

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2019**

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

Members Present

Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Members Absent

None

Points of Pride – National Merit Scholars

Mrs. Jenkins, Administrator of Communications, announced the National Merit Scholars for 2018-19: Churchill High School students Richard Falconer, Sharan Mangat, Aakanksha Pattanaik, Jason Qi, Caitlin Russell, Maria Tran, Shrithika Venkat; and Franklin student Eva Muller. She shared information about each student and presented certificates of recognition to those who were present.

Update from the LPS Education Foundation

Mrs. Policelli, President of the LPS Education Foundation, shared information about the activities and accomplishments of the Foundation, and introduced and thanked two of the Foundation's corporate sponsors: Heather Balazy from Parkside Credit Union and Sub Sabo from Masco Corporation. Lynda Scheel, Vice President of the Foundation, provided information about the *Competitive Edge College Savings Program* and Foundation Director Lorna Durand shared information about the Foundation's grant program.

District Update from the Superintendent

Superintendent Oquist shared some highlights about students, staff, and activities throughout the District. She also extended her appreciation to the 150 volunteers from Mile City Church and the community who spruced up the outside of ten LPS schools.

Mrs. Oquist also shared some important dates:

- Churchill will be holding their 50 year celebration on September 27, 2019.
- The first community information meeting regarding the 2019 Operating Millage and Sinking Fund Proposals will take place on June 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the administration building.

**Written
Communication**

None

**Audience
Communication**

Janine Martinez addressed the Board to correct some statements that were made during audience communication at the April 29 Board meeting regarding the Livonia United Girls Hockey Team. She thanked the Board, Mr. Willenborg, and everyone else involved for working together so that Livonia United could be established as unified club.

**Response to
Prior Audience
Communication**

None

**Consent
Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Burton 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 April 29, 2019
- V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 29, 2019
- V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of April 29, 2019
- V.D. Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 13, 2019
- V.E. Minutes of the Closed Session of May 13, 2019

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Approval of Bid
Results for
Firewall
Replacement –
2013 Bond**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of a new districtwide firewall solution from Sentinel Technologies, Ann Arbor, Michigan for \$137,294.75 plus a contingency of \$13,729.48, for a total cost of \$151,024.23.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Approval of Bid
Results for
Elementary
Music Sound
Systems**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of 19 elementary classroom sound systems, as awarded through the bid process, from Sound Planning Communications for a total expenditure of \$79,844.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Approval to

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Burton that the

Purchase Flexible Furniture for Grant, Hayes, Kennedy, Roosevelt – 2013 Bond

Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of flexible furniture from Interior Environments in the amount of \$146,716.79 for the following schools: Grant Elementary, Hayes Elementary, Kennedy Elementary, and Roosevelt Elementary.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Approval of Resolution for Wayne RESA’s 2019-2020 General Fund Operating Budget

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution supporting the General Fund Operating Budget for the 2019-2020 school year for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (“RESA”).

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Appointment of Auditor for 2018-2019

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District appoint the firm of Plante Moran to audit and prepare the financial report for Livonia Public Schools School District for the 2018-2019 school year, at a total cost of \$45,900.00.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Retirements

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by:

- Karyn Anderson**
- Charlene Baringhaus**
- Susan Bird**
- Carol DeBeaudry**
- Kathleen Grainer**
- Donald Harper**
- Judith Hogg**
- Patricia Horgan**
- Dean Kandt**
- Carrie Korican**
- Kathleen Larabell**
- Jill Manchester**
- Sharon Mayne**
- Jeana Penski**
- Margaret Schlack**
- Colleen Sweeney**

Karyn Anderson, who will retire from the district on June 17, 2019, and will have devoted 16 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Garfield Elementary and Hayes Elementary as a reading recovery teacher, elementary teacher and learning interventionist.

Charlene Baringhaus, who will retire from the district on June 17, 2019, and will have devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Holmes Middle School as a language arts teacher.

Susan Bird, who will retire from the district on June 20, 2019, and will have devoted 30.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of McKinley Elementary, Dickinson Elementary, Marshall Elementary, Kennedy Elementary and Johnson Upper Elementary as an elementary teacher, technology specialist and library media specialist.

Carol DeBeaudry, who will retire from the district on June 25, 2019, and will have devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Western Wayne Skills Center, Churchill High School, Webster Elementary and worked with the Student Services department as an occupational therapist.

Kathleen Grainer, who will retire from the district on June 17, 2019, and will have devoted 20 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Buchanan Elementary and Grant Elementary and worked with the Student Services department as a teacher of speech and language.

Donald Harper, who will retire from the district on May 24, 2019, and will have devoted 31.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a mechanic and garage leader in the transportation department.

Judith Hogg, who will retire from the district on June 18, 2019, and will have devoted 29 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a Young Fives teacher at Jackson Early Childhood Center and Randolph Elementary.

Patricia Horgan, who will retire from the district on June 17, 2019, and will have devoted 16.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Hoover Elementary as an elementary teacher.

Dean Kandt, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2019, and will have devoted 22 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Holmes Middle School and Franklin High School as a science teacher.

Carrie Korican, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2019, and will have devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School as a language arts teacher.

Kathleen Larabell, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2019, and will have devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Taylor Elementary and Hoover Elementary as an elementary teacher.

Jill Manchester, who will retire from the district on June 17, 2019, and will have devoted 28 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Roosevelt Elementary, Garfield Elementary, and Webster Elementary as a library media specialist.

Sharon Mayne, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2019, and will have devoted 20 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Garfield Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Cass Elementary, and Hoover Elementary as an elementary teacher.

Jeana Penski, who will retire from the district on June 17, 2019, and will have devoted 23 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Riley Center, Western Wayne Skill Center, Emerson Middle School, and Franklin High School as a special education teacher.

Margaret Schlack, who will retire from the district on June 18, 2019, and will have devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin high School as a mathematics teacher.

Colleen Sweeney, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2019, and will have devoted 13 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Coolidge Elementary and Cooper Upper Elementary as a special education teacher.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Resignation

As authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 4, 2018, a resignation has been accepted by the superintendent for:
Lauren Hill June 20, 2019

Approval of Separation Agreement

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the separation agreement between the Livonia Public Schools School District, Livonia Educational Administrators (LEADS), and Sheila O’Kane.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Sympathy Resolution for the Family of Marian Halkey, Food Service Helper at Johnson Upper Elementary School

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a sympathy resolution for the family of Marian Halkey.

SYMPATHY RESOLUTION

Marian Halkey

WHEREAS, The Board of Education was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Marian Halkey; and,

WHEREAS, She was employed by the Livonia Public Schools School District as a general helper at Johnson Upper Elementary beginning on September 9, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, She consistently demonstrated her outstanding dedication to students, parents, and staff; and,

WHEREAS, Marian Halkey will be profoundly missed by the students, her 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 Marian Halkey.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**First Reading of
Board Policy
JLB – Class
Gifts to Schools**

The Policy Committee has reviewed the proposed language for the policy below and recommends that it be on the agenda of the next regular Board meeting for a second reading and potential approval:

**BOARD POLICY
STUDENTS
CLASS GIFTS TO SCHOOLS**

**JLB
JUNE 20, 1988**

~~Gifts which will heighten the educational experience of students or which will duplicate existing facilities and equipment to accelerate attainment of particular educational goals will be considered appropriate and acceptable.~~

~~Any class who desires to present a gift to the district will consult with and have the approval of the building principal and the superintendent or designee.~~

~~Graduation tradition has often included the presentation of a legacy gift to the school from the graduating class of students. Class gifts are to receive prior approval from the building-level student government and the building administration.~~

**First Reading
for Removal of
Board Policy
JM – Contests
for Students**

The Policy Committee has reviewed the policy below and recommends that this policy be on the agenda of the next regular Board meeting for a second reading and potential removal:

~~**BOARD POLICY JM
STUDENTS
CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS**~~

~~**JUNE 20, 1988**~~

~~The decision of administrators whether students will be encouraged to enter a contest or competition shall be guided by the recommendation of local, state, or national principals' groups.~~

~~Following investigation of the purpose and merits of the competition, a school may participate in a proposed local contest with the approval of the superintendent or designee. The administration must be assured of the value of the contest to students and shall refuse to consider contests designed largely for promotional purposes.~~

~~When an event is found suitable, announcements shall be posted to give everyone who qualifies as an entrant an opportunity to participate. However, no student may be required to take part in a contest sponsored by an outside organization as part of his or her course.~~

**Approval of
Resolution for
Wayne RESA
Board Election**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution to designate LPS Board member Colleen Burton as the local District's Wayne RESA election representative and Board member Mark Johnson as the alternate. Also move that votes be cast for Wayne RESA Board candidates James Beri and Lynda Jackson.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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