

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2016**

President Burton convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Members Present

Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Members Absent

None

2016-2017 Teachers of the Year:

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions for the 2016-2017 Teachers of the Year: Don Stromberg, Grant and Kennedy Elementary Schools; Art Colling, Emerson Middle School; and Amie Van Horn Gabel, Stevenson High School.

**Don Stromberg
Grant &
Kennedy
Elementary**

Donald Stromberg

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and

**Art Colling
Emerson Middle
School**

WHEREAS, Donald Stromberg, a music teacher at Grant Elementary and Kennedy Elementary, and a 10-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished himself by being named Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017 by a district-wide committee of teachers, parents, and administrators; and

**Amie Van Horn
Gabel
Stevenson High
School**

WHEREAS, In achieving that recognition, it is evident that he is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of his duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and

WHEREAS, Don believes in igniting a passion for music, community, and learning through musical instruction; always engaging his students, serving as a role model, and inspiring cooperation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Donald Stromberg for being named Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017 and for the dedication and loyal service he has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, his students, and the community.

Arthur Colling III

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Colling III, a mathematics teacher at Emerson Middle School, and a 16-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished himself by being

named Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017 by a district-wide committee of teachers, parents, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, *In achieving that recognition, it is evident that he is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of his duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and*

WHEREAS, *Art believes in inspiring his students to do their very best, despite challenges, by lifting their confidence and guiding them through lessons as a teacher, mentor and a positive role model.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Arthur Colling III for being named Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017 and for the dedication and loyal service he has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, his students, and the community.*

Amie Van Horn-Gabel

WHEREAS, *The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and*

WHEREAS, ***Amie Van Horn-Gabel***, *an English Language Arts and Global Education teacher at Stevenson High School, and an 18-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished herself by being named High School Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017 by a district-wide committee of teachers, parents, and administrators; and*

WHEREAS, *In achieving that recognition, it is evident that she is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of her duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and*

WHEREAS, *Amie believes bringing the curriculum to life for her students, whether through creative games, high-tech Skyping, incorporating a world view of the material through languages or even organizing travel abroad to inspire her students.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Amie Van Horn-Gabel for being named High School Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017 and for the dedication and loyal service she has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, her students, and the community.*

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

American Education Week

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District designate November 14-18, 2016, as the 95th annual observance of American Education Week.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Written Communication

None

Audience Communication

None

Response to Prior Audience Communication

None

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent:

- V.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2016
- VI.A. Bills for Payment—November 15, 2016
- VII.A. Approval of Adult Education Program of Study

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Acceptance of Audit Report for 2015-2016 for 2013 Bond

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the fiscal year 2016 audit report for the 2013 Building and Site Fund Bond, as presented by the audit firm of Yeo and Yeo.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Approval of Bid Results for Frost Boiler Replacement – Sinking Fund

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the lowest responsible bid for Frost boilers replacement from Contrast Mechanical, Macomb Township, Michigan for a total cost of \$119,000.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Approval of Bid Results for Window Replacement at

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the lowest responsible bid for window replacement, at the Administrative Building, from Butcher and Butcher

**Administration
Building –
Sinking Fund**

Construction, Rochester Hills, Michigan for a total cost of \$109,300.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Recommend
Expulsion of
One Secondary
Student**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District expel one Frost Middle School student, grade 8, for serious violations of Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Policies.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Leaves of
Absence**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the requests for leaves of absence as listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Miki Higa	November 10, 2016
Cynthia Miller	November 9, 2016

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Resignation

The Board was informed that, as authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 20, 2016, a resignation has been accepted by the director of human resources for: **Rachel Perez, effective November 11, 2016**

**Sympathy
Resolution**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a sympathy resolution for the family of Gerald Gray.

WHEREAS, The Board of Education was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Gerald Gray; and,

WHEREAS, He was employed by the Livonia Public Schools School District as a custodian at Washington Elementary School, Johnson Elementary School, Rosedale Elementary School, Churchill High School, and Western Wayne Skill Center from October 1987 to November 2016; and

WHEREAS, he consistently demonstrated his outstanding dedication to students, parents, and staff; and,

WHEREAS, Gerald Gray will be profoundly missed by his colleagues and the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District offers its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Gerald Gray.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Rescheduling of Regular Board Meeting

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District move the currently scheduled December 12, 2016, regular Board meeting to December 19, 2016.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

1st Reading of Board Policy EDDB – Walkers and Riders

It was reported that the Policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes for the following Board Board Policies. They will be on the agenda for the next Regular Board Meeting for a second reading and potential approval.

**BOARD POLICY
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION
WALKERS AND RIDERS**

**EDDB
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

Bus transportation is a privilege and not a right and shall be administered in accordance with law. Eligibility for transportation is based on a student's home address.

Transportation shall be provided for secondary students living more than one and one-half miles from the school of designated attendance and elementary students living more than one mile from their school of designated attendance. Exceptions may be made for safety and health reasons of students.

Student Bus Passes

High school students must present an official bus pass to be admitted on the bus. If a high school student is unable to produce a pass, the student will not be permitted to ride the bus.

Middle school students must present an official bus pass to be admitted on the bus. If a middle school student is unable to produce a pass, he/she will be transported to school where appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

Every secondary student who is entitled to bus privileges under the rules and regulations of the Livonia Public Schools School District will be provided a permanent pass with picture identification. If the student loses the pass, he/she will pay the cost of replacement.

Bus passes are not required for elementary students.

1st Reading of Board Policy EEB – Wellness for Students

**BOARD POLICY
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
WELLNESS FOR STUDENTS**

**EEB
NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

The Livonia Public Schools School District is committed to promoting a healthy school environment that enhances the development of lifelong wellness practices to promote healthy eating and physical activities that support student achievement.

District Wellness Committee

The District will convene a representative District Wellness Committee to establish goals for and oversee school health and safety policies and programs; including development, implementation, periodic review, and update of this district-level wellness policy.

Nutrition Education

Every year, all students, Pre-K—12, shall receive nutrition education that is aligned with the *Michigan Health Education Content Standards and Benchmarks*. Nutrition education that teaches the knowledge, skills, and values needed to adopt healthy eating behaviors shall be integrated into the curriculum. Nutrition education information shall be offered throughout the school campus.

Nutrition Standards

The District shall ensure that reimbursable school meals meet the program requirements and nutrition standards found in federal regulations. The District shall encourage students to make nutritious food choices.

The District shall monitor food and beverages sold or served to students, including those available outside the federally regulated child nutrition programs.

The Superintendent, *or designee*, shall annually evaluate Livonia Public Schools vending policies and contracts as necessary and required by law. Vending contracts that do not meet the intent and purpose of this policy shall be modified accordingly or not renewed.

Fundraising

Foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrient standards may be sold through fundraisers on the school campus during the school day. The District will make available to teachers, club leaders, and coaches information on fundraising as well as tracking of the individual fundraisers by the principal.

Physical Education and Physical Activity Opportunities

~~The District shall offer physical education opportunities that include the components of a quality physical education program. Physical education shall equip students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for lifelong physical activity. Physical education instruction shall be aligned with the *Michigan Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks*.~~

The District's Physical Education instruction is aligned with the K-12 Michigan Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks. The District shall offer Physical Education opportunities that include the components of a quality physical education program. Physical Education shall equip students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for lifelong physical activity.

Every year all students, Pre-K—12, shall have the opportunity to participate regularly in supervised physical activities, either organized or unstructured, intended to maintain physical fitness and to understand the short and long term benefits of a physically active and healthy lifestyle.

Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student-Wellness

The District may implement other appropriate programs that help promote a school environment that conveys consistent wellness messages and is conducive to healthy eating and physical activity.

The District will integrate wellness activities across the school setting. The District will coordinate and integrate other initiatives related to physical activity, physical education, nutrition, and other wellness components so all efforts are complementary, not duplicative, and work toward the same set of goals and objectives promoting student well-being, optimal development, and strong educational outcomes.

Implementation and Measurement

~~The Superintendent shall develop and implement administrative rules consistent with this policy and measure its effectiveness. A sustained effort is necessary to implement and enforce this policy. The Superintendent shall report to the Board, as requested, on the District's programs and efforts to meet the purpose and intent of this policy.~~

The District Wellness Committee shall develop and implement an annual progress report or a triennial progress report. These reports will be placed on the District website available for public review. The District Wellness Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Education to update or modify the Wellness Policy based on the results.

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

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