway North Elementary Teacher

RESIGNATION APPROVALS

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the resolution supporting the Clinton County RESA Annual General Fund Operating Budget for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
CLINTON COUNTY RESA
2023-2024 ANNUAL
GENERAL FUND OPERATING
BUDGET APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Watson, with support by Boak, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of the classroom microphones and audio upgrades in the amount of \$146,555.00, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**CLASSROOM MICROPHONES
AND AUDIO UPGRADES
PURCHASE APPROVAL**

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Mansfield, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of 34 BENQ Smart Boards in the amount of \$89,418.00, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**BENQ SMART BOARDS
PURCHASE APPROVAL**

Superintendent Mark Palmer shared with the Board that the MITES competition took place and many St. Johns Students are on to the State Competition.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

He reminded the Board the Superintendent interviews are next week in the band room. He also recommended they should look ahead to scheduling the Organizational Meeting for July since that month typically gets busy for everyone.

He shared some information on the bond passage rates, and that the district is working on hiring staff for the vacant positions. He also expressed congratulations to Justin McConnell for the Field of Excellence Award SJPS received from Pioneer Athletics for taking care of the district's fields.

Student Representative Schloegl provided an update to the Board of Education of things happening in the high school such as: AP exams, YAC activities, spring sports, band, and graduation.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

She thanked the Board for the opportunity and shared it has helped her see how things function and skills to use down the road.

Superintendent Mark Palmer shared with the Board that the SJPS staff received a deck of cards to show their appreciation.

There were no public comments in person or online.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Several members of the Board thanked Laura and staff members for their service to the district, and thanked Kelly, Mike, and Jacob for their presentations.

Member Elliott shared her thoughts on students awards, Vice President Darragh talked about the art display at Briggs Library and that Ms. Parsons was selected as teacher of the month. He also asked Laura to come back with a message for the Board.

Treasurer Nelson asked Laura for one more YAC request for Memorial Day before she left. President Jackson shared that the MITES projects are fantastic.

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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