

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on May 13, 2024**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 2024, in the St. Johns High School Orchestra Room. President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Member Elliott, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved as presented.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Secretary Boak, to approve the workshop meeting minutes from the meeting held on April 18, 2024. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Motion by Member Mansfield, with support by Treasurer Nelson, to approve the executive session meeting minutes from April 18, 2024. Motion unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION

Superintendent Berthiaume and building Principals recognized the 3 district employees that will be retiring at the end of this school year.

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

President Jackson recognized Ella Koenigsknecht for her service as the student representative.

**RECOGNITION OF STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

The Board of Education received in-person comments about the recent bond proposal from David Smith, Cara Renfrow, and Jessica Parker-Sternburgh.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no online public comments.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION**

Jennifer Branch, CCRESA Career Education Director, provided the Board of Education with an update on Career Education. A student from the program shared information and experiences about the program, and answered questions.

**CAREER EDUCATION/CTE
SERVICES UPDATE IN
CLINTON COUNTY**

CCRESA Superintendent, Scott Koenigsknecht, shared his presentation with the Board giving information on the upcoming special education millage. Questions were asked and answered.

**CCRESA SPECIAL
EDUCATION MILLAGE
PROPOSAL**

Athletics and Activities Director, Megan Merchant, recorded a video to share with the Board sharing updates from sports and activities throughout the district.

**ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS
DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Prior to the meeting, Superintendent Berthiaume shared the video with the Board that was sent by Clinton County RESA to all six districts that are within Clinton County asking each district to approve their general fund operating budget. Director of Finance shared what the resolution was and answered questions.

**CLINTON COUNTY RESA
2024-2025 ANNUAL
GENERAL FUND OPERATING
BUDGET**

Technology Director, Jacob Hampton introduced elementary teacher John Ferden, who gave a hands-on presentation on how the BenQ Boards work. Questions were asked and answered.

**BENQ BOARD PURCHASE
PROPOSAL**

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII A1, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, and D1. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT GROUPING
ITEMS**

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for April 2024:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$2,169,356.15
Food Service Fund	\$58,853.11
Activity Fund	\$38,369.64
1998 Debt Fund	\$1,776,685.00
2020 Refunding Bonds	\$570,312.50
2021 Refunding Bonds	\$1,331,223.75
2010 (QSCB) Series A Debt Fund	\$2,202,188.73
2010 (BAB) Series B Debt Fund	\$2,905.00
2020 Energy Bonds	\$394,468.00
Public Improvement Fund	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,544,361.88

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Andrew Szedlak - Custodian, Autumn Montry - Childcare Provider at Little Wings and Adventure Club, Randi Losey - Childcare Provider at Little Wings, and Samantha Buggia - Agri-Science/Science Teacher at the High School

NEW HIRE APPROVALS

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Ashley Goodrich - Custodian, Chris Zehr - Technology Administrative Assistant, Sherry Lindquist - Custodian, Teri Petrak - Behavior SSP at Gateway North, Danielle Fuller - Special Education Teacher at STRIVE, Trent Lashuay - Special Education Teacher at Riley Elementary, Scott Mohre - Building SSP at Riley Elementary, and Savannah Buzinski - Elementary Teacher

RESIGNATION APPROVALS

Approved the termination of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Adam Gordon - Custodian

TERMINATION APPROVAL

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the high school French students trip to France, March 24-April 4, 2025. Motion unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS
FRENCH TRIP APPROVAL

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Vice President Darragh, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the resolution supporting the Clinton County RESA Annual General Fund Operating Budget for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

CLINTON COUNTY RESA
2024-2025 ANNUAL
GENERAL FUND OPERATING
BUDGET APPROVAL

Motion by Member Mansfield, with support Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the recommendation to purchase BenQ interactive boards from Data Image LLC with the total amount not to exceed \$237,141, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

BENQ BOARD PURCHASE
APPROVAL

District Executive Directors gave updates to the Board of Education within their departments.

BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT AND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Superintendent Berthiaume shared about the elementary PEAP Awards, and the upcoming graduation and awards nights. He also thanked those who helped with the bond, and that the district will continue to be transparent and do what's best for the students.

Student Representative Koenigsnecht provided an update to the Board of Education of things happening in the high school such as: the blood drive, BPA Nationals, sports, AP testing, senior superlatives, senior awards and commencement, elementary field days, band, orchestra, and choir.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT

The Board received in-person public comment about the Board and community outreach.

PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS

There were no online public comments.

Members of the Board congratulated the retirees and welcomed the new hires, thanked the presenters for their information, and wished Ella good luck and thanked her for being a great student representative by sharing how students are thinking and experiencing high school.

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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