

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2015**

President Burton convened the meeting at 7:14 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

**Members Present**

Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Dan Centers, Liz Jarvis, Mark Johnson, Eileen McDonnell

**Members Absent**

Dianne Laura

**Art Gallery Program – Holmes Middle School**

Mrs. Stacy Jenkins, administrator of communications, introduced Holmes Middle School students' whose artwork was displayed in the Board Room and presented each of them with a certificate of recognition. Holmes students who had artwork on display included Ellie Chalifoux, Natalie Koelzer, Erin Ramsey, Dana Scheuer, and Haley Demers.

**LPS Education Foundation Annual Update**

Diane Policelli, president of the Livonia Public Schools' Education Foundation, shared an overview of the main undertakings of the LPS Education Foundation including the grant program, the *Competitive Edge College Savings Program*, the recent Honorary Board meeting, and the upcoming Back-to-School event and annual luncheon.

**Gifts to Livonia Public Schools' FIRST Robotics Team**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous monetary and in-kind donations to Livonia Public Schools' FIRST Robotics Team:

- \$5,000 from: Denso International America, Livonia Public Schools, Linearmold and Engineering, and AISIN Technical Center of America;
- \$3,000 from SABIC, BAE Systems, Comcast, BASF and Ford;
- \$1,000 from RCO Technologies, H.M. White, Promotional Concepts and Alro Steel;
- \$500 from: NYX Industries, Kiwanis Club of Michigan, 4M Industries; Duckworth and Associates, Alley Ray Media, and Lawton Productions.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Recess**

The Board recessed from 7:57-8:09 p.m. to visit with guests.

**Written Communication**

None

**Audience Communication**

Kieran Bledsoe addressed the Board regarding paid family leave for teachers.

Amber Middleton, Jennifer Higgins, and Brad Higgins addressed the Board regarding the potential relocation of Perrinville programs.

John Grzebik thanked the Board for opening up dialog with the community regarding Perrinville, encouraged everyone to talk to legislators regarding school funding, and addressed the Board regarding MASB certification.

Jody and Jeff White addressed the Board regarding concerns they had related to incidents at Churchill High School.

**Response to Prior Audience Communication**

None

**Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Centers 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 20, 2015
- V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 11, 2015
- V.C. Minutes of the Closed Sessions of May 11, 2015
- V.D. Approval of 2015-2016 Cooperative Education Program Agreements  
Northville, Plymouth-Canton, Crestwood, and Redford Union with the Livonia Career Technical Center;  
Wayne-Westland with the Ford Career-Technical Center and Livonia Career Technical Center
- VII.A. Bills for Payment—May 19, 2015

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Approval of Agreement - Graduation Alliance**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the agreement with Graduation Alliance to provide a dropout recovery program beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Recommend Upholding Hearing Officer’s Decision for Long-term Suspension of One Secondary Student**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District uphold the Hearing Officer’s decision for long-term suspension of one Franklin High School student, grade 9, for serious violations of Livonia Public Schools’ Board of Education policies.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Recommend Expulsion of One Secondary Student**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District expel one Stevenson High School student, grade 9, for serious violations of Livonia Public Schools’ Board of Education policies.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Approval of Bid Results for Hard Floor Care Equipment – 2013 Bond**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the bid recommendation for hard floor care equipment from HP Products, Belleville, Michigan for a total amount of \$58,050.00.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Approval of Technology Move Management Bid Results for Phase II Schools – 2013 Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the attached recommendation from the Owner’s Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, to approve the Phase II Technology Move Management bids for the amount of \$60,334 and a contingency budget amount of \$12,067, for a total amount of \$72,401, and authorize the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate and execute final contract on behalf of Livonia Public Schools School District’s Board of Education with Corrigan Moving Systems.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Approval of Resolution for Wayne RESA’s 2015-2016 General Fund Operating Budget**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, adopt the resolution approving the General Fund Operating Budget for the 2015-2016 school year for the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency (“RESA”).

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District was held at the Board of Education Office on May 18, 2015, at 7:00 o’clock.

Members present were: \_\_\_\_\_

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS: This Board received the Wayne RESA Fiscal year 2015-2016 General Fund Operating Budget on or before May 1, 2015; 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, 2015.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Please check one of the following options:

The Wayne RESA General Fund Operating budget for the 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 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.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Approval of Additional Seats for Limited Schools of Choice**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools District accept the recommendation of the superintendent to open a total of 50 additional seats under Section 105c, which allows for enrollment of out of district students under limited schools of choice, for the 2015-16 school year. The breakdown for enrollment would be: Kindergarten (25 seats), 1<sup>st</sup> grade (10 seats), 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades (5 seats each = 15 seats) for a total of 50 additional seats. The registration window would be May 19 – June 2, 2015.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Granting of Tenure Status to Specified Teachers**

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 recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to the following teachers, effective on the respective dates:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Elizabeth Booth	January 26, 2015
Brenda Howe	May 29, 2015
Rachel Majewski	January 24, 2015
Thomas Miskinis	December 5, 2014
Brandy Verkeyn	January 13, 2015

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Leave of  
Absence**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence for Jacqueline Janda, effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Resignation**

The Board was informed of the resignation of Theresa Lafever, effective May 1, 2015.

**Retirements**

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

**Adele Baden** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Taylor Elementary School and Hoover Elementary School as a teacher.

**Mary Baidoon** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 17.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a temporary cook, baker, helper, and general helper at Franklin High School and Churchill High School.

**Charlene Balosky** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 13 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Holmes Middle School, Emerson Middle School, and Frost Middle School as a teacher.

**Christina Berry** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 25.3 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Churchill High School, Riley Middle School, Dickinson Center, and Frost Middle School as a teacher, assistant principal, coordinator, and principal.

**Anne Cini** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 27 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Grant Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, Coolidge Elementary School, Adams Elementary School, Randolph Elementary School, Johnson Elementary School, Rosedale Elementary School, and Roosevelt Elementary School as a teacher

**Christine Daly-Damiani** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 16 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School, Churchill High School, and the Student Services Department as a student assistance provider and school social worker.

**Cynthia DeMan** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Livonia Career Technical Center, Stevenson High School, Franklin High School, and the Administration Building as a teacher, assistant principal, assistant director of personnel, and director of personnel.

**Kay DePerro** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 23.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of McKinley Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, Adams Elementary School, and Roosevelt Elementary School as a teacher and principal.

**Katherine Faulk** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School as a teacher.

**Debra Fletcher** will retire from the district on June 11, 2015, and will have devoted 16.2 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Webster Elementary School and Western Wayne Skill Center.

**James Gibbons** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 15 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Churchill High School and Stevenson High School as an assistant principal and principal.

**Nancy Haas** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 18.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School as a teacher.

**Kelly Haffner** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 18 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School, Stevenson High School, Holmes Middle School, Emerson Middle School, Frost Middle School, and Churchill High School as a teacher.

**Kathleen Hall** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 19.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cooper Elementary School and Cleveland Elementary School as a teacher.

**Claudia Heinrich** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 18 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School as a teacher.

**Sheila Hoetger** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Riley Middle School and Holmes Middle School as a teacher.

**Bruce Johnson** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 16 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Holmes Middle School as a teacher.

**Robert Jones** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 11 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Western Wayne Skill Center, Franklin High School, Emerson Middle School, Churchill High School, and Frost Middle School.

**Susan Joslin** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 19 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Adams Elementary School and Roosevelt Elementary School as a teacher.

**Cathleen Karlson** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 20 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Roosevelt Elementary School, Marshall Elementary School, Cass Elementary School, and Hoover Elementary School as a teacher.

**Karen Kerrigan** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 20 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cleveland Elementary School, Nankin Mills Elementary School, and Frost Middle School as a teacher.

**Christine Kleimola** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 34 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Harrison Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, Franklin High School, and Emerson Middle School as a teacher.

**Deborah Koziarski** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 29 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Grant Elementary School, Hoover Elementary School, Hull Elementary School, and Kennedy Elementary School as a media specialist.

**Tonie Lindenberger** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 12 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Riley Middle School, Stevenson High School, and Holmes Middle School as a media specialist.

**Janet Madaus** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 27 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Grant Elementary School, Johnson Elementary School, and Rosedale Elementary School as a teacher.

**Mary Mascaro** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 30.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Kennedy Elementary School, Hull Elementary School, and Kennedy Elementary School as a teacher.

**Lynn Massucci** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 22.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School and Stevenson High School as a teacher.

**Paul Mills, Jr.** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 15 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School as a teacher.

**Lee Moran** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Grant Elementary School, Kennedy Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, Marshall Elementary School, Cass Elementary School, and Riley Upper Elementary School as a teacher.

**Nancy Morgan** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 19 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School and Holmes Middle School as a teacher.

**Joanmary Nenninger** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 28 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Johnson Elementary School and Rosedale Elementary School as a teacher.

**Kathleen Nichol** will retire from the district on June 11, 2015, and will have devoted 17.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Frost Middle School, Holmes Middle School, Webster Elementary School, Randolph Elementary School, Franklin High School, and Western Wayne Skill Center.

**Craig Prokopchak** will retire from the district on June 11, 2015, and has devoted 10.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Western Wayne Skill Center.

**Candace Reaume** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Kennedy Elementary School, Tyler Elementary School, Garfield Elementary School, and Buchanan Elementary School as a learning specialist, facilitator, and teacher.

**Marylee Skelton** will retire from the district on June 11, 2015, and has devoted 19.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Marshall Elementary School, Taylor Elementary School, Tyler Elementary School, Hoover Elementary School, Cass Elementary School, IT Department, and Franklin High School.

**Kathryn Smith** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 17 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Livonia Career Technical Center, Holmes Middle School, Stevenson High School, and Churchill High School as a teacher.

**Krystn VanRenterghem** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 28 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cass Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, Tyler Elementary School, and Coolidge Elementary School as a teacher.

**Pamela Wright** will retire from the district on June 30, 2015, and will have devoted 17 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Marshall Elementary School and Emerson Middle School as a teacher.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**First Reading of:**

**Board Bylaw BD(1) – Formulation of Bylaws**

Superintendent Dr. Liepa reported that the Policy Committee reviewed the proposed new language for the policy shown below. This policy will be brought to the next regular Board meeting for a second reading and possible adoption.

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD BOARD OPERATIONS FORMULATION OF BYLAWS** **BD(1) APRIL 14, 2014**

The Board of Education defines "bylaw" as a rule or regulation for the purpose of governing internal operations of the Board and recognizes that many bylaws are mandatory through Michigan general school laws. Changes in bylaws that do not have this source of origin may be made by a vote of a majority of the Board members provided the following notification and review procedure is applied:

A Board member requesting a review, change, or adoption of a bylaw shall notify the **Board** president by submitting a written statement of the bylaw change at least seven days in advance of the ~~regular~~ meeting **at which** he/she wishes the bylaw **to be** considered. The president will schedule the request on the agenda, notify the superintendent, and provide Board members materials or information which may be of value in consideration **of the proposed adjustment to Board bylaws.**

Final written form of the proposed bylaw shall be determined by ~~a majority~~ of the Board. ~~Consideration of the bylaw's final written form will be scheduled for the following regular meeting and shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.~~ Bylaws



~~so established shall have immediate effect.~~ The Board will place a first reading of the proposed or amended bylaw on the agenda of a regular or special voting meeting. Consideration of the final written form of the bylaw will be placed on the agenda of a subsequent regular or special voting meeting. Bylaws so established shall have immediate effect. The formal adoption of bylaws shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Education.

**First Reading of:**

Superintendent Dr. Liepa reported that the Policy Committee reviewed the proposed new language for the policy shown below. This policy will be brought to the next regular Board meeting for a second reading and possible adoption.

**Board Bylaw  
BD(2) –  
Formulation of  
Policies**

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD  
BOARD OPERATIONS  
FORMULATION OF POLICIES** **BD(2)  
JUNE 20, 1988**

The formulation and adoption of written policies shall constitute the basic method by which the Board of Education shall exercise its leadership in the operation of the ~~school system~~ **Livonia Public Schools School District**. The study and evaluation of reports concerning the execution of its written policies shall constitute the basic method by which the Board of Education shall exercise its control over the operation of the school system ~~district~~.

~~The formal adoption of policies shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Education.~~(moved to end of document)

~~A member of the Board~~ **member**, the Superintendent, or other interested ~~person(s)~~ **party** may propose changes ~~in~~ **to a current policy** or may propose a new policy. It is the desire of the Board that the policies reflect the thinking of the Board, the school administrators and its personnel, and the community. Policies may be amended or revised ~~at any time~~ by a majority vote of the Board. ~~provided such proposed changes or new proposals are submitted in writing to the superintendent and are forwarded to the Board at least one week prior to consideration.~~

The Board will place a first reading of the proposed or amended policy on the agenda of a regular or special voting meeting. Consideration of the final written form of the policy will be placed on the agenda of a subsequent regular or special voting meeting. The formal adoption of policies shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Education.

**Second Reading of Board Policy  
IHF – Graduation  
Requirements**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language as shown below:

**BOARD POLICY** **IHF – Section #2**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS** **MAY 18, 2015**  
**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (2016 and beyond)**

1. **Number of Classes:** Each student shall be registered as a full time student for a minimum of eight (8) semesters. Exceptions for the second semester of the senior year for which special schedule arrangements are necessary may be approved by the principals.
2. **Credit Requirements:** A minimum of 23 units of credit (one unit equals one credit) must be successfully earned.
3. **Credit Earned Prior to High School:** A student who, prior to entering high school, successfully completes a course at a Michigan public school

that is aligned with the high school course content expectations will earn credit toward fulfilling the graduation requirements. A list of courses for which this applies will be maintained by the Office of Instruction. Grades for these courses will not be used in the calculation of the student's high school grade point average.

4. **Common Learnings:** Each student is required to earn a minimum of 18 credits in the area of common learnings outlined below:  
**A minimum of eighteen (18) units of credit must be earned in the following areas:**
- |   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| A. Language Arts (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12)   | 4.0 units       |
| • 1 unit Language Arts 9  |                 |
| • 1 unit Language Arts 10   |                 |
| • 1 unit (.5 Composition and .5 Literature)   |                 |
| • 1 unit (Choice of 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Classes)   |                 |
| B. Mathematics  | 4.0 units       |
| 4 units of mathematics which must include at least Geometry, Algebra I and Algebra II (or an equivalent) with a math or math-related class in the final year. |                 |
| C. Science  | 3.0 units       |
| • 1 unit Biology  |                 |
| • 1 unit Chemistry  |                 |
| • 1 unit Physics/Physical Science or completes a CTE Program  |                 |
| D. Social Studies   | 3.0 units       |
| • 1 unit World History  |                 |
| • 1 unit U.S. History   |                 |
| • 0.5 unit American Government  |                 |
| • 0.5 unit Economics  |                 |
| E. Physical Education   | 1.0 unit        |
| • 0.5 unit Personal Fitness   |                 |
| • 0.5 unit Health   |                 |
| F. Visual, Performing, and/or Applied Arts  | 1.0 unit        |
| G. World Languages  | 2.0 units       |
| • 2 units of the same World Language, or  |                 |
| • 1 unit of the same World Language and completes a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program, or  |                 |
| • 1 unit of the same World Language and 1 unit of VPAA in addition to required VPAA credit  |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>18 units</b> |
5. **Electives:** Of the 23 units required for graduation, 5 units of credit may be electives.
6. **Online Learning Experience:** Students are required to experience twenty (20) hours of online learning. The requirement will be met through online experiences provided in high school core required courses.
7. **Personal Curriculum Plan:** A personal curriculum plan may be developed for a student in which graduation requirements are modified in accordance with the state mandated Michigan Merit Curriculum. For example, the VPAA requirement can be modified through a Personal Curriculum Plan for a student who takes additional credit(s) beyond the required credits in English Language Arts, Math, Science, or World Language or if the student completes a CTE program.
8. **Testing Out:** A student will receive credit for a Michigan Merit curriculum course in which the student earns a qualifying score on the test out that measures a student's understanding of the subject area content expectations that apply to the credit. Test out scores will not be used to calculate grade point average. Testing out is not a credit recovery option.
9. **Required Testing:** As a requirement for graduation, a high school student must participate in all state or federal academic testing programs which the

School District is required to administer, unless otherwise indicated in an Individualized Education Program (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or similar program of services. A high school student’s failure to meet this requirement will render him/her ineligible for a high school diploma, and will preclude that student’s participation in graduation commencement exercises. Any deviation from this requirement must be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

- 10. **Early Graduation:** If a student meets all other requirements, approval for early graduation may be granted at the end of seven (7) semesters. To apply for early graduation, the Application for Early Graduation and a letter to the principal must be completed by the end of the first card marking of the student’s senior year. Approval for early graduation will be contingent upon educational experiences or training in high school which have afforded the student early entry into college or an advanced training program, a concrete job offer utilizing these educational experiences, or family financial need. Diplomas will be issued in June. An exception to this section may be granted with approval of the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the superintendent.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Second Reading of Board Policy BHA – Code of Ethics**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language as shown below:

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD  
BOARD OPERATIONS  
CODE OF ETHICS**

**BHA  
MAY 18, 2015**

**As members of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, we shall promote the best interests of the school district as a whole, and will make decisions that place student learning and the success of all students first by adhering to the following educational and ethical standards:**

As a Board member,

- I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children, and will seek to develop and maintain schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, height, weight, marital status, or handicap/disability.
- I will focus Board action on policy making, strategic planning, and designating and evaluating the Superintendent.
- I will recognize that the role of the Board is to govern and oversee the management of the District. I will delegate authority to the Superintendent for the day to day operations of the District and will not seek to participate in the day-to-day operations.
- I will review and evaluate all policies, bylaws, procedures, and processes, and will work to make desired changes so they will be current, up to date, and relevant.
- I will come to Board meetings prepared to discuss and take action on all agenda items. I will study the material in the Board packet and follow established Board Operating Procedures for additional information prior to each Board meeting.
- I will give the Superintendent or Board President notification of my concerns prior to the Board meetings, so that the concerns can be properly addressed.
- I will understand that I have not only the right, but the duty, to express my views

and opinions and ask questions at the Board table, and will make a good faith effort to understand the views of others.

- I will recognize that the Board must make decisions as a whole in public. I will render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment, and I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to individuals or special interest groups.
- I will avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and, if such a conflict is unavoidable, I will disclose such interest and abstain from voting on such matters.
- I will respect the decision and the implementation of the consensus of the Board once a decision has been made.
- I will recognize that while I am free to express my personal views, the Board President is the spokesperson for the Board and the Superintendent is the spokesperson for the District.
- I will be respectful and listen to all ideas presented to the Board, be it from parents, staff, students, community members, other Board members, or other stakeholders. I will listen and then refer any person to appropriate personnel.
- I will communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expression of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
- I will exercise caution when communicating between and among Board members via electronic communication, and will abide by the Open Meetings Act.
- I will hold confidential all matters that, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals, schools, or the district. I will respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law, including closed session discussions.
- I will stay informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information; for example, those sponsored by my state and national school board associations.
- I will take no private action that will compromise the Board, the Administration, or the District.
- I will refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain.
- I will support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as District staff.
- I will support and protect District personnel in the proper performance of their duties.
- I will, along with my fellow Board members, review, revise (if appropriate) and sign this Code of Ethics annually at the beginning of each year.

As Board President,

- I will ensure that persons addressing the Board follow established policy guidelines as outlined in Board policy.
- I will ensure that persons addressing the Board do so in a professional manner and not allow inappropriate communication to be directed to the Board or the Superintendent during Board meetings.
- I will ensure that all Board members are given an opportunity to express their views. I will work toward building consensus among all Board members.
- I will follow parliamentary procedure, to the extent that it does not conflict with Board policy.

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

**Resolution  
Designating  
Local District's  
Wayne RESA  
Board Election  
Representative  
& Candidate to  
Receive Vote**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution below to designate Colleen Burton as the local district's Wayne RESA election representative, Mark Johnson as the alternate, and James Petrie as the Wayne RESA candidate for whom a vote should be cast.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, was held on the 18th day of May, 2015, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The meeting was called to order by \_\_\_\_\_, President.

Present: Members  
Absent: Members

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Member \_\_\_\_\_:

**WHEREAS:**

1. The biennial election of the Board of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency ("WRESA") will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015; 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 \_\_\_\_\_ as the representative of this Board for the electoral body, and \_\_\_\_\_ as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend, which body will elect one candidate to the vacancy on the WRESA Board on Monday, June 1, 2015.
2. The designated representative is further directed to cast a vote on the first ballot on behalf of the Board for candidate \_\_\_\_\_.
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: Members  
Nays: Members

Motion declared adopted.

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Tammy Bonifield  
Secretary, Board of Education

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Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, McDonnell  
Nays: None

**Adjournment**

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

**Off/Supt/jw**