

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
Regular Meeting
May 23, 2022**

President Burton convened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

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

Members Absent None

Recognition of National Merit Scholars Stacy Jenkins, Administrator of Communications, shared information regarding the National Merit Scholars and semi-finalists, including:

Churchill

Harish Jaisankar
Anna Novak
Om Tripathi
Audrey Turnage
Ethan Webster

Franklin

Gavin Bullock
Patrick Farris
Linta Hussain

Stevenson

Ava Hanchon
Emily Mitchell
Aditya Pradhan

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

Nays: None

Recognition of Livonia Robotics Sponsors and Acceptance of Gifts:

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous monetary and in-kind donations from the following companies, corporations and organizations to the LPS FIRST Robotics Teams for the 2021-2022 school year, for a total of \$39,500:

- \$10,500 from Bosch
- \$10,000 from Aisin
- \$5,000 from NYX

- \$3,000 from Ford Motor Company
- \$2,000 from Cooper Standard and ZF
- \$1,500 from Infineon Technologies Foundation
- \$1,000 from: 4M Industries; General Motors; HM White; Operating Engineers; Parks Maintenance; Roush; Siemens; and TomPromo
- \$500 from Kiwanis Club of Livonia
- \$6,000 from Montaplast

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

District Update from the Superintendent

Superintendent Oquist shared a presentation of activities and recognitions taking place across the District.

Written Communications

None

Response to Prior Audience Communications

None

Audience Communications

None

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Bonifield 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 May 2, 2022
- V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 9, 2022
- V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of May 9, 2022
- VI.A. Approval to Renew MHSAA Membership Resolution for 2022-2023

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

Appointment of High School Principal

It was moved by Mr. Centers 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 Kristen Quesada as the Principal at Churchill High School, effective July 27, 2022.

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

Nays: None

Appointment of Middle School Principal

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta 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 Roger Opsommer as the Principal at Holmes Middle School, effective August 4, 2022.

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

Appointment of Elementary School Principal

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Jennifer Wilson as Principal at Buchanan Elementary beginning August 15, 2022.

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

Appointment of Academic Services Coordinator

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford 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 Lindsay Rousseau as the Coordinator of Academic Services, effective August 3, 2022

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

Teacher for Tenure

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 acknowledge that tenure status has been granted to the following teacher, effective on the respective date:

Jane Goff 5/24/22

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

Leave of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the requests for a leave of absence for:

Jody Stowell 2022-2023 School Year

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

Nays: None

Resignations

The Board was informed of the following resignations:

Emily Birchler 6/20/22
Sydney Lovett 6/20/22

Retirements

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

Kelly Bauer will retire from the District on June 17, 2022, and has devoted 28 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional in the Head Start Program and at Bentley Center, Perrinville Early Childhood Center, and in the Franklin Transition Program.

Denise Collins-Robison will retire from the District on June 30, 2022, and has devoted 14 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cass Elementary and Rosedale Elementary as an elementary support teacher.

Sandra Coyne will retire from the district on June 24, 2022, and has devoted 28 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary at Grant Elementary, Hoover Elementary, Cass Elementary, Garfield Elementary, and Randolph Elementary.

Molly David will retire from the district on June 30, 2022, and has devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School and Churchill High School as a teacher.

Debra Fosgard will retire from the district on June 15, 2022, and has devoted 11.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Perrinville Early Childhood Center, and Jackson Early Childhood Center.

Marion Killebrew-Sexton will retire from the district on June 20, 2022, and has devoted 15 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Churchill High School, Emerson Middle School, and Frost Middle School as a teacher.

Kimberly Mozurkewich will retire from the district on June 24, 2022, and has devoted 22 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a clerk and secretary at Grant Elementary, Nankin Mills Elementary, Garfield Elementary, Randolph Elementary, Food Service Department, and Riley Upper Elementary.

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

Appointment of Auditor for 2021-2022

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District appoint the firm of Plante Moran to audit and prepare the financial statements for Livonia Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

**Resolution for
Wayne RESA's
2022-2023 Budget**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution related to the General Fund Operating Budget for the 2022-2023 school year for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency ("RESA"), checking the box for the statement: Therefore, be it resolved that: The Wayne RESA General Fund Operating budget for the 2022-2023 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.

Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency ("Wayne RESA")
2022-2023
General Fund Operating Budget
RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools District was held at the Administration Office on May 23, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

Members present were: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____

WHEREAS:

This Board received the Wayne RESA General Fund Operating Budget on or before May 1, 2022; 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, 2022

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Please check one of the following options:

- The Wayne RESA General Fund Operating budget for the 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 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, 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 23, 2022, 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:

Karen Bradford
Secretary, Board of Education

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: Centers

**Approval of
Cooper
Abatement – 2021
Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation to appoint the contract award for abatement at Cooper Upper Elementary School to Mid-Michigan Management, Okemos, Michigan, for a total cost of \$56,000.00, which includes contingency, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

**Approval of
Cedar Crest
Milk/Dairy
Purchase**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve \$94,000.00 as an addition to the original \$160,000.00 approved on October 18, 2021, for the purchase of milk and dairy supplies from Cedar Crest Dairy Inc., Hudsonville, Michigan for a total approved amount of \$254,000.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Approval to

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the

Purchase Staff Desktop Computers – 2021 Bond

Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of desktop computers from CDW-G, Vernon Hills, Illinois, in the amount of \$1,113,200.00.

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

Approval of Window Replacement at Grant Elementary

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation to award the contract for the replacement of windows at Grant Elementary School to Daniels Glass, Inc, Detroit, Michigan, for a total cost of \$251,105.00, which includes contingency, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

Approval to Purchase Soundboards for Franklin and Stevenson PAC’s

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation to purchase audio equipment from Advanced Lighting and Sound, Troy, Michigan in the amount of \$78,600.00.

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

Approval to Purchase Copy Paper

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of copy paper from Contract Paper Group, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio in the amount of \$35,179.20.

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

Second Reading of Board Policies:

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

FDB – Long-Range Needs Determination

**BOARD POLICY
FACILITY EXPANSION PROGRAM
LONG-RANGE NEEDS DETERMINATION**

**FDB
MAY 23, 2022**

FDC – Naming Facilities

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to gather information as to long-range facility needs of the District. The Superintendent or his/her designee may utilize the services of those consultants, such as city, county or regional planners, or private consulting firms, as deemed necessary.

**BOARD POLICY
FACILITY EXPANSION PROGRAM
NAMING FACILITIES**

**FDC
MAY 23, 2022**

The renaming of any current school and the naming of all new schools shall be designated by the Board of Education. In general, the name used shall be that of a deceased American person.

Elementary Schools: Presidents, justices of the United States Supreme Court, and United States secretaries of state

Middle Schools: Poets

High Schools: Poets, statesmen, philosophers, scientists

A portion of a school facility may be named for a deceased person with the approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

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

**Second Reading
for Removal of
Board Policy
KBB - School-
Sponsored
Information**

It was moved by Mr. Centers 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 remove:

~~**BOARD POLICY
GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS
SCHOOL-SPONSORED INFORMATION**~~ ~~**KBB
JUNE 20, 1988**~~

~~Publications prepared by individual elementary and secondary schools shall serve to inform students and parents about the activities of the school.~~

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

**First Reading of
Board Policies:**

The Policy Committee has reviewed the proposed revisions for the following policies:

**BCAA – Annual
Organizational
Meeting**

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
BOARD OPERATIONS
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**BCAA
APRIL 27, 2020**

The members of the Board of Education shall meet annually **in July** for the purpose of organizing the Board. **This shall take place during the first regular meeting of the school year**, with the exception of electing officers (which takes place in January). The Board shall adopt a regular monthly meeting schedule by a vote of a majority of the members at **the organizational** **this** meeting. The executive assistant for the Board of Education shall post at the main office of the Board of Education a notice of the schedule of meetings within ten days after the **organizational** meeting. Such notice shall include the name, address, and phone number of the Board office and the date, time, and location of meetings.

**EA – Goals and
Objectives**

**EBH – Leasing
and Renting**

**ECA – Insurance
Programs**

**BOARD POLICY
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

**EA
JUNE 20, 1988**

EDDA – Special Use of School Buses

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The business operations of the ~~school d~~District are essential yet auxiliary to ~~the district's~~ its central function of education. The Board of Education serves as trustee of school facilities and supervisor of school business operation for the purpose of providing the facilities and services supporting the educational program.

KC – Board/Community Relations

In the operation and maintenance of the school plant, equipment, and services, the ~~school d~~District shall maintain high standards of safety, promote the health of students and staff, reflect the aspirations of the community, and support the efforts of the staff to provide good instruction.

KEAA – Community Activities for Students

BOARD POLICY

EBH

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

NOVEMBER 13, 2017

LEASING AND RENTING

The Board of Education may enter into agreements to:

1. ~~L~~Lease school property or buildings to outside agencies and organizations; or
2. ~~L~~Lease buildings or real property for use by the ~~School~~ District

KEC – Interviews with Students

BOARD POLICY

ECA

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

JUNE 20, 1988

INSURANCE PROGRAM

The ~~s~~Superintendent is directed to make recommendations to the Board of Education for insurance program(s) as needed.

BOARD POLICY

EDDA

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

MAY 19, 2014

SPECIAL USE OF SCHOOL BUSES

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 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.~~
- ~~5.4.~~ Transportation for other school districts or local governmental agencies on emergency basis as approved by the Superintendent.

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

BOARD POLICY

KC

GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

BOARD/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

It is the policy of the Board of Education that the community be regularly informed about the ~~goals, objectives,~~ achievements, value, and condition of the School District. The Board of Education shall promote public confidence in the School District.

Board members shall:

- Act in the interests of the entire community.
- Maintain a cooperative working relationship with professional and community groups and others interested in public schools.
- **Share publicly** ~~Communicate to the community~~ the result of formal Board action.
- Communicate to other Board members and the ~~s~~Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.

BOARD POLICY **KEAA**
GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS **JUNE 20, 1988**
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ~~BY~~ FOR STUDENTS

The use of non-school facilities for student activities must **be recommended by school or District leadership and** have the prior approval of the ~~s~~Superintendent or designee.

BOARD POLICY **KEC**
GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS **JUNE 20, 1988**
INTERVIEWS WITH STUDENTS

Student questionnaires, **focus groups, and** ~~or~~ interviews **requested by outside persons or organizations** must receive prior approval of the ~~s~~Superintendent or designee.

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

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