

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
October 19, 2015**

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

**Members
Present**

Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

**Members
Absent**

None

**2015-2016
Teachers of the
Year**

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions for the 2015-2016 Teachers of the Year: Loren Schnell – Roosevelt Elementary; Michael Rais – Frost Middle School; and Julie Cosgrove – Franklin High School.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Livonia, Michigan

October 19, 2015

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and

WHEREAS, Loren Schnell, teacher at Roosevelt Elementary and a 21-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished himself by being named Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 by a district-wide committee of teachers, parents, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, In achieving that recognition, it is evident that he is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of his duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and

WHEREAS, Loren teaches fourth grade at Roosevelt and maintains a classroom climate that is “full of possibilities and new beginnings.” He fosters this climate by building self-esteem in his students;

WHEREAS, Loren Schnell is a talented teacher who is dedicated to his students’ success and also to the profession of teaching. He is mentor, assistant adjunct professor, literacy team leader, presenter and literacy chair at Roosevelt Elementary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Loren Schnell for being named Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 and for the dedication and loyal service he has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, his students, and the community.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Livonia, Michigan

October 19, 2015

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and

WHEREAS, Michael Rais, Instrumental Music teacher at Frost Middle School and an 8-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished himself by being named Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 by a district-wide committee of teachers, parents, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, In achieving that recognition, it is evident that he is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of his duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and

WHEREAS, Michael Rais is a talented teacher and musician who employs creative techniques and uses technology in his classroom to further the instruction and instill a passion for musical performance in his students; and

WHEREAS, Michael is a respected educator and musician who has presented for his professional peers at local, state and national conferences; and has toured nationally as a professional musician.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Michael Rais for being named Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 and for the dedication and loyal service he has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, his students, and the community.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Livonia, Michigan

October 19, 2015

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and

WHEREAS, Julie Cosgrove, an Algebra and International Baccalaureate math teacher at Franklin High School, and a 19-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished herself by being named High School Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 by a district-wide committee of teachers, parents, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, In achieving that recognition, it is evident that she is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of her duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and

WHEREAS, Julie believes in meeting students' learning styles through a variety of creative and interactive means, always engaging her students in the lessons and challenging them to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Julie serves as a role model for her students, through her extensive community service and volunteer leadership, both inside the school building and out in the greater community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Julie Cosgrove for being named High School Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 and for the dedication and loyal service she has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, her students, and the community.

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

Recess

The Board recessed at 7:56 p.m. to visit with guests and reconvened the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

**Written
Communication**

None

**Audience
Communication**

Jennifer Andrzejczak addressed the Board regarding the Perrinville Program relocation, specifically the Early Childhood Program that is now located at Jackson Center.

Ron Riggio addressed the Board regarding the location of bus stops.

Jake Emerick addressed the Board regarding supplemental materials in the school, field trips, the phone message at Buchanan Elementary School, and informational flyers that are sent home with students.

Lauren Peters addressed the Board regarding the release of financial information.

Jody White addressed the Board regarding incidents at Churchill High School.

**Response to
Prior Audience
Communication**

President Burton shared that in response to audience communications from Mrs. Jodi White, the incident that took place in fall 2014 has been investigated and reported upon by school administration, as is appropriate. Since that time, the district has responded to FOIA requests, as required by law, and where it has had the capacity to do so. Any information being requested from another agency, such as the police department, cannot be provided by Livonia Public Schools. At this time, new information has come forward which would require the school or district administration to reopen this case. All appropriate and necessary actions have been taken, and have been communicated to the White family.

**Consent
Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield 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 September 21, 2015
- V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 28, 2015
- V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of September 28, 2015
- VI.A. Approval of Adult and Continuing Education
Program of Study
- VII.A. Bills for Payment—October 20, 2015

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

Approval of Bid Results for LMC Lighting Projects at Cleveland and Rosedale

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 lowest qualified bid for lighting replacement at the Library Media Centers (LMC) for Cleveland and Rosedale Elementary Schools from Great Lakes Home and Construction, Leonard, Michigan, for a total cost of \$28,000.

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

Nays: None

Approval to Purchase Bulk Road Salt

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of bulk road salt through the State of Michigan MiDEAL purchasing consortium for an approximate total cost of \$80,970.

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

Nays: None

Approval to Purchase Laptop Computers – 2013 Bond

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of 110 laptop computers from Sehi Computer Products, Rochester Hills, Michigan, through the Regional Educational Media Center Cooperative Acquisition Bid Program (REMC) for a total cost of \$87,800.90.

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

Nays: None

Approval of Teachers

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2015-16 school year to the teachers listed below:

Name

Jeremy Rowe

Miyuki Lee

Assignment

(.45) Computer Teacher / Shared Time Program

(.6) Support Teacher / Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary

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

Nays: None

Recall of Teachers

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to district employment as a teacher for the 2015-16 school year:

Jillian Hall

(.5) Guidance Counselor - (.3) Holmes Middle School and (.2) Emerson Middle School

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

Nays: None

Teachers for Tenure

It was moved by Mrs. Laura 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:

	<u>Effective Date</u>
Amy Barringer	September 3, 2015
Robert Hough	September 30, 2015
Charisee Howell	September 3, 2015
Lindsey Szurek	October 28, 2015

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

Resignations

The Board was informed that resignations were accepted by the director of human resources for:

	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jessica Dzienis	September 30, 2015
Kazumi Hasako	September 18, 2015
Janette Mow	September 23, 2015
Michael Woods	October 16, 2015
Cynthia Zervos	October 2, 2015

Retirements

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

Lidia Dordeski, who will retire from the district on January 8, 2016, and has devoted 15.1 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Roosevelt Elementary School, Adams Elementary School, Cass Elementary School, Coolidge Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, Cleveland Elementary School, Riley Upper Elementary School, and Western Wayne Skill Center.

David Hogan, who retired from the district on August 31, 2015, and has devoted 14 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to Livonia Public Schools as a bus driver with the Transportation Department.

Lezlie Kendzior, who retired from the district on September 30, 2015, and has devoted 16.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to Livonia Public Schools as a secretary and bookkeeper in Community Education and the Payroll Department.

Bradley Shott, who will retire from the district on December 31, 2015, and will have devoted 36.5 years dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to Livonia Public Schools as a custodian, night leader, and building supervisor at Holmes Middle School and the Administration Building;

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

First Reading of:

Mrs. Oquist relayed that the policies below were revised to better align with state statutes. She noted that Policy BBEE – Reimbursable Expenses of Board Members would be removed, as the language in that policy has been incorporated into Board Policy BBBC – Board Member Expenses and Development Opportunities. These policies will be on the agenda of the November 16, 2015, regular Board meeting.

**Board Policy
BBBC –
Board Member
Expenses and
Development
Opportunities**

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
BOARD OPERATIONS
BOARD MEMBER **EXPENSES**
AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**BBBC
JANUARY 21, 2014**

The Board may pay (through reimbursement or otherwise) the actual and necessary expenses incurred by its members in the discharge of their official duties or in the performance of functions authorized by the Board.

- Direct District expenditures must be approved by the Board at a voting Board meeting prior to the expense being incurred.
- Individual Board member reimbursements must be approved at a voting Board meeting prior to payment of the reimbursement to the Board member.
- Any expenditure of District funds that exceeds \$500 per event or includes overnight travel, whether it is a direct District expenditure or a Board reimbursement, must have prior Board approval at a voting Board meeting.

Board members are encouraged to attend educational, leadership, and developmental classes, workshops, conferences, and seminars which will assist them in the performance of their duties. Members ~~will~~ may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, which include registration fees, costs of travel, lodging, and meals (not including alcoholic beverages). Members shall be subject to the same per diem rates and mileage rates as employees of the District. The District's standard expense reporting procedure will be followed. ~~Any expenditure of district funds exceeding \$500 per event, or expenses including overnight travel, must have prior approval by resolution.~~

**Board Policy
BBBE –
Board Member
Compensation
and Expenses**

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION
AND EXPENSES**

**BBBE
JANUARY 21, 2014**

The Board of Education authorizes compensation for its members which shall not exceed \$50.00 per meeting and authorizes \$100 additional compensation per year for the secretary of the Board.

Authorized Activities

Subject to the provisions of the Revised School Code, the following activities are designated as meetings or functions for which Board of Education members shall be entitled to compensation:

- a. All regular Board of Education meetings
- b. All special Board of Education meetings
- c. All committee meetings if scheduled on other than the night of a regular or special Board of Education meeting
- d. Study sessions of the Board of Education
- e. Joint meetings with other governmental agencies when the Board of Education functions as a committee-of-the-whole; i.e., meetings with city councils, board of trustees for Schoolcraft College, etc.

Reimbursement for Expenses

~~The Board of Education may pay the actual and necessary expenses incurred by its members and employees in the discharge of official duties or in the performance of functions authorized by the Board. The expenditures shall be a public record and shall be made available upon request.~~

**Board Policy
BBBE –
Reimbursable
Expenses of
Board Members**

~~BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
BOARD OPERATIONS~~

~~BBBE
OCTOBER 1995~~

~~REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES OF BOARD MEMBERS~~

~~In accordance with policy BBBE, the Board of Education will reimburse its members for actual and necessary expenses incurred as a result of attendance at Board-approved workshops, clinics, seminars, conferences, or conventions. Payment will occur only after the Board member has completed the expense report attached as an exhibit to policy BBBE, and after the Board approves the reimbursement by a majority vote of its members taken at an open meeting.~~

**Approval for
Board Member
to Attend MASB
Annual
Leadership
Conference and
Participate in
CBA Class**

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools approve the attendance, participation in Board Member Certification Classes (CBAs), and overnight travel of Board Trustee Mark Johnson for the MASB Annual Leadership Conference, October 22-25, 2015, in Grand Traverse, Michigan.

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

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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