

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on March 13, 2023**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 2023, in the 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, Watson, and Student Representative Schloegl

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: Nelson

Motion by Member Elliott, with support by Secretary Boak, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved unanimously.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Secretary Boak, to approve the Special Meeting minutes from the meeting held on February 27, 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

The Board of Education received in-person public comments about evolution from Walter Schmidtman.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no online public comments.

**REPORTS AND  
INFORMATION**

CCRESA's incoming Superintendent, Scott Koenigsknecht, introduced himself to the St. Johns Board of Education by sharing his career history as well as some of his personal history. He also shared with the Board his family's passion "No More Sidelines of Central Michigan", a program where children with disabilities and children without disabilities are brought together to play sports, share meals together and play fully integrated.

**SCOTT KOENIGSKNECHT - NEW  
CCRESA SUPERINTENDENT**

David Pass from SEC gave the Board of Education a review of the common findings from their assessment of our school buildings back in November and gave their recommendations. The questions asked by the Board of Education members were answered by David.

**SECURE EDUCATION  
CONSULTANTS (SEC) DISTRICT  
SECURITY REPORT**

Superintendent Mark Palmer brought the Board up to speed on the items that we are currently in the process of updating, as well as the items planning to update with the bond.

Andy Ingall of Michigan Leadership Institute gave the Board of Education an update on the Superintendent search timeline. The Board members and Andy worked together to come up with dates for special meetings for the upcoming Superintendent search. Andy answered questions from members of the Board as well.

**MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP  
INSTITUTE UPDATE**

Superintendent Mark Palmer suggested a Board Workshop meeting on April 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**  
**SET BOARD WORKSHOP DATE**

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII, A1, B1, B2, C1, and C2. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF**  
**CONSENT GROUPING**  
**ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for February 2023:

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

|                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund              | \$1,807,528.97        |
| Food Service Fund         | \$38,593.83           |
| Activity Fund             | \$28,621.12           |
| <i>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</i> | <i>\$1,874,743.92</i> |

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: C. Thomas Webb – STRIVE Academy Teacher, Destiny Wascher – Middle School Cafeteria Worker

**NEW HIRE APPROVAL**

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Christina Snyder – High School Teacher, Jeffery Cantrell – Maintenance Department

**RESIGNATION APPROVAL**

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Member Mansfield, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the appointment requests for the vacated terms of Kendel Darragh through 2025 and Kimberly Keys-Kellogg through 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**BRIGGS DISTRICT LIBRARY**  
**APPOINTMENT REQUEST**  
**APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Mansfield, with support by Member Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the high school pool tile replacement for \$301,249 using bond proceeds from the last bond in 2010, as recommended. Motion unanimously approved.

**POOL TILE APPROVAL**

Superintendent Mark Palmer gave the Board of Education an update on the Riley Elementary water pump, he also mentioned the state testing that's coming up.

**BOARD**  
**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

He shared that the Admin team has been meeting biweekly with GMB and Rockford to go over the bond projects to be done. He briefly talked about the 3rd grade reading law being repealed.

He also invited Board members to visit Briggs District Library to see some of our student's art work on April 20, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Student Representative Schlogel provided members of the Board of Education with updates including Peter's Sunny Day Foundation fundraiser, music festivals, Spring sports, exams, and shared other school group updates.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT**

The Board of Education received in-person public comments from Kendel Darragh thanking them for the opportunity to serve on the Briggs District Library Board.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD  
COMMENTS**

The Board of Education received online public comments from DJ Logan thanking Jeffery Cantrell for his service to the district.

Ella Koenigsknecht, the student representative for the 2023-2024 school year introduced herself to the Board.

Member Elliott shared that she had the opportunity to read to a group of 5th grade students. Member Mansfield also shared she will have the opportunity to read to students and she congratulated the wrestlers that went to States. Board members commented on extra curriculums such as athletics, music and theatre programs, and the artists.

Vice President Darragh mentioned March is reading month and also shared his opportunity to help out with MSU students after the tragedy on campus. He also recognized Ella as the student director for the 9th grade band performance.

Ella Koenigsknecht shared her experience with student directing the piece.

President Jackson added that the next couple months are going to be a lot, but will collectively be doing the best we can in this selection of the superintendent process.

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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