

**Livonia Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
February 26, 2024**

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

**Members Present**

Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

**Members Absent**

None

**Adoption of Principals' Week Resolution**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution of establishing the week of February 26, 2024, as Principals' Week in the Livonia Public Schools. Superintendent Oquist and Trustee Burton expressed their appreciation to the District's Principals for their outstanding work. Mr. Gerathy, Assistant Principal and LEADS Co-President received the Resolution on behalf of District Principals and shared comments of pride.

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

**Recognition of CTE Month**

Mrs. Jenkins, Administrator of Communications, recognized CTE (Career Technical Education) Month while featuring the LCTC (Livonia Career Technical Center) and sharing points of pride. LCTC teachers and students enthusiastically shared their positive experiences at the LCTC. State Representative Stephanie Young read the State of Michigan Certificate of Proclamation naming February 2024 as Career and Technical Education Month. Lindsay Gray, LCTC Principal was presented with the Proclamation. Mr. Etue, Director of Secondary Education, Superintendent Oquist, Trustee Frank and Trustee Burton shared praise and congratulations to LCTC and more widely, CTE programs.

**District Update from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Oquist presented highlights of recent activities taking place across the District, as well as upcoming events.

**Written Communications**

None

**Response to Prior Audience Communications**

Superintendent Oquist addressed a factual clarification about the District's Long-Term Substitute Policy which was posed during the Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 12, 2024.

**Audience Communications**

Captains from The Livonia Tyros Robotics Team and Livonia Warriors Robotics Team provided updates about their robots and shared season opening highlights. Both teams shared gratitude for the new Robotics Center at the

LCTC. Leadership from the Livonia Figure Skating Club, Student Figure Skaters, parents of Figure Skaters and Girls Hockey Team Members advocated for the District to recognize High School Figure Skating and Girls Hockey as official sports and grant athletes in both disciplines Varsity Letters. A parent shared concerns regarding his student's injuries which occurred at Jackson Center during the school day and Grant's playground after hours.

**Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield 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:

- V.A. \*Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 29, 2024
- V.B. \*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 29, 2024
- V.C. \*Minutes of the special Meeting of February 12, 2024

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

**Approval of Candidate of MASB Board of Director Voting**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District designate Birgit McQuiston as the Region 8 Candidate for the MASB Board of Directors and direct the Executive Assistant of the Board of Education to cast the vote accordingly.

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

**Approval of Limited Out of District Schools of Choice for 2024-2025**

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 recommendation of the Superintendent to participate in Limited Schools of Choice under Section 105 and 105c for the 2024-2025 school year. Openings to include at least one seat for grades kindergarten-sixth grade and not to exceed 165 total seats for grades kindergarten-sixth grade for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

**Approval of Network Switches Replacement – 2021 BOND**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from its technology consultant, Integrated Design Solutions, and award the network switches upgrade project to Sentinel Technologies, Inc., located in Troy, Michigan, in the amount of \$1,852,349.15, which includes contingency.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of  
Summer 2024  
Demolition  
Projects – 2021  
BOND**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from its Owner’s Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint, and its Construction Manager, Clark Construction Company, to approve Blue Star, Inc., located in Warren, Michigan, for the selective demolition rebid of the Phase 3, Bid Package #2 for 2024 renovations at Hayes Elementary, Hoover Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Holmes Middle School, Stevenson High School, Franklin High School pool room and Churchill High School pool room in the total amount of \$882,585, which includes costs for hard construction, fees, and contingency, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of the Board of Education with the awarded contractors.

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

**Approval of  
Teachers**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank 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 2023-2024 school year to the following teachers:

<b>Name</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Location</b>
Lori Blair	1.0	School Psychologist	Student Services
Allison Dailey	0.49	Teacher (Computers)	Shared Time
Lisa Farkas	1.0	Teacher (Math)	Franklin
Chad Mack	1.0	Teacher(Math)	Adult Education
Katherine Miller	1.0	Teacher (Special Ed)	Roosevelt
Alketa Prifti	1.0	Teacher (ELL)	Academic Services
Megan Utter	1.0	Teacher (RCR)	Grant Elementary

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

**Teachers for  
Tenure**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Frank 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 teachers on the respective date:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Effective</b>
Michelle Geyman	February 8, 2024
Jill Grezak	February 28, 2024

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

**Resignations**

The Board was informed of the following resignations:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Effective</b>
Lisa Kaiser	February 14, 2024
Cindy Long	March 1, 2024

**Leave of Absence**

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 Superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence as listed below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Effective</b>
Devin Jaworowicz	February 21, 2024

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

**Retirement**

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

Cheryl Caskey

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Cheryl Caskey will retire from the district on February 23, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Cheryl Caskey has devoted 22 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a driver in the Transportation Department; and,

WHEREAS, She has given conscientious, careful, and loyal service to the students, staff, and community during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby express its deep appreciation to Cheryl Caskey for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

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

**Adjournment**

President Bradford adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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