

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2011**

Vice President Burton convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Members Present	Colleen Burton, Robert Freeman, Mark Johnson, Patrice Mang, Gregory Oke, Randy Roulier
Members Absent	Lynda Scheel
Golden Apple Award – Carol Secco, Hayes Parent Volunteer	Trustee Mark Johnson presented the Golden Apple Award to Carol Secco, parent volunteer at Hayes Elementary, and thanked her for all she does to support the students and staff at Hayes.
Gift – Livonia Career Technical Center	<p>It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous gift of \$10,000 from the Grainger Corporation.</p> <p>Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier Nays: None</p>
Gift – Churchill High School	<p>It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mr. Oke that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous gift of a Dimension 3D 768 printer, valued at approximately \$25,000, from Advanced Technologies Consultants.</p> <p>Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier Nays: None</p>
Recess	<p>It was moved by Mr. Freeman and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District recess the meeting at 7:24 p.m. to visit with guests.</p> <p>Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier Nays: None</p>
Reconvene	Vice President Burton reconvened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

**Written
Communication**

None

**Audience
Communication**

None

**Response to
Prior Audience
Communication**

None

**Consent
Agenda**

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

IV.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 4, 2011

IV.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 2, 2011

IV.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of May 2, 2011

V.A. Recommend Expulsion of One Upper Elementary Student
(Expulsion of one Cooper Upper Elementary School student, grade 6,
for serious violations of Livonia Public Schools Board of Education
policies.)

VI.A. Bills for Payment—May 17, 2011

VI.B. Approval of 2011-2012 Cooperative Agreements with Plymouth Canton
Community Schools; Northville Public Schools; and Crestwood School
District.
(Renewal of the Cooperative Agreements for the 2011-2012 school year
for students from the above schools to come to the Livonia Career
Technical Center.)

VI.C. Approval of Resolution to Participate in MHSAA
(Authorizes membership in the Michigan High School Athletic
Association for the 2011-2012 school year.)

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier

Nays: None

**CLASS
Presentation**

Due to technical difficulties, the scheduled CLASS (Continuous Learning and Student Success) High School Physics presentation was cancelled.

**Wayne RESA
2011-2012
General Fund
Operating
Budget**

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mr. Oke that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution below for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency ("RESA") General Fund Operating Budget for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (Wayne RESA")
General Fund Operating Budget
RESOLUTION**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District was held at the Administration Building on May 16, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were: **C. Burton, R. Freeman, M. Johnson, P. Mang, G. Oke, R. Roulier**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member **Randy Roulier** and seconded by Member **Gregory Oke**.

WHEREAS:

This Board received the Wayne RESA General Fund Operating Budget on or before May 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS:

In accordance with Section 380.624 of the Revised School Code, this Board must now adopt a resolution expressing its support or disapproval of the proposed Wayne RESA budget, and must submit to the Wayne RESA Board any specific objections and/or proposed changes the Board may have to the budget prior to June 1, 2011.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Please check one of the following options:



The Wayne RESA General Fund Operating budget for the 2011-2012 school year be supported, and that the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Wayne RESA Board of Education, along with comments.

OR



The Wayne RESA General Fund Operating budget for the 2011-2012 school year be disapproved (for reasons attached hereto), and that the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Wayne RESA Board of Education, along with any specific objections or proposed changes to the budget.

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools School District, Michigan hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on May 16, 2011, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes, and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Signed:

Secretary, Board of Education

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier
Nays: None

**Teachers for
Tenure**

It was moved by Ms. Mang and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to the following teachers, effective August 29, 2011:

Abigail Barbuto, Mary Pat Benoit, Jan Bice, Kelly Corrigan, David Crispin, Amy Dutton, Stephanie Estereicher, Kimberly Fortner, Lauren Green, Tracey Hammaren, Jonathan Kantor, Jessica Kennedy, Kristyn Kevra, Kimberly Krohn-Johnson, Nicole Lane, Courtney Little, Mari MacFarland, Paul Mercier, Richard Mestdagh, Tara Muchow, Rebecca Novack, Walter Power, Martha Ptashnik, Michael Rais, Marlene Sabbagh, Eric Schmidt, Angela Sinelli, Kristen Spencer, and John Webster.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier

Nays: None

Retirements

It was moved by Mr. Oke and unanimously approved by the Board that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the following resolutions of appreciation for the services rendered by:

Mary Breneman will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 14 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School as a counselor.

Sheila Byrne will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 34.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Roosevelt Elementary School, Madison Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, Cleveland Elementary School, McKinley Elementary School, Taylor Elementary School, and Perrinville Early Childhood Center as a teacher; and to the students throughout the district as a department head, homebound teacher, and coordinator with the student services department.

Katharine Carter will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 11 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service as a reading recovery teacher leader with student services and academic services; and as a teacher at Buchanan Elementary School.

Marilyn Creighton will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 15.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Riley Middle School and Holmes Middle School as a teacher.

Gregory DeNio will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Roosevelt Elementary School as a teacher.

Linda Eastman will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 17.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Nankin Mills Elementary School, Churchill High School, Cleveland Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, Cass Elementary School, and Hayes Elementary School as a teacher.

Thomas Erle will retire from the district on May 31, 2011, and has devoted 12.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a bus driver with the transportation department.

Carlotta Ferguson will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 38.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cooper and Harrison as a teacher in the Trainable Mentally Handicapped Program; and to the students at Buchanan Elementary School, Hull Elementary School, Coolidge Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, Garfield Elementary School, and Webster Elementary School as a resource room teacher.

Mary Foster will retire from the district on August 30, 2011*, and has devoted 40.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Eisenhower Elementary School, Johnson Elementary School, Tyler Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, Holmes Middle School, Washington Elementary School, Riley Middle School, and the student services department as a teacher, learning specialist and coordinator. **(*Note: This resolution contains an error in the retirement date. An amended resolution will be brought to the Board on June 6, to show the correct retirement date of June 30, 2011.)**

James Fraser, Jr. will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 11.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students throughout the district as a technology consultant, supervisor, and administrator of data management and instructional technology.

Denise Johnson will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 32 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as an instructional aide and special education paraprofessional at Stark School and Western Wayne Skill Center.

Michael Kendzior will retire from the district on June 24, 2011, and has devoted 29.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian, assistant building supervisor and building supervisor at Clay Elementary School, Frost Junior High School, Nankin Mills Elementary School, Franklin High School, Churchill High School, Garfield Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, Bentley High School, Cooper at Whittier Elementary School, Jefferson Center, Washington Elementary School, Western Wayne Skill Center, and Hoover Elementary School.

Shirley Koritnik will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 16.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a Title I paraprofessional and special education paraprofessional at Nankin Mills Elementary School, Emerson Middle School, Hayes Elementary School, Cooper Elementary School, and Riley Upper Elementary School.

Curtis Kreutzfeld will retire from the district on May 31, 2011, and has devoted 34 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian, night leader, head custodian and building supervisor at Lowell Junior High School, Western Wayne Skill Center, Whitman Center, Rosedale Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, Jefferson Center, Grant Elementary School, Tyler Elementary School, Taylor Elementary School, and Cleveland Elementary School.

Louis Kuratko will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 18 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School and Churchill High School as an AFJROTC instructor.

Frederick Mack will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 52 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Lincoln Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, Kennedy Elementary School, Cass Elementary School, Hoover Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, Randolph Elementary School, and Johnson Upper Elementary School as a teacher.

Karen Maston will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a Chapter I paraprofessional and special education paraprofessional at Garfield Elementary School, Riley Middle School, Holmes Middle School, Tyler Elementary School, and Cass Elementary School.

Katherine McClain will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 14.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School as a learning specialist and teacher.

Michele Mooney will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 20 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Webster Elementary School and Roosevelt Elementary School as a teacher.

Linda O'Neil will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 39.2 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Hull Elementary School, Emerson Junior High School, Perrinville Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, Tyler Elementary School, Cooper Elementary School, and Garfield Elementary School as a teacher.

Wanda Pichler will retire from the district on July 30, 2011, and has devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a Chapter I paraprofessional and special education paraprofessional at Cooper Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, and Emerson Middle School.

David Pollack will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 35.3 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian at Lincoln Elementary School, Hull Elementary School, Cass Elementary School, Taylor Elementary School, Cooper Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, and Rosedale Elementary School.

Gary Rundel will retire from the district on June 24, 2011, and has devoted 30.3 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a utility driver, custodian, assistant building supervisor, and building supervisor with the transportation department, Churchill High School, Jefferson Center, Nankin Mills Elementary School, Whittier Junior High School, Garfield Elementary School, and Buchanan Elementary School.

Barbara Sarah will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 33 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a substitute cook, general helper, and cook baker helper at Stevenson High School and Holmes Middle School.

Donald Shoff will retire from the district on May 6, 2011, and has devoted six years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a bus driver with the transportation department.

Katherine Sloan will retire from the district on June 30, 2011, and has devoted 13.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Churchill High School and Frost Middle School as a teacher.

Patrece Whitworth will retire from the district on June 24, 2011, and has devoted 16.3 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary at Riley Middle School and Webster Elementary School.

Resignations

Mrs. Dorothy Chomicz, director of human resources, informed the Board that, as authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 7, 2010, resignations have been accepted for: **Candice McLeod, David Mitchell (resignation of position only), Rachel Pridemore, and Margo Siegel**, effective June 30, 2011.

**Wayne RESA
Board Election**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the following resolution designating the local district's Wayne RESA election representative and the candidates for whom that representative should cast a vote.

**MODEL RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LOCAL DISTRICT'S
WAYNE RESA ELECTION REPRESENTATIVE**
(To be adopted on or after May 16, 2011)

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, Livonia, Michigan (the Board), was held at 15125 Farmington Road on the 16th day of May, 2011, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

The meeting was called to order by **Colleen Burton**, Board **Vice President**.

Present: **C. Burton, R. Freeman, M. Johnson, P. Mang, G. Oke, R. Roulier**

Absent: **L. Scheel**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member **Mark Johnson** and supported by Member **Patrice Mang**:

WHEREAS:

1. The biennial election of the Board of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency ("WRESA") will be held on Monday, June 6, 2011; and
2. The members of the WRESA Board will be elected by an electoral body composed of one (1) person designated by the Board of each of the constituent school districts; and
3. In accordance with Section 380.614(2) of the Revised School Code, this Board must now adopt a resolution which designates its representative to the electoral body and directs said representative to vote on behalf of this school Board for the specific candidate this Board supports for each position to be filled on the WRESA Board, at least on the first ballot taken by the electoral body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Board does hereby approve the designation of **Robert Freeman** as the representative of this Board for the electoral body, and **Mark Johnson** as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend, which body will elect two (2) candidates to the vacancies on the WRESA Board on Monday, June 6, 2011.
2. The designated representative is further directed to cast a vote on the first ballot on behalf of the Board for candidate **Kenneth Berlinn**, and for candidate **Debbie Stellini**.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: **Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier**

Nayes: **None**

Motion declared **adopted**.

Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, Livonia, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on May 16, 2011, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes, and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Secretary, Board of Education

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier
Nays: None

Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2011 be adjourned.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier
Nays: None

Vice President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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