

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
Regular Meeting
May 22, 2023**

President Johnson convened the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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

Members Absent None

Recognition of National Merit Scholars Stacy Jenkins, Administrator of Communications, announced the National Merit Scholar recipients and shared information about each student. National Merit Finalists include: Melissa Barbat, Churchill; Gavin Bullock, Franklin; and Alexandra Curley, Churchill. Jackson Pittman, Churchill, was a National Merit Semifinalist. Mrs. Jenkins presented Melissa Barbat with a Certificate of Recognition and will send a certificate to the remaining students, who were not able to attend the Board meeting.

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 None

Audience Communications An individual addressed the Board regarding the Industrial Arts class at LPS. Two individuals addressed the Board regarding diversity and equity in the District.

Appointment of Student Services Coordinators It was moved by Mrs. Burton 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 Nicole West and Caitlin VerMeer as student services coordinators beginning August 1, 2023.

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

Appointment of Assistant Principal at Churchill High School

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 appoint Todd Kalmbach as assistant principal at Churchill High School beginning August 2, 2023.

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

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Bradford 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 1, 2023
- V.B. MHSAA Membership Resolution for 2023-24

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

40-Year Resolution – Catherine Custard

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 proposed resolution of appreciation for 41 years of service with the District:

FORTY-YEAR RESOLUTION
Catherine Custard

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is desirous of recognizing loyal and longstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools School District; and,

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Board that Catherine Custard completed 41 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on August 31, 2022 and,

WHEREAS, In an era where many and varied employment opportunities often result in numerous work assignments, it is rare to encounter employees who have remained loyal to employers for over 40 years; and,

WHEREAS, It is a testament to both the quality of the work environment in the Livonia Public Schools School District and the steadfastness and dedication of its workforce, that Catherine has attained a 41-year record of employment with the school district; and

WHEREAS, She has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as an adult helper in the Whitman Child Care Center, a primary caregiver at Jackson Center, and a paraprofessional at Grant Elementary, Cass Elementary Buchanan Elementary, and Coolidge Elementary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education hereby expresses appreciation and gratitude to Catherine Custard for her sincere and

dedicated service to the Livonia Public Schools and extends its best wishes to Catherine on reaching this milestone in her professional career

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

Teachers for Approval

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2022-23 school year to the following teacher:

Macey Reese	1.0 ASD Teacher	Churchill
Melissa Sydor	1.0 ASD Teacher	Coolidge

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

Teacher for Tenure

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that 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:

Jill Mulville	September 2, 2022
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Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Leaves of Absence

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 approve the request for leaves of absence as listed:

Jaime Ellwein	2023-24 school year
Sarah Rea	2023-24 school year
Stacy Rosner	2023-24 school year

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

Resignations

The Board was informed of the following resignations:

Alexandria Felts	May 10, 2023
Yuriko Ishida	June 21, 2023
Alisyn Warner	June 16, 2023

Retirements

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

Amal Ayyash, who will retire from the District on July 13, 2023, and has devoted 21.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as an English language learner paraprofessional, servicing students throughout the District.

Denise Dobias, who will retire from the District on June 30, 2023, and has devoted 26 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary in the Audio Visual Department at Dickinson Center and in the Maintenance Department.

Kimberly Fortner, who will retire from the District on June 15, 2023, and has devoted 23.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Western Wayne Skills Center and the Livonia Transition Program as a physical therapy assistant and teacher.

Lisa Hissom, who will retire from the District on June 16, 2023, and has devoted 33 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School, Churchill High School, and Stevenson High School as a teacher.

Betty Kurc, who will retire from the District on June 14, 2023, and has devoted 24.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Cooper Elementary, McKinley Elementary, and Coolidge Elementary.

James Murphy, who will retire from the District on June 30, 2023, and has devoted 37 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Hull Elementary, Churchill High School, Washington Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Webster Elementary, Coolidge Elementary, Garfield Elementary, Johnson Upper Elementary, Rosedale Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, Hayes Elementary, and Riley Upper Elementary as a teacher.

Sharon Scott, who will retire from the District on July 14, 2023, and has devoted 23 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary at Stevenson High School and in the Operations Department.

Janet Stack, who will retire from the District on June 15, 2023, and has devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cass Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Garfield Elementary, Holmes Middle School, Stevenson High School, Rosedale Elementary and Churchill High School as a teacher.

Kelly Taddia, who will retire from the District on June 19, 2023, and has devoted 31 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Kennedy Elementary, Cooper Upper Elementary, and Johnson Upper Elementary as a teacher.

Mary Patricia Wright, who will retire from the District on June 15, 2023, and has devoted 20 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Churchill High School, Livonia Career Technical Center, Holmes Middle School, and Emerson Middle School as a teacher and counselor.

Elaine Yee, who will retire from the District on June 14, 2023, and has devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Stevenson High School, Frost Middle School, in the Franklin Transition Program, and at Grant Elementary.

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

Contingency for Robotics and LCTC Renovations

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, to approve additional contingency for the Robotics and LCTC renovation project in the amount of \$213,000.

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

Parking Lot Maintenance

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve Titan Pavement, Waterford, Michigan, for parking lot maintenance in the total amount of \$42,063, which includes contingency.

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

Appointment of Auditor

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools appoint the firm of Plante Moran to audit and prepare the financial statements for Livonia Public Schools for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Approval of Resolution for Wayne RESA's 2023-2024 General Fund Operating Budget

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools adopt the resolution related to the General Fund Operating Budget for the 2023-2024 school year for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency ("RESA").

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

Garfield Greenhouse Change Order

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve additional funds for the Garfield greenhouse project in the amount of \$16,540.

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

Adoption of High School Psychology Textbooks

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of *Psychology In Your Life, 4th Edition* digital access and class sets of physical textbooks from Norton High School for the Introduction to Psychology course, for a cost of \$37,315.20 which includes shipping and handling.

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

Grades 3-4 Word Study Professional Development

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of digital teacher resources and professional development vouchers for 100 teachers to attend a 30-hour training on Orton Gillingham Morphology, our newly adopted word study curriculum for third and fourth grades, for a total cost of \$120,000.

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

Purchase of LCTC Furniture and Computers for Graphics Design/Digital Imaging Classroom

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of items from the Apple Store for Education Institution and Interior Environments to update the LCTC Graphics Design/Digital Imaging classroom. The upgrade will include desks, chairs, iMac desktop computers, iPad Air Tablets, iPad accessories, Apple charging cart, and Apple Care+ for schools, for a total cost of \$110,781.02.

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

Recommend Expulsion of One Secondary Student

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District expel one middle school student for violations of the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education policies.

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

Second Reading of Board Policy IDF – Interscholastic Activities and Athletics

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta 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 adopt Board Policy language for Board Policy IDF – Interscholastic Activities and Athletics, and remove Board Policy IDFA – Interscholastic Athletics.

**and
Removal of Board
Policy IDFA**

**BOARD POLICY
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS**

**IDF
MAY 22, 2023**

The Board of Education recognizes the need for extracurricular and interscholastic activities and athletics and encourages student participation. The Board further recognizes that participating in these activities and athletics carries with it the responsibility of good behavior in and out of school and being in good academic standing. Failure on the part of any student to meet this responsibility is cause for suspension or removal from participation.

A program of interscholastic athletics shall be encouraged as an integral part of the total program of physical education. The interscholastic athletics program is designed for those students who have a particular interest, ability, and the desire to invest the time and energy required to participate in a Livonia Public Schools' athletic program.

The Board shall review and approve by resolution the School District's participation and membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). In conjunction with this review, the Board delegates to the Superintendent or designee the responsibility for adherence to MHSAA's Constitution and Bylaws, as well as the supervision of MHSAA related activities in accordance with the Code of Conduct in the school's Student Handbook.

All interscholastic activities and athletics shall be conducted in accordance with law.

~~**BOARD POLICY
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**~~

~~**IDFA
APRIL 16, 2018**~~

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

**Second Reading
of Board Policy
IFD – Library
Media Centers
and Classroom
Libraries**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language per the attached document for Board Policy IFD – Library Media Centers and Classroom Libraries.

**BOARD POLICY
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS AND CLASSROOM LIBRARIES**

**IFD
MAY 22, 2023**

The Livonia Public Schools School District establishes library media centers to provide and promote the intellectual, cultural, social, and ethical development of students and to provide resources which extend and deepen the experiences encompassed in the curriculum. Library Media Center materials are determined through a process based on the American Libraries Association (ALA) guidance for selection of books and other materials of learning which contribute to the growth of individual students. Selection for classroom libraries follows the same guidance criteria.

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

**Wayne RESA
Board Election
Designation of
Representative**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution to designate Board Member Liz Jarvis as an electoral representative and Board Member Crystal Frank as an alternate electoral representative for the June 5, 2023, Wayne RESA Board of Education election and select Mary Blackmon and Danielle Funderburg as the candidates for whom the vote should be cast.

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

**Approval for
Board Members
to Take MASB
Classes**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve that Board Trustee Crystal Frank take MASB classes, for a total cost of approximately \$396.

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

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

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