

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
August 26, 2013**

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

<b>Members Present</b>	Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Mark Johnson, Eileen McDonnell, Julie Robinson, Randy Roulier
<b>Members Absent</b>	Dianne Laura
<b>Written Communication</b>	None
<b>Audience Communication</b>	<b>Loyd Romick</b> , 33437 Michele Ct., read an article to the Board from the <i>Macomb Gazette</i> . <b>Steve Johnson</b> , 18240 Sunset, addressed the Board regarding the oversight of Bryant and other school property.
<b>Response to Prior Audience Communication</b>	None
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	It was moved by Mrs. Robinson and supported by Mrs. McDonnell 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 July 29, 2013 IV.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 5, 2013 VI.A. Bills for Payment – August 27, 2013 VI.B. Approval of 2013-2014 Tuition Rate Approved the tuition rate of \$9,371 for non-resident students.  Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier Nays: None
<b>Michigan Accountability Scorecard Presentation</b>	Sheila Alles, director of academic services, presented information regarding the new accountability scorecards (the new grading system across the state) and explained the report card scoring process. She shared school and district results.
<b>Recommendation Regarding Use of Supplemental Material</b>	It was moved by moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Robinson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation of the Review Committee to discontinue use of the <i>News Currents</i> periodical in the district's elementary schools.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Recommend  
Conditional  
Reinstatement of  
Expelled Student**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the administration's recommendation to conditionally reinstate a student who was expelled from Frost Middle School in May 2009. This conditional reinstatement is for the 2013-2014 school year.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Approval of  
Technology  
Design Firm for  
Bond Issue  
Implementation**

It was moved by Mrs. Robinson and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to appoint Barton Malow as the technology designer for implementation of the 2013 Bond projects, and authorize Superintendent Randy Liepa to negotiate and execute final contracts with Barton Malow on behalf of Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Roulier (conflict of interest)

**Approval of  
Custodial Paper  
Purchase**

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the low bid for custodial paper products from HP Products in Indianapolis, Indiana, for a total cost of \$86,953.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Approval of  
Lease with  
Livonia City  
Soccer Club**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve a lease agreement with Livonia City Soccer Club, effective September 1, 2013, through August 31, 2016, for the total amount of \$144,000.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Approval of  
Waste Removal  
Agreement**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School district authorize the Superintendent Randy Liepa or his designee to execute a three year agreement with Waste Management for waste removal services.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson  
Nays: McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Motion failed.

**Approval of Consolidated Bid for Dairy Products**

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the low bid for dairy products from Smith Dairy Enterprises, Toledo, Ohio, for a total cost of \$232,000.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Approval of Teachers**

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2013-2014 school year to the following teachers:

- Victoria Haber
- John Hicks

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Recall of Teachers**

It was moved by Mrs. Robinson and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to district employment as teachers for the 2013-14 school year the persons listed below:

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| Haley Albertsen    | (1.0) Kindergarten/Kennedy  |
| Rachel Banks       | (1.0) Kindergarten/Cleveland  |
| Megan Bruestle     | (1.0) English/Frost   |
| Kimberly Daugherty | (1.0) Grade 1/Roosevelt   |
| Laura Derda        | (1.0) English/Franklin  |
| Jillian Hall       | (.7) Guidance/(.5) Franklin & (.2) Emerson                            |
| Brenda Howe        | (1.0) Grade 3/Hayes   |
| Kelsey Mack        | (1.0) Grade 1/Buchanan  |
| Rachel Majewski    | (1.0) Kindergarten/Kennedy  |
| Cynthia Miller     | (1.0) Kindergarten/Hoover   |
| Joshua Skodack     | (1.0) Science/Franklin  |
| Kelly A. Thompson  | (1.0) Grade 2/Hayes   |
| Brandy Verkeyn     | (.8) Fashion Merchandising/Career Center &<br>(.2) Marketing/Franklin |
| Jaelyn Vine        | (1.0) Grade 5/6 Webster   |

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Granting of Tenure Status to Specified Teachers**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Burton 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:

Kelly Backer	October 5, 2013
Katie Broome	October 5, 2013
Aisha Jobe	August 29, 2013
Wendy Kwiatkowski	February 8, 2013
Carmen Niemiec	October 5, 2013
Donna Wizinsky	September 1, 2013

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

### Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Burton 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 for the 2013-2014 school year, as listed below:

Lori Burkall	Extension of medical leave
Shannon Fitzgerald	Personal leave
Michele Siroky	Extension of medical leave

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

### Removal from Recall List

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District remove the following teachers from any form of a recall list, thereby eliminating her/him from any rights to future employment:

Roger Cebulski  
Meredith Skowronski

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

### Resignations

The Board was informed of the resignation of Catherine Dyer effective August 25, 2013; Abigail Youngerman effective August 12, 2013; and Jacqueline Zisler effective August 1, 2013.

### Retirements

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

**Elaine Edmonds** retired from the district on June 30, 2013, and devoted 12.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a general helper and a cook baker helper at Central Kitchen, Franklin High School, and Frost Middle School.

**Raymond E. Raymond, Jr.** will retire from the district on December 31, 2013, and will have devoted 36.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian, utility person, warehouse person, head warehouse shipper, warehouse leader, supervisor of warehouse, supervisor of purchasing and warehouse, and administrator of operations.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Resolution for Continued Implementation and Funding of Common Core State Standards**

It was moved by Mrs. Robinson and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution below in reference to Livonia Public Schools' position regarding the continued implementation and funding of the Common Core State Standards.

**A RESOLUTION URGING CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING OF THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, education "standards" define expectations of what students should know at the conclusion of a course of study, standards do not dictate curriculum or prescribe a particular method of instruction.

WHEREAS, the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education recognizes that in order for students to compete in a knowledge-based, global economy, Michigan needs consistent standards that will provide appropriate benchmarks for all students, regardless of where they live.

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards were developed by states, for states, to provide a consistent set of clear K-12 expectations that outline the knowledge and skills students need in English/language arts and mathematics to lead to career and college readiness.

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards promote equity by ensuring all students, no matter where they live, are well prepared with the skills and knowledge necessary to compete with their peers in the United States and abroad.

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards emphasize real world skills in math, reading, and writing, along with critical thinking and problem solving skills that better prepare students for college, for work, and for being more informed citizens.

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards maintain local control of curriculum and teaching methods, and build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards.

WHEREAS, local school districts will continue to control the textbooks, educational materials, and instructional methods used by teachers to teach at or above the level of rigor required by the Common Core State Standards.

WHEREAS, the members of the Michigan State Board of Education voted unanimously on June 15, 2010, to adopt the Common Core State Standards as the Michigan Core Standards for mathematics and English/language arts.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature inserted language into the Michigan Department of Education budget that effectively prohibits Michigan from participating in the career and college ready Common Core State Standards.

WHEREAS, the failure to implement the Common Core State Standards will jeopardize the waiver Michigan received under the No Child Left Behind Act, causing a majority of schools districts in the state to fall below the adequate yearly progress standard.

WHEREAS, Michigan school districts have already begun to implement the Common Core State Standards, and abandoning the implementation of the standards will lead to confusion and frustration for teachers and students as to what is expected of them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education endorses the principles and goals of the Common Core State Standards as adopted, and strongly urges the Michigan Legislature to support and fund their continued implementation in Michigan’s public education system in order to maintain Michigan’s commitment to rigorous expectations for all students.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013,  
by Livonia Public Schools Board of Education

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Mark Johnson, President

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Tammy Bonifield, Trustee

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Colleen Burton, Vice President

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Eileen McDonnell, Trustee

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Dianne Laura, Secretary

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Julie Robinson, Trustee

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Randy Roulier, Trustee

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**First Reading of Board Policies:**

Mrs. Burton, chair of the Policy Committee, reported that the Policy Committee reviewed the revised language for the policies listed below:

- **BCB – Procedures During Meetings**

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD  
BOARD OPERATIONS  
PROCEDURES DURING MEETINGS**

**BCB  
OCTOBER 15, 2001**

The order of business at regular meetings generally shall be as follows:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Communications
- Audience Communications(limited to a total of fifteen (15) minutes, with remainder following Personnel Matters)
- Consent Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
- Instructional Matters
- Business Matters
- Personnel Matters
- Remainder of Audience Communications
- Reports from the Superintendent
- Hearing from Board Members
- Adjournment

- **BCBC –  
Preparation of  
Agenda**

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD  
BOARD OPERATIONS  
PREPARATION OF AGENDA**

**BCBC  
FEBRUARY 1993**

The superintendent and Board president shall cooperatively determine the items of business to be included in the agenda of all Board of Education meetings. **Any two members of the Board may request an item to be included on the agenda by notifying the superintendent and Board president seven days prior to a meeting.**

Agendas shall be forwarded or mailed to the members of the Board and other regular interested parties, including the media, no later than the Friday preceding the meeting. The superintendent and staff shall compile appropriate documents and information to assist Board members in the meeting preparations. These materials shall be included with their agendas. The Board will make reasonable efforts to examine the pertinent information before deciding upon any issue.

The Board may place routine items on a consent agenda for a regular Board meeting, upon unanimous approval by Board members present at a committee meeting. Any member of the Board can remove items from the consent agenda prior to voting.

- **BCBI/KCA -  
Public  
Participation  
in Meetings**

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD  
BOARD OPERATIONS  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS**

**BCBI/KCA  
AUGUST 15, 2011**

All meetings of the Board of Education shall be open to the public. A person shall not be required as a condition of attendance at a meeting to register or otherwise provide his/her name or other information to fulfill a condition precedent to attendance. Any person shall be permitted to address the Board under the agenda item, "Audience Communications," and when addressing the Board, he/she shall be requested to state his/her name and address for the record.

In order to permit a fair allotment of time to participants, the Board shall have the option of limiting the time a person may address the Board to twice during any one meeting for no more than **five three** minutes each time.

**In cases where a number of individuals are associated and wish to address the Board on the same topic, they are urged to appoint a spokesperson for the group.**

In cases where individuals or groups desire to be listed on the printed agenda of the meeting for purpose of addressing the Board, a written statement of such intention must be received by the president of the Board or by the superintendent's office not later than five days prior to the date of the meeting.

The Board will allow taping, videotaping, and photographing in an area designated by the Board and in such a manner as to not disrupt the dignity and function of the Board meeting. Taping, videotaping, and photographing of individuals or groups that are being recognized will be allowed outside the designated area during the communications portion of the meeting. If the meeting is being disrupted, the Board may direct all taping, videotaping, or photography to cease.

Persons may be excluded from attendance at open meetings only for a breach of the peace committed at the meeting.

Disorderly Conduct at Meetings

If a person conducts himself/herself in a disorderly manner at a Board of Education meeting or a school district meeting and, after notice from the officer presiding, persists therein, the officer presiding may order the disorderly person to withdraw from the meeting, and on the person's refusal may order a law enforcement officer or other person to take the disorderly person into custody until the meeting is adjourned.

A person who refuses to withdraw from the meeting on being so ordered, or a person who willfully disturbs a school district meeting by rude and indecent behavior, by profane or indecent discourse, or in other ways makes a disturbance, is guilty of a crime punishable by a fine or by imprisonment.

• **EDDA -  
Special Use of  
Buses**

**BOARD POLICY  
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION  
SPECIAL USE OF SCHOOL BUSES**

**EDDA  
NOVEMBER 6, 1989**

The Board will maintain a fleet of school district buses. Use of these buses is limited to the following:

1. Transporting students to the various educational programs of the Livonia district ~~Public Schools School District.~~
2. Transportation of non-public school students as required by law.
3. Transportation in support of field trips, activity programs, athletic programs, or other school related or school sponsored activities.
4. Transportation for activities sponsored and approved by the Department of Community Education Services.
5. Transportation for other school districts on an emergency basis as approved by the Superintendent.

Loaning, renting, leasing or otherwise making school district buses available to the general public or other agencies is not permitted

• **EDDB/JGGA -  
Walkers and  
Riders**

**BOARD POLICY  
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION  
WALKERS AND RIDERS**

**EDDB/JGGA  
JUNE 20, 1988**

Bus transportation is a privilege and not a right and shall be administered in accordance with law.

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, ~~and for the take-in or take-home at midday of kindergarten students.~~ 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 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.



• JBB - Entrance Age

BOARD POLICY STUDENTS ENTRANCE AGE

JBB OCTOBER 2, 1989

Children who will be five (5) years old on or before ~~December 1~~ the entry date set by the State of Michigan may enroll in kindergarten ~~in September of~~ during the year in which their fifth birthday occurs, in accordance with the dates shown below:

- For the 2013-2014 school year November 1, 2013
- For the 2014-2015 school year October 1, 2014
- Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year September 1 of the school year of enrollment

~~Children who will be five (5) years old on or before March 1 may apply for early entry into kindergarten as prescribed in the administrative procedures.~~

If a child residing in the school district is not 5 years of age on the enrollment eligibility date, but will be 5 years of age not later than December 1 of a school year, the parent or legal guardian of that child may enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year if the parent or legal guardian notifies the school district in writing not later than June 1 before the beginning of the school year that he or she intends to enroll the child in kindergarten. If such a child becomes a resident of the school district after June 1, the child's parent or legal guardian may enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year if the parent or legal guardian submits this written notification to the school district not later than August 1 before the beginning of that school year. The school district may make a recommendation to the parent or legal guardian of the child that the child is not ready to enroll in kindergarten due to the child's age or other factors. However, regardless of this recommendation, the parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to determine whether or not to enroll the child in kindergarten.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

Adjustment to Regular Board Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Robinson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adjust the schedule for 2013-2014 regular Board meetings and move the date of the September regular Board meeting from September 23, 2013, to September 16, 2013.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

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