

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on March 22, 2021**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 22, 2021, in an online meeting. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting url:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85768523152?pwd=d2xPY1FyRituVVpPVHV3MzA2aUNFUT09>

Members Present: Darragh, Drabek, Jackson, Watson

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Dedyne, Hallead, Nelson and Student Representative Kiel

President Scott Darragh appointed Member Jackson as acting secretary for the meeting, as Secretary Dedyne was not in attendance.

**ACTING SECRETARY
APPOINTED**

Action item IX-D is not required so this item will be removed from the agenda. Between item XI and XII, an Executive Session item will be added for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Treasurer Watson, to approve the agenda as amended. Agenda approved unanimously via a 4-0 show of hands.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Vice President Drabek, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on March 8, 2021, and the Executive Session minutes from March 8, 2021. Motion unanimously approved via a 4-0 show of hands.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. He reported that there are no changes to the plan, and we continue to offer remote learning as well as in-person learning. President Darragh asked if Superintendent Palmer had an idea of how many students are participating online. Superintendent Palmer reported that about 11% of elementary, 15% of middle school, and 25% of high school students are participating online. Online participation is increasing now due to the number of students in quarantine, and those is self-quarantine in anticipation of spring break.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
EXTENDED COVID-19
LEARNING PLAN AND RE-
CERTIFICATION**

Rich Lund, High School Teacher, addressed the Board of Education, and shared information about two complaints he has filed with MIOSHA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION**

Director of Operations Rob Gleeson provided the members of the Board of Education information on the purchase of a new box truck for district use. The questions asked by the Board of Education members were answered.

**FOOD SERVICE/COURIER
VAN PURCHASE**

Curriculum Director Jason Gnegy reviewed the 2020-2021 Human Sexuality Education Advisory Board recommendation.

**2020-2021 HUMAN
SEXUALITY EDUCATION
ADVISORY BOARD
RECOMMENDATION**

There was no discussion.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
2021 REFUNDING BOND**

President Darragh asked about the (future) use of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and how broadly those funds can be used. Director of Business and Finance replied that we may receive them but are waiting for more details.

**2020-2021 GENERAL
FUND BUDGET REVISION**

President Darragh questioned the “weeding out” process, when you remove classroom materials, and what resources are available to teachers. The questions were answered.

**CLASSROOM LIBRARIES
PURCHASE REQUEST**

There was no discussion.

**EXTENDED COVID-19
LEARNING PLAN AND RE-
CERTIFICATION**

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Vice President Drabek , that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VIII, A1, B1, C1, C2, C3, C4 and C5. Motion approved unanimously via a 4-0 roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for February 2021:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$1,785,972.64
Food Service Fund	\$9,555.99
Activity Fund	\$5,565.91
1998 Debt Fund	\$0.17
2020 Refunding	\$0.17
2013 Refunding	\$0.17
2014 Refunding	\$96.32
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	\$23.83
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	\$0.17
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,801,215.37

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Nikki Jubeck – Elementary Counselor

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Maureen Silm – High School Teacher, Madisyn Kotowicz – Oakview South Elementary Custodian, Renee Jorae – Middle School Teacher, Marilyn

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Hornbeck – Gateway North Elementary Custodian, and Dakota Martens – High School Custodian

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and delegating of the sale of 2021 refunding bonds, as presented. Motion unanimously approved via a 4-0 roll call vote.

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the revisions to the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget for the St. Johns Public School District, as presented. Motion unanimously approved via a 4-0 roll call vote.

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the Classroom Libraries Purchase in an amount not to exceed \$29,524.62, as presented. Motion unanimously approved via a 4-0 roll call vote.

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Jackson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education re-certify the district's Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan as presented. Motion unanimously approved via a 4-0 roll call vote.

Member Nelson joined the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with an update on COVID-19 in the county, as well as vaccination information. He also provided information on several legislative bills that are expected to pass soon. He answered questions from the members of the Board of Education.

DJ Logan – Gateway North Elementary teacher, shared with the Board of Education what she does with books in her classroom at the end of the year that she has personally purchased. She is excited about the district purchase of books. She also commented on the legislation.

Rich Lund – High School teacher, informed the Board of Education of a meeting he had with the high school principal.

Treasurer Watson welcomed the newly hired employee, and thanked Rob Gleeson for his presentation. Member Nelson apologized and explained the reason for being late.

Member Jackson motioned that the St. Johns Board of Education move into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and was supported by Treasurer Watson.

ACTION ITEMS
2021 REFUNDING BOND

2020-2021 GENERAL FUND
BUDGET REVISION

CLASSROOM LIBRARIES
PURCHASE REQUEST

EXTENDED COVID-19
LEARNING PLAN AND RE-
CERTIFICATION

ARRIVAL OF BOARD
MEMBER

BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION

The motion passed unanimously via a 5-0 roll call vote at 8:01 p.m.

The Board of Education returned from Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:39p.m.

**RETURN FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Jackson, Acting Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education
Minutes submitted by: Michelle Gorby, Recording Secretary