

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on August 7, 2023**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 7, 2023, at the St. Johns High School Orchestra Room. President Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Boak, Darragh, Elliott, Jackson, Mansfield, Nelson, Watson, and Student Representative Koenigsknecht

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: None

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Secretary Boak, to approve the agenda. Agenda unanimously approved.

**AGENDA
APPROVED**

Motion by Member Elliott, with support by Treasurer Nelson, to approve the Organizational Meeting minutes from the meeting held on July 17, 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Member Mansfield, to approve the Executive Session Meeting minutes from the meeting held on July 17, 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

Lisa Falor and Wesley Schultz shared their thoughts on merging the Lacrosse team with Lansing Catholic. Tyler Barlage, Carolyn Smith, and Julie Barlage shared their concern with high school bathroom and locker room access for students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no online comments.

Curriculum Director, Mike Winkel, provided an overview of the building handbooks to the Board. President Jackson asked what has changed from the previous year, Mr. Winkel shared the changes.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
BUILDING HANDBOOKS**

Technology Director, Jacob Hampton, presented the Board of Education with information on the recommendation for the new technology handbook. The Board's questions were answered by Jacob.

**STUDENT TECHNOLOGY
HANDBOOK
PRESENTATION**

Curriculum Director, Mike Winkel, presented the Board of Education with the annual update of the 2023-2024 Curriculum Guides. Board members' questions were answered by both Mike.

CURRICULUM GUIDES

Athletic Director, Megan Merchant, presented the Board of Education with an update on the lacrosse team and answered many questions from the Board.

**LACROSSE PROGRAM
UPDATE**

Superintendent Berthiaume shared with the Board of Education that to help with the value of professionalism of our website, Andrew Jenkins of Canfield Jenkins Photography offered to take individual photographs for all board members.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
BOARD MEMBER
PROFESSIONAL
HEADSHOTS FOR WEBSITE

President Jackson discussed how the selection of policy committee members will be determined in January, same as all board assignments.

POLICY COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Member Watson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping number VII - A1, B1, B2, C1, C2, and C3. Motion unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for July 2023:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$1,949,150.79
Food Service Fund	\$8,353.53
Activity Fund	\$22,372.78
2020 Refunding	\$500.00
2021 Refunding Bonds	\$500.00
Energy Bond Construction	\$18,690.33
<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</i>	<i>\$1,999,567.43</i>

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Emily Keller – Childcare Provider at Little Wings, Kayelene Swanson – Riley Elementary Secretary.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Michelle Michitsch – Behavior Support Coordinator at Riley Elementary, Kathleen Warriner – Specials (Music) Teacher at St. Joseph Catholic and St. Peter Lutheran, Teri Baker – Kitchen Assistant.

RESIGNATION APPROVAL

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Boak, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 building handbooks, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS
BUILDING HANDBOOK
APPROVALS

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 Building Curriculum Guides and Course Guides, as presented.

CURRICULUM GUIDES
APPROVALS

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the registration for Vice President Scott Darragh’s attendance at the Michigan Association of School Boards’ Legal Workshop on August 17, 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

MASB CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION - LEGAL
WORKSHOP

**BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

District Cabinet members shared a short update for each of their departments to the Board of Education. Superintendent Berthiaume added how welcoming everyone has been to him and how he's met with a lot of people. He mentioned the Admin Retreat that's coming up, as well as invited all Board Members to the Opening Day Breakfast.

Student Representative Koenigsknecht shared with the Board updates on the 4H Fair, the startup of fall sports, school starting soon, Mint Fest and the Mint Fest Parade. She shared that the first football game will be against Haslett, and that YAK volunteered at National Night Out. She also shared that Superintendent Berthiaume participated in Band Camp by catching pancakes on a plate.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Berthiaume highlighted that Chris Hallead does a great job with our social media posts.

There were many members of the public that shared their thoughts on merging the Lacrosse team with Lansing Catholic. Those who addressed the Board were: Jeff Hansen, Gayle Frisbie, Pierce Hansen, Marcie Scranton, Wade Peele, Peyten Milz, and Maya Hunt.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS**

Online comments were made by DJ Logan, sharing her excitement for the upcoming school year, and shared some of her experiences with summer school.

Many members welcomed Superintendent Berthiaume, and appreciated so many of the community members that came out to show their support for Lacrosse. Vice President Darragh asked for the date of "Run Under the Lights," it was confirmed that it's August 18, 2023.

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Boak, Secretary
St. Johns Board of Education
Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Peterson, Recording Secretary