

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of COW Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on May 14, 2018**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in the Wilson Center Auditorium for a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members Present: Darragh, Drabek, Dedyne, Kirk, Nelson, Tennant, Student Representative Tahvonen, and Student Representative Ernst.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent – Watson

Motion by Member Nelson, second by Member Tennant, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed.

**AGENDA  
APPROVED**

Motion by Member Dedyne, support by Member Kirk, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2018, and the Committee Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Motion approved

Students that qualified for the President's Education Awards Program (PEAP) award were recognized.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Several team and community members expressed their concern for the direction and future of the gymnastics program.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Member Watson arrived at 7:40 p.m.

**ARRIVAL OF BOARD  
MEMBER**

President Darragh summarized the need to modify Mark Palmer's Superintendent's contract to begin on May 31, 2018, instead of July 1, 2018.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
CONTRACT**

Network Supervisor Wendy Andrzejewski provided information on the replacement plan for projectors and student devices.

**TECHNOLOGY  
DEVICE  
REPLACEMENT  
PLAN**

Member Drabek summarized the NEOLA Policies presented to the Board of Education. Member Drabek would like to have them reviewed again before the policies come to the Board of Education for a vote.

**NEOLA Policy  
Updates**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett presented the Board of Education with the contract for the Middle School Summer Academic Program.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SUMMER ACADEMIC  
PROGRAM  
CONTRACT**

	<b>STAFFING</b>
Interim Superintendent Pearson summarized the resignations that have been received by the district.	<b>STAFF RESIGNATION</b>
High School Principal Mark Palmer informed the Board of Education about the hiring of Zane Ballard as the High School Assistant Principal.	<b>STAFFING NEW HIRE</b>
	<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>
The Board of Education reviewed the state of the current gymnastics program.	<b>GYMNASTICS PROGRAM</b>
The Board of Education reviewed the consideration of items in two meetings, as opposed to three meetings, as was the practice previously.	<b>CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS IN TWO MEETINGS</b>
President Darragh discussed changing the July 2, 2018 Board of Education meeting to July 9, 2018.	<b>CHANGING DATE OF JULY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</b>
	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>
Motion by Member Watson, support by Member Kirk, to approve the recommendation of Sara Boettger as the St. Johns CCRESA Parent Advisory Committee representative.	<b>CCRESA PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) REPRESENTATIVE APPROVAL</b>
Motion approved.	
Motion by Member Tennant, support by Member Drabek, to approve the overnight Middle School Orchestra Trip to Chicago, Illinois.	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA TRIP TO CHICAGO, IL</b>
Motion approved.	
Motion by Member Dedyne, support by Member Nelson, to approve the overnight Middle School Choir Trip to Chicago, Illinois.	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR TRIP TO CHICAGO, IL</b>
Motion approved.	
Motion by Member Kirk, support by Member Drabek, to approve the overnight High School National BPA Contest Trip to Dallas, Texas.	<b>HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL BPA CONTEST TRIP TO DALLAS, TX</b>
Motion approved.	
	<b>BOARD COMMUNICATIONS</b>
Member Tahvonen provided information about an upcoming blood drive at the high school, and with information on a dance team experience when performing for a sick child in the hospital.	<b>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT</b>
Member Ernst shared information about a dance-a-thon that many high school students participated in, as well as some opportunities to help with donations for local charitable causes. She also commented that students are pleased with the recent administrative hires.	

Interim Superintendent Pearson provided information about the performance of the middle school students and the musical. He also provided an update on some legislative issues.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Several community members expressed their concern of the future of the gymnastics program. Many members of the Board of Education expressed their thanks for all that attended the meeting, and congratulated the students on their PEAP awards. They also congratulated Zane Ballard on his new position, and congratulated the middle school MITES and the dance team for their accomplishments.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD  
COMMENTS**

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary  
St. Johns Board of Education