

**St. Johns Public Schools
St. Johns, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held on April 8, 2024**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 2024, at Eureka Elementary. Vice President Darragh called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: Elliott, Jackson

Motion by Member Watson, with support by Member Mansfield, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved as presented.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Secretary Boak, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on March 11, 2024. Motion unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board of Education received in person public comment from Jessica Parker-Sternbergh sharing her support for the upcoming bond.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board did not receive any online public comments.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Building Principal, Andy Fillwock, introduced 4 of his students: Elouise Warnke, Amelia Swagart, Maizy Weber, and Shelby VanLake. The students shared how they incorporate Capturing Kids Hearts in their classrooms and asked the Board to participate by sharing good things.

BUILDING UPDATE - EUREKA ELEMENTARY

Superintendent Berthiaume read an email from French Teacher, Alicia Truitt, to the Board of Education with information about the high school French students trip to France in 2025, which included cost and the educational purpose of the trip.

HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH STUDENTS TRIP TO FRANCE

Jacob Hampton, Technology Director, provided the Board of Education with the recommendation to replace student chromebooks devices for 3rd, 6th, and 9th grade students. Finance Director, Dan Romzek, clarified the Chromebooks will be purchased from the current fiscal year general fund.

STUDENT CHROMEBOOK REPLACEMENT PURCHASE PROPOSAL

Superintendent Berthiaume shared with the Board that the City Commission showed support for our bond by passing a resolution, and that we would like to show the same support for their Fantasy Forest 2.0 project by having a resolution as well.

DISCUSSION ITEM FANTASY FOREST 2.0 RESOLUTION RECOMMENDATION

Motion by Member Watson, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the consent grouping Number VII A1, B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, and D1.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT GROUPING ITEMS

Approved expenditures for the payment of bills for March 2024:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$1,570,379.35
Food Service Fund	\$10,968.83
Activity Fund	\$36,752.66
Public Improvement Fund	\$0.00
2020 Energy Bond	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,618,100.84

Approved the hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Adam Gordon – Custodian, Ashley Goodrich – Custodian, and Jaclyn LeBlond – Behavior & PBIS Coordinator.

NEW HIRE APPROVALS

Approved the resignation of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees:
Kris Ely – Riley Elementary Teacher (with intent to retire) and Amber
MacLennan – Building SSP at Gateway North Elementary.

RESIGNATION APPROVALS

Approved the termination of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee:
Kaitlynn Kolodica – Childcare Worker at Little Wings.

TERMINATION APPROVAL

Motion by Secretary Boak, with support by Member Mansfield, that the St.
Johns Board of Education approve the resolution for the Section 127 Plan, as
presented. Motion unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS
SECTION 127 PLAN APPROVAL

Motion by Member Mansfield, with support by Secretary Boak, that the St.
Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the recommendation to
purchase student Chromebook replacements with the total amount not to
exceed \$222,246.20, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

STUDENT CHROMEBOOK
REPLACEMENT PURCHASE
APPROVAL

Motion by Treasurer Nelson, with support by Member Mansfield, that the St.
Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the resolution supporting the
City of St. Johns Fantasy Forest 2.0 project, as recommended. Motion
unanimously approved.

FANTASY FOREST 2.0
RESOLUTION APPROVAL

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

BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT AND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS'
REPORT

Superintendent Berthiaume shared there is a bond community forum April
17th at the High School Media Center. He shared he is meeting with Student
Council about upcoming projects, and thanked the groups he's met with for
the bond.

He talked about the recognition ceremonies, summer school planning, and
looking forward to the 2024-2025 school year tasks.

PEAP Awards date was confirmed, as well as the High School and STRIVE
graduation dates.

Student Representative Koenigsknecht provided updates to the Board of
Education on sports, PALS Palooza, spring testing, prom, student council
commencement speech, and the student council will be running the blood
drive coming up. She shared that a former student from a Division I college
came to speak to students. She shared that the Middle School's Frozen musical
is coming up, and shared how students viewed the solar eclipse.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT

The Board of Education received in-person public comments from high school
student Joseph Sklapsky on his support for the upcoming bond, and from
James Sills who complimented the Eureka staff and asked the board to
consider going back to 2 meetings a month.

PUBLIC AND BOARD
COMMENTS

There were no online public comments.

Board Members shared their thoughts towards the upcoming bond and
thanked Eureka for hosting the meeting.

Vice President Darragh adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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