

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
Special Meeting  
August 16, 2021**

President Burton convened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

**Members Present**

Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson

**Members Absent**

None

**District Update from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Oquist shared an overview of the Fall 2021 Mask & Mitigation measures. Discussion ensued on mitigation measures and plans for the coming school year.

**Written Communication**

None

**Audience Communication**

Several individuals addressed the Board regarding COVID-19 and masking in schools.

**Appointment of Frost Middle School Assistant Principal**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Brian Jensen as assistant principal of Frost Middle School beginning August 17, 2021.

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

**Appointment of Johnson Upper Elementary School Assistant Principal**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Cynthia Pierson as assistant principal of Johnson Upper Elementary School beginning August 17, 2021

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

**Appointment of Riley Upper Elementary**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint

**School Principal**

Allison Gray as assistant principal of Riley Upper Elementary School beginning August 17, 2021.

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

**Appointment of Jackson Early Childhood Center Principal**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Dr. Katie Dodge as principal of Jackson Early Childhood Center beginning August 17, 2021.

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

**Appointment of Media Technology Coordinators**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Judy Bowling and Paul Cassatta as media technology coordinators beginning August 17, 2021.

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

**Board Trustees to Participate in MASB Workshop**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve Board trustees' participation in the MASB Legal Workshop on August 26, 2021, at a cost of \$90 each; for a total not to exceed \$630.

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

**Committee of the Whole Discussion Items****Planning and Updates for 2021-22 School Year –**

Information was shared regarding the fall planning and mitigation measures that were previously sent to families related to COVID-19 and the rationale for those measures. Discussion ensued regarding current guidelines from the CDC and the MDHHS, COVID-19 data and future mitigation measures for the District.

**Committee of the Whole Discussion Items**

The Board was notified that the following items will be on the agenda of the August 23, 2021 regular Board meeting for a vote:

- **Construction Manager Recommendation – 2021 Bond**  
Proposals were received from five firms. Recommend Clark

Construction Company for Project #1 Building Renovations & AC Upgrades and Project #2 Robotics and Early Childhood Center for 2021 bond projects. Total contract award: \$4,682,848.

- **Technology Designer Recommendation – 2021 Bond**  
Proposals were received from three design firms. Recommend Integrated Design Solutions for 2021 bond projects. Total contract award \$920,000.
- **Furniture Consultant Recommendation – 2021 Bond**  
Furniture consulting services were obtained from architectural and engineering firms. Recommend French Associates, Inc. for Project 1 Staff Furniture & Library Media Centers in the amount of \$206,000 and TMP Architecture, Inc. for Project 2 Robotics Center & Early Childhood in the amount of \$52,000.
- **Tennis Court Designer Recommendation – Sinking Fund**  
Proposals were requested from Foresite Design and NTH for design, construction documents, bidding, and construction administration services for tennis courts at Franklin and Stevenson High Schools. Recommend Foresite Design for a fee of \$71,200.
- **Bulk Salt Purchase**  
Recommend Detroit Salt Company (via the MiDEAL Purchase Consortium) for the purchase of 1,300 tons of road salt for the 2021-22 winter season, at a total cost of \$56,654.
- **Pizza Bid for School Lunch Program**  
Domino's was the only vendor who submitted a bid, for a cost of \$8.00 per pizza for a proposed three-year contract. Cost for 2021-22 school year would be approximately \$150,000.
- **Tuition Rate 2021-2022**  
Tuition rate for 2021-22 school year will be \$11,582 and will be on the consent agenda.
- **i-Ready Purchases**  
Proposed purchase of i-Ready diagnostics for kindergarten through eighth grade students in reading and math. Data is utilized to determine student needs and how students are doing on grade level standards. Total cost is \$112,302.60.

- **Act 18 Purchases**

Requesting approval for Act 18 technology for students and staff for the 2021-22 school year. These items have been approved by Wayne County RESA for our Act 18 programs: MOCI, WSKSL, ASD.

**Adjournment**

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 10:36 p.m.

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