

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on January 14, 2019**

The St. Johns Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2019, at the St. Johns Middle School Band Room. Superintendent Mark Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Darragh, Dedyne, Drabek, Kirk, Nelson, Watson, and Student Representative Ernst

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Jackson and Student Representative Pung

Member Drabek nominated Member Darragh for the office of Board President with support by Member Kirk. Nominations were closed after no other nominations were made, and a unanimous ballot for Member Darragh was cast.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Darragh took the chair of the meeting.

Member Dedyne nominated Member Drabek for the office of Board Vice-President. Nominations were closed after no other nominations were made, and a unanimous ballot for Member Drabek was cast.

Member Drabek nominated Member Dedyne for the office of Board Secretary. Member Watson nominated Member Kirk for the office of Board Secretary. Nominations were closed after no other nominations were made. A ballot was cast for Member Dedyne, with Members Darragh, Dedyne, Drabek and Nelson voting affirmatively by a show of hands. A ballot was cast for Member Kirk, with Member Watson voting affirmatively. President Darragh declared Member Dedyne as Board Secretary.

Member Nelson nominated Member Watson for the office of Board Treasurer. Nominations were closed after no other nominations were made, and a unanimous ballot for Member Watson was cast.

Motion by Member Drabek, support by Member Nelson, to approve the agenda. Agenda unanimously approved as presented.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Member Kirk, support by Member Nelson, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the meeting held on December 10, 2018. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Adel DiOrio and members of the Middle School staff presented the Board of Education with information on how they are supporting all students in the Middle School. Information presented included academic supports in all areas, identification of risk and readiness indicators, PrimeTime, School Counseling, Child Nutrition, Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS), and Clubs and Athletics.

**PRESENTATION
MIDDLE SCHOOL
MATTERS:
SUPPORTING THE
WHOLE CHILD**

Parent Carla Wardin expressed concern on the number of electives available to Middle School students. She would like to see a question and answer dialogue between the staff and, parents and students regarding this decision.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Friends of East Olive representative Phil Ramirez presented the Board of Education with an update on recent programs and events. He noted that they have received their day care license. He thanked Wendy Andrzejewski and Jerry Jones for their help.

Adel DiOrio and members of the Middle School staff presented the Board of Education with an update on information and data they have gathered regarding the changes they are proposing for the Middle School schedule and curriculum. Many members of the Board of Education had questions, comments, and concerns on how this change would affect the students, staff, and community.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
SJMS MAXIMIZING
STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT AND
OPPORTUNITY PART III**

Mark Palmer presented the Board of Education with information on a trip that the High School Baseball Team would like to take to Pensacola, FL over spring break this year.

**HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL TEAM TRIP
TO PENSACOLA, FL**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett provided the Board of Education with an update on enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year, as well as past trends and future enrollment projections.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

President Darragh informed the Board of Education of workshops he would like held in the next couple of months. He would like one workshop to discuss Board goals, and another workshop that is budget focused.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
POSSIBLE
WORKSHOPS**

Motion by Member Watson, support by Member Dedyne, to approve the consent grouping Number X, A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2, C3, and C4, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved hiring of Mark Burnash - High School SSP, and Hunter Welch – Childcare Provider.

**NEW HIRE
APPROVAL**

Approved the position transfer of Nicole Everts – Sub Food Service to Wilson Center Food Service, and Karen McMillan – Gateway North Support Staff to Oakview South Food Service.

**POSITION TRANSFER
APPROVAL**

Approved the resignation of Barbara Acker – Wilson Center Food Service, McKayla Bywater – Childcare Provider, Annette Wood – Middle School Secretary, and Lindsey Stuart – High School Food Service.

**RESIGNATION
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Drabek, support by Member Dedyne, that the St. Johns Board of Education approves the new and revised policies, Item XI- Action Item Letter A – NEOLA Policy Revisions Approval, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS
NEOLA POLICY
REVISIONS
APPROVAL**

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed his report. He welcomes all Board member comments on the direction of the Middle School schedule. Please feel free to contact him by phone, email or in person to share your questions, comments and concerns.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

Student Representative Ernst shared some of the events happening at the High School, including the success of the Swim and Dive Team, the BPA regional conference, a charity basketball game that is being held to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House, and a fundraiser dance that the Dance Team is sponsoring. She stated she was impressed with the Middle School presentations, and thanked the Middle School staff for the presentations.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Members of the Board Education thanked the Middle School staff for their presentations. They also mentioned former student's successes, and encounters with students over the holidays. President Darragh congratulated Student Representative Ernst for being awarded the Centralis Scholarship from CMU.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dedyne, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education