

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on June 13, 2022**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the High School Band Room. President Drabek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Darragh, Drabek, Koenigsknecht, Nelson, Watson

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Boak, Jackson, Student Representative Schloegl

President Drabek appointed Member Darragh acting secretary for the meeting, as Secretary Jackson was absent.

**ACTING SECRETARY
APPOINTED**

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Koenigsknecht, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on May 23, 2022. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Director of Business and Finance, Kelly Corbett, provided the 2021-2022 budget amendment information for the general fund, food service fund, and student activity fund. Member Darragh asked questions, Kelly answered.

**BUDGET HEARING
2021-2022 BUDGET
AMENDMENT – GENERAL
FUND, FOOD SERVICE FUND,
AND STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND**

Director of Business and Finance, Kelly Corbett, presented the projected general fund, food service fund and student/school activity fund budgets for the 2022-2023 school year. The presentation included enrollment projections, and a financial overview.

**2022-2023 PROPOSED
BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND,
FOOD SERVICE FUND, AND
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FUND**

Director of Business and Finance, Kelly Corbett, provided information on the 2022-2023 Tax Levy.

L-4029 TAX LEVY

The Board of Education received in person public comment from Walter Schmidtman regarding freedom of speech, school safety, and the national school board association.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from online participants.

Curriculum Director, Jason Gnegy, presented the Board of Education with the recommendations for teachers that should be granted tenure.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
TEACHER TENURE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with the administrator contract compensation schedule recommendation.

ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with the non-union support staff contract compensation schedule recommendation.

**NON-UNION SUPPORT STAFF
CONTRACTS**

As required by law, Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with the 2021-2022 Matt Epling Safe School Law Annual Report.

**THE MATT EPLING SAFE
SCHOOL LAW**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett provided the Board of Education with information regarding meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year under the district's school meal program. Kelly answered a question from Member Koenigsknecht regarding cost increases.

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MEAL
PRICES**

Superintendent Palmer informed the Board of Education of the High Schoolers Trip to Spain in March 2023.

**HIGH SCHOOL SPAIN TRIP
REQUEST**

Curriculum Director, Jason Gnegy, provided the Board of Education with an update on students progress thus far in the school year.

**BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT
REPORT**

Superintendent Palmer presented the 2022-2023 building handbooks to the Board of Education.

BUILDING HANDBOOKS

Motion by Member Darragh, with support by Member Koenigsknecht, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII - A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, B1, and C1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Joseph Hessinger – High School Math Teacher, Jarod Moyer – High School and Middle School Vocal Music Teacher, Allison Zuke – High School Social Studies Teacher, Kay Shepard – High School Athletic Department and Activities Secretary, Rachel Schrauben – COVID Learning Loss Interventionist/Teacher at Oakview South, Rachel Schultz – 1st Grade Teacher at Gateway North Elementary, Laurie Cathcart – 2nd Grade Teacher at Eureka Elementary, Ross Richard – Gateway North Elementary Principal.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the position resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Destanie Rambo – Lead Childcare Provider at Little Wings.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Approved the position transfer of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Sarah Finley – Middle School Principal's Secretary to Data Management Specialist.

POSITION TRANSFER APPROVAL

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Darragh, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 MHSAA Membership Resolution. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS
2022-2023 MHSAA
MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Darragh, with support by Member Koenigsknecht, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the Junior Theatre students to attend the festival in Atlanta, GA, January 11-16, 2023, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**JUNIOR THEATRE FESTIVAL TRIP
APPROVAL**

Motion by Vice President Watson, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the Middle School Flooring project in the amount of \$76,735 using ESSER grant funds. Motion unanimously approved.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FLOORING
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Koenigsknecht, with support by Vice President Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the Walk-in Freezers and Combi Ovens to Stafford-Smith, Inc. in the amount of \$259,462.16. Motion unanimously approved.

**KITCHEN EQUIPMENT -
WALK-IN FREEZERS AND COMBI
OVENS APPROVAL**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his written report. He gave another update on the mental health services from RESA, and briefly shared steps to hiring a counselor under the grant. He went into detail about the screenings for grades 3-8, and how every student needs parental consent to see a counselor if referred. No child has been turned away for these services, which was the most important part to him.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

He also talked about safety concerns with our young walkers to Gateway. Mr. Gleeson will work on more bus pickups in the walking zone for the young walkers.

He shared that an anonymous donor paid Jet Speed Printing for the High School commencement programs, after receiving many compliments on the new look. He also informed the board he will be going on a vacation for the week. He gave an update about the summer Meet Up and Eat Up program.

No in person public comments.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

The Board received online public comments from DJ Logan welcoming the new hires and sad to see the resignations. She commented on the iReady testing that students take, and gave kudos to teachers for working hard this year. She shared her excitement on the busing for younger students.

Jason Gnegy wanted to highlight how quickly Middle School Interim Assistant Principal, Jeremy Colton responded to a student who was showing signs of an allergic reaction.

Member Koenigsknecht welcomed the new hires and acknowledged Diamond Classic game Coach Parker on a great season. He also wished Mr. Palmer well in Montana, and shared a family vacation story with the Board.

Member Darragh shared that he attended Senior night and spoke highly of the recipients and how they volunteer their free time to help others. He also gave kudos to the music department. He thanked Jason on his report.

Treasurer Nelson welcomed Ross and all of the new teachers and other positions. He shared how happy he is with our band/choir/orchestra program, and heard compliments from others about our program as well.

Vice President Watson thanked Kelly for her presentation and making it easy on us. He also welcomed Ross and all the new hires.

President Drabek commented on the phenomenal staff that have been here awhile, raising outstanding individuals who contribute to society. Thanked Superintendent Palmer on having conversations with RESA to fully understand the comments that were made about the support services. He made a comment about Mr. Palmer having cold weather on vacation, while we have 100 degree weather.

Superintendent Palmer wanted to mention Kelly doing a great job, and her new title will be Deputy Superintendent, and the importance of recognizing that. President Drabek congratulated her, and asked how long she's been here. Kelly answered with going on 10 years.

ADJOURNMENT

President Drabek adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Darragh, Acting Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education
Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Peterson, Recording Secretary