

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on April 12, 2021**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 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, Jackson, Nelson, Watson, and Student Representative Kiel

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: Dedyne and Hallead

President Darragh appointed Member Nelson as secretary, as Secretary Dedyne was absent.

**ACTING SECRETARY  
APPOINTED**

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

**AGENDA  
APPROVED**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Vice President Drabek, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on March 22, 2021, the executive session minutes from the meeting held on March 22, 2021, and the special meeting minutes from the meeting held on April 6, 2021 . Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Superintendent Palmer reviewed the plan; there were no changes made to the plan. Superintendent Palmer answered a question from Member Nelson.

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

DJ Logan, Gateway North Elementary teacher shared her concerns about the amount of times the restrooms at Gateway North and Oakview South are being cleaned during the school day.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

DJ Logan would like to have the Board of Education continue to offer a virtual option to attend meetings.

Member Hallead joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**ARRIVAL OF BOARD  
MEMBER**

A recorded audio video presentation of the CCRESA 2021-2022 general fund budget was shown during the meeting.

**REPORTS AND  
INFORMATION  
CCRESA 2021-2022  
GENERAL FUND  
BUDGET**

Director of Business and Finance Kelly Corbett provided the Board of Education with information on the purchase of air conditioning systems for Eureka Elementary and

**ESSER-II GRANT**

Riley Elementary, using ESSER-II Grant funds and School Aid Equalization funds. Since the date to submit the spending plan to the State is April 23, 2021, this item appears as an action item at this meeting.

Information was shared with the Board of Education about the pre-Labor Day checklist that needs to be completed for the CCRESA consortium CRTEC program.

**PRE-LABOR DAY START  
CRTEC CHECKLIST OF  
REQUIREMENTS**

The member of the Board of Education discussed the format and possible changes to be made to the content and format of its meetings. Superintendent Palmer asked the Board to reconsider what appears on the meeting agenda's Discussion Items, foregoing board approval for items such as annual software license renewals, and re-evaluate the threshold for expenditures that need board approval. The current threshold is \$15,000, but the state suggested threshold is over \$25,000. The Board decided that Action Items will not appear as Discussion Items. Regular annual software/license/purchases will not need Board approval, but the information will appear in the weekly memo. The threshold for expenses that need Board approval will follow policy.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING CONTENT**

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Treasurer Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VIII, A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6 and C1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
GROUPING  
ITEMS**

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Ashley Antes – High School Custodian, Elizabeth Garwood – Childcare Provider, James Marten – Floater Bus Driver, Tyler Sheldon- High School Custodian, Jack Wineland – High School Custodian

**NEW HIRE APPROVAL**

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Connie Ciangi – High School Teacher, Patrick Fox – High School Teacher, David Mohre – Middle School Teacher, Brooke Samec – High School Teacher, Cortny Toomey – Middle School Teacher, Gary Heathman – District Maintenance

**RESIGNATION  
APPROVAL**

Approved the position transfer of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Eloisa Martinez-Nadeau – Childcare Provider to Gateway North Elementary SSP.

**POSITION TRANSFER  
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of a commercial van to replace current box trucks in need of replacement, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS  
FOOD  
SERVICE/COURIER VAN  
PURCHASE APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Jackson, with support by Member Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the membership recommendation for the 2020-2021 Human Sexuality Education Advisory Board, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

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

Motion by Treasurer Watson, with support by Member Hallead, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education re-certify the district's Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

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

Motion by Member Nelson, with support by Vice President Drabek, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of air conditioning systems for Eureka Elementary and Riley Elementary with funds from the ESSER-II Grant, and the School Aid Equalization funds, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**ESSER-II GRANT  
APPROVAL**

Superintendent Palmer provided the Board of Education with the latest recommendation from Governor Whitmer encouraging high schools, including sports, to close for two weeks. He also provided information on staff vaccinations and athlete testing for COVID-19, and an update on remote public participation during meetings. He answered questions from the members of the Board of Education.

**BOARD  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Student Representative Kiel provided the Board of Education with an update on events happening at the high school and middle school, including State assessment testing and prom. He also provided information on both the middle school and high school musicals. Preside Darragh asked Student Representative Kiel's plans for next year, and he responded that he will be attending U of M for Performing Arts Management.

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT**

DJ Logan, Gateway North Elementary teacher, thanked the Board for pursuing remote participation at its meetings.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD  
COMMENTS**

Member Nelson stated that air conditioning at Eureka and Riley is a great idea, and that it will provide equity in those areas. He is also in support of having a virtual presence during the meetings.

Member Hallead thanked the administrative team for taking their approach in consideration of shutting down because of the rising COVID cases.

President Darragh suggested the Board consider having one virtual meeting and one in-person meeting each month.

President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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