

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
November 18, 2013**

President Johnson convened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Members Present Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Mark Johnson, Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell, Julie Robinson, Randy Roulier

Members Absent None

Student Art Gallery Recognition – Holmes Middle School Stacy Jenkins, administrator of communications, recognized the artistic ability of students from Holmes Middle School and presented them with a certificate of recognition. The students pointed out their artwork on display behind the Board table and shared a few details about their piece. The following Holmes' students had artwork displayed: Lexis Cholette, Anna Evangelista, Sara Hasegawa, Marissa Helbling, and Madison Nelson.

2013-2014 Teachers of the Year It was moved by Mrs. Robinson and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions of appreciation for the **2013-2014 Teachers of the Year: Mary Collins, Cleveland Elementary School; John Santi, Johnson Upper Elementary School; Eric Cassie, Emerson Middle School; and Rick DuBay, Western Wayne Skill Center.**

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

American Education Week It was moved by Mrs. Robinson and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District designate November 18-22, 2013, as the 92nd annual observance of American Education Week.

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

Recess It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Robinson that the Board recess for five to ten minutes to visit with guests

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

The meeting was recessed at 8:11 p.m. and reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

**Written
Communication**

None

**Audience
Communication**

Melissa Stewart, 37718 Jamison St., addressed the Board regarding concerns about Churchill's CAPA program. **David Ryktarsyk**, 10001 Melrose, addressed the Board regarding concerns about the exit doors of the Churchill auditorium.

**Response to
Prior Audience
Communication**

None

Consent Agenda

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 following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent:

- IV.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2013
- IV.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 28, 2013
- V.A. Bills for Payment—November 19, 2013
- V.B. Approval of Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Plan
Adopted a resolution for an amended and restated Internal Revenue Code Section 457(b) plan. Authorized school business official of LPS Compensation Plan to execute the ING Specimen 457(b) Plan.
- VI.A. Approval of Settlement Agreement with Livonia Paraprofessionals Association
Approved the amendment of the health insurance portion of the current collective bargaining agreement with the Livonia Paraprofessionals Association.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson

Nays: None

Abstain: Roulier (conflict of interest for VI.A.)

**Acceptance of
2012-2013 Audit
Report**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the 2012-13 audit report as presented by the audit firm of Plante Moran.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier

Nays: None

**Approval of
Environmental
Consultant for
Bond Issue
Implementation**

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to appoint ETC Environmental Services for upper elementary, middle school, and high school projects and Nova Environmental, Inc. for the elementary projects as the Environmental Consultants for the 2013 Bond, Project 1-Summer 2014, and authorize Superintendent Randy Liepa to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools School District's Board of Education with

the named firms.

(Note: Mr. Roulier made a friendly amendment to the motion to include the word 'lower' for the Nova Environmental projects. Mrs. Burton supported the friendly amendment as shown below.)

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education approve the attached recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to appoint ETC Environmental Services for upper elementary, middle school, and high school projects and Nova Environmental, Inc. for the **lower** elementary projects as the Environmental Consultants for the 2013 Bond, Project 1-Summer 2014, and authorize Superintendent Randy Liepa to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools School District's Board of Education with the named firms.

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

**Approval of
Commissioning
Agent for Bond
Issue
Implementation**

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to appoint Sellinger Associates, Inc. as the Commissioning Agent for the 2013 Bond; Project 1-Summer 2014, and authorize Superintendent Randy Liepa to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools School District's Board of Education with the named firm.

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

**Approval of Bid
Results for
Tractors**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Robinson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the bid recommendation for 18 John Deere Select Series X500 Multi-Terrain Tractors from Weingartz Supply Co., Farmington Hills, MI, through the State of Michigan – MiDeal contract, a competitive cooperative bid site, for a cost of \$5,390.59 for each tractor for a total cost of \$97,030.62.

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

**Approval of Bid
Results for
Kitchen
Equipment**

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 low bid for kitchen equipment from Great Lakes Hotel Supply, Southfield, Michigan for a total cost of \$75,080.00.

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

Approval of Purchase of Computers for Livonia Career Technical Center

It was moved Mrs. Robinson and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of 50 Hewlett Packard ProBook 440 notebook computers for Livonia Career Technical Center from Inacomp TSG, Southfield, Michigan for a total cost of \$29,947.00.

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

Recall of Teacher

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 to:
Stephanie Gidley, Grades 3-4 at Webster Elementary School

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

Approval of Teacher

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. McDonnell 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 teacher:

James Baird, Teacher of Student with Visual Impairments

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

Granting Tenure Status to Specified Teachers

It was moved by Mrs. Robinson and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to:
Lindsay Obenour, effective December 13, 2013

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

Leave of Absence

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 approve the request for a leave of absence for:

Mary Helen Diegel, effective November 20, 2013

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

Retirements

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

Wanda Smith, who will retire from the district on November 29, 2013, and will have devoted 16.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School, Frost Middle School, Franklin High School, and Churchill High School as a teacher.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, 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. These policies will be brought to the next regular Board meeting for a second reading and possible adoption.

Board Policy MM – Public School Academies

BOARD POLICY PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES

MM
~~June 21, 2010~~

The Board believes that public school academies can serve an important function in the education of students as permitted by applicable law. In an effort to foster diversity of educational opportunity without sacrificing quality of education or unnecessarily duplicating existing educational opportunities, it shall be the policy of the Board to review or cause to be reviewed applications for contractual authorization of public school academies and to review the prospective applications of members proposed for the boards of directors thereof in accordance with Board Policy.

An entity interested in pursuing authorization of a public school academy through the District must submit an application in a form approved by the Superintendent's office.

All approved programs must have clearly defined educational goals, competent administration and staff to carry out those goals, and means and methods for ongoing evaluation of the program, sufficient financial resources, and will not be in conflict with the operation of the regular K-12 program.

The Superintendent or his designee shall review proposed applications and recommend approval, modification, amendment or rejection of the application to the Board for action.

The recommendation shall include as an information item the complete application. In reviewing whether to recommend the issuance of a contract to a proposed public school academy and whether to issue said contract, the Superintendent and Board, respectively, shall consider:

- The resources available for the proposed public school academy;
- The population to be served by the proposed public school academy;
- The educational goals to be achieved by the proposed public school academy;
- ~~The impact any such academy will have on the regular K-12 program; and~~
- The applicant's track record, if any, in organizing public school academies or other public schools;
- The graduation rate of a school district in which the proposed public school academy is proposed to be located;
- The population of a county in which the proposed public school academy is proposed to be located;
- The number of schools in the proximity of a proposed location of the proposed public school academy that are on the list under section 1080c(1) of the public schools in this

state that the Michigan Department of Education has determined to be among the lowest achieving 5% of all public schools in this state;

- The number of pupils on waiting lists of public school academies in proximity of a proposed location of the proposed public school academy; and
- The authorizer may give priority to a public school academy intended to replace a closed public school academy

The Superintendent shall be the Board's designee for purposes of effecting the purposes of this Policy and shall implement such guidelines as he deems necessary hereunder. **To the extent permitted by law, the Superintendent and Board reserve the right to waive any irregularities in the application or any other document related to the purposes of this policy.**

**Board Policy
MMA – Public
School
Academies
Board of
Directors**

**BOARD POLICY
PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: METHOD OF
SELECTION, APPOINTMENT, AND REMOVAL**

**MMA
June 21, 2010**

The Board of Education declares that the method of selection, length of term, and number of board members of any approved academy shall be as follows.

Method of Selection and Appointment

The Board of Education ("Board") shall prescribe the method of appointment for members of an academy's board of directors. The superintendent is authorized to develop and administer an academy board selection and appointment process that includes an *Application for Public School Academy Board Appointment* and is in accord with these policies:

- (a) The Board shall appoint the initial and subsequent academy board of directors by resolution, except as prescribed by subparagraph (d). The superintendent shall recommend qualified individuals to the Board.
- (b) The academy board of directors, by resolution and majority vote, shall nominate its subsequent members, except as provided otherwise. The academy board of directors shall recommend to the superintendent at least one nominee for each vacancy. Nominees shall submit the *Application for Public School Academy Board Appointment* for review by the superintendent. The superintendent may or may not recommend the appointment of a nominee submitted by the academy board. If the superintendent's office does not recommend the appointment of a nominee submitted by the academy board, he/she may select and recommend another nominee or may request the academy board submit a new nominee for consideration.
- (c) An individual appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by the expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of that vacant position.
- (d) Under exigent conditions, and with the approval of the Board President, the superintendent may appoint a qualified individual to an academy's board of directors. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any appointments made under this provision.

Length of Term

The director of an academy board shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. Terms of the initial positions of the academy board of directors which shall be staggered in accordance with *The Academy Board of Directors Table of Staggered Terms and Appointments* established and administered by the director. Subsequent appointments shall be for a term of office not to exceed four (4) years, except as prescribed by *The Academy Board of Directors Table of Staggered Terms and Appointments*.

Removal and Suspension

If the Board determines that an academy board member's service in office is no longer necessary, then the Board may remove an academy board member with or without cause and shall specify the

date when the academy board member's service ends. An academy board member may also be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the academy's board for cause.

With the approval of the Board President, the superintendent may suspend an academy board member's service, if in his/her judgment the person's continued presence would constitute a risk to persons or property, or would seriously impair the operation of the academy. Any suspension made under this provision must be presented to the current Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any suspensions made under this provision.

Number of Directors

The number of members of the academy board of directors shall not be less than five (5) nor more than nine (9). If the academy board of directors fails to maintain its full membership by making appropriate and timely nominations, the Board or its designee may deem that failure an exigent condition.

Qualifications of Academy Board Members

To be qualified to serve on an academy's board of directors, a person shall, among other things: (A) be a citizen of the United States ~~unless otherwise approved by the Board~~; (B) submit all materials requested by the superintendent's office including, but not limited to, the *Application for Public School Academy Board Appointment* which must include authorization to process a criminal background check; and (C) annually submit a conflict of interest disclosure as prescribed by the superintendent.

The members of an academy board of directors shall not include: (a) employees of the academy; (b) any director, officer, or employee of a service provider or management company that contracts with the academy; (c) a District official or employee, as a representative of the District.

Oath of Public Office

All members of the academy board of directors must take the constitutional oath of office and sign the *Oath of Public Office* before beginning their service. No appointment shall be effective prior to the filing of the *Oath of Public Office* with the District.

Tenure

Each Director shall hold office until the Director's replacement, death, resignation, removal or until the expiration of the term, whichever occurs first.

Resignation.

Any Director may resign at any time by providing written notice to the corporation. Notice of resignation will be effective upon receipt or at a subsequent time if designated in a written notice. A successor shall be appointed as provided in the Academy bylaws or applicable District policy.

Board Vacancies

A Board of Director vacancy shall occur because of death, resignation, removal, failure to maintain residency in the State of Michigan, disqualification or as otherwise specified in the Code. Any vacancy shall be filled as provided in the Academy bylaws or applicable District policy.

Compensation.

A Director of the Academy shall serve as a volunteer Director. By resolution of the Board, the Directors may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incident to their duties.

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

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