

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on December 13, 2021**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2021, in the St. Johns High School Band Room. President Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members Present: Darragh, Drabek, Hallead, Nelson, and Watson

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: Dedyne and Jackson

Presented Darragh appointed Member Nelson acting secretary for the meeting, as Secretary Jackson was absent.

**ACTING SECRETARY  
APPOINTED**

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Member Nelson, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved as presented.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Hallead, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on November 22, 2021. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

The Board of Education received public comment regarding response from Board of Education members, basis for making protocol decisions, truancy letters, and a threat that happened in the district. Those that addressed the Board of Education included Karen Andrews, Gayle Griggs, Lisa Mancuso, and Kelly Havens.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VI, A1, B1, B2, B3, C1, and C2. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
GROUPING  
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for November 2021:

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

General Fund	\$1,396,852.30
Food Service Fund	\$9,426.56
Activity Fund	\$10,618.69
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,416,897.55

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:  
Tamara Bowman – High School Guidance Secretary, Jennifer Murdock, Child Care, and Ondrea Rademacher – Child Care.

**NEW HIRE APPROVAL**

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:  
Sandra Dunn – Custodian, and Luke Kaiser – Data Management Specialist.

**RESIGNATION APPROVAL**

**ACTION ITEMS**

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education accepts the evaluation of Superintendent Mark Palmer as Effective. President Darragh thanked Superintendent Palmer for his service to the district. Motion unanimously approved.

**Superintendent's  
Evaluation Approval**

Motion by President Darragh, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the extension of Superintendent Mark Palmer's contract with the St. Johns Public School District through June 30, 2025, with salary and benefits to be determined before March 15, 2022. Motion unanimously approved.

**Superintendent's  
Contract Extension  
Approval**

Motion by Member Hallead, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the recommendation to purchase new windows for Eureka Elementary and Riley Elementary, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**Eureka and Riley  
Window Replacement  
Approval**

Motion by Vice President Drabek , with support by Treasurer Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the recommendation to purchase 2 new busses, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**Bus Replacement  
Proposal Approval**

Motion by Vice President Drabek, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education modify its meeting locations for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year to the St. Johns High School. Motion unanimously approved.

**Board of Education  
Meeting Location  
Modification Approval**

Superintendent Palmer thanked the members of the Board of Education for his evaluation. He also spoke about illness and attendance rates at school. He reported that Riley Elementary had a temporary power outage. He also provided information on bond project funds that still remain from the middle school roof settlement, and ideas of where that money may be spent in other areas of the district. He lastly shared that we are still experiencing supply chain issues, especially in the food service area. Vice President Drabek and President Darragh asked questions about the use of the bond project funds.

**BOARD  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

There were no public comments. Several members of the Board of Education wished everyone a Merry Christmas. President Darragh reminded the board that election of officers for the board will be in January.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD  
COMMENTS**

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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

