

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
September 24, 2018**

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

**Members Present**

Bonifield, Bradford, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

**Members Absent**

Burton

**Annual Update – Summer Renovation Projects**

Stacy Jenkins, Administrator of Communications, shared a PowerPoint presentation of the LPS renovations that were completed over the summer, including all Phase V bond work and sinking fund updates. These renovations were made possible by the 2013 \$195 million bond that was supported by our community.

**District Update from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Oquist shared the following:

- Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary School was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Japan Foundation, which will be used to partially fund the addition of grade six at Niji-Iro. Enrollment at Niji has doubled over the past two years.
- Monday, October 1 there will be an official ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. for the new Performing Arts Center at Churchill High School. This event is open to the public.
- Ms. Commyn's class at Webster received a surprise visit from Mojo and the Morning, who presented them with a \$1,000 grant for classroom materials. A video of the surprise visit is on the LPS Facebook page.
- Open Houses and Curriculum Nights have been well attended throughout the district.
- The LPS Education Foundation is offering the *Competitive Edge College Savings Program* to all current kindergarten students. Contact the Foundation for more information.
- Hoover recently held their annual Freedom Run, coordinated by their physical education teacher, Mr. O'Loughlin, and sponsored by the Hoover PTA. This event is a celebration of the freedoms we share!
- Niji-Iro held a full day of activities as part of their annual event, *Undoukai*, which is an athletic event held each year in Japanese schools.

- Homecoming for Churchill and Stevenson is this Friday evening, with a dance on Saturday.
- Franklin High School will host American Marching Festival on October 13, which will feature marching band performances from around the region.

**Audience  
Communication**

Tim Hull and Mary Lou Marena addressed the Board regarding the sale of the former Nankin Mills and Western Wayne Skill Center properties.

**Written  
Communication**

None

**Response to  
Prior Audience  
Communication**

None

**Consent  
Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford 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 August 20, 2018
- V.B. Minutes of the Special Meetings of September 17, 2018
- VI.A. Approval of 2018-2019 Tuition Rate  
(\$9,914 for non-resident elementary and secondary students)
- VI.B. Approval to Purchase Bulk Salt  
(Bulk road salt from Compass Minerals America, Overland, Kansas, through MiDEAL, for a total cost of \$104,108)

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson  
Nays: None

**Approval of Bid  
Results for  
Pizza**

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 Food and Nutrition Services pizza bid recommendation for the 2018-19 school year for Pizza Hut, Livonia, Michigan, to supply pizza lunches for an estimated cost of \$171,750.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson  
Nays: None

**Approval of Bid  
Results for  
Churchill and**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation of the Owner's Representative,

**Stevenson  
Dugouts**

Plante Moran CRESA, to award the contract for the Churchill High School and Stevenson High School Dugouts project to Axiom Construction Services Group, Whitmore Lake, Michigan, in the amount of \$270,000 plus contingency in the amount of \$27,000 for a total of \$297,000 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contract on behalf of the Board of Education.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson  
Nays: None

**Teachers for  
Approval**

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 superintendent and offer employment for the 2018-19 school year to the teachers listed below:

Aaron, Brandon	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Cooper Upper Elementary
Anton, Mary (Beth)	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Grant Elementary
Bryden, Mark	1.0 Industrial Tech Teacher	Stevenson HS
Cervantes, Lisa	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Johnson Upper Elementary
Davidova, Samira	.71 Shared Time Music Teacher	
Edwards, Benjamin	1.0 M.S. Science Teacher	.8 Emerson MS; .2 Frost MS
Fischell, Julie	.5 English Language Arts Teacher	Churchill HS
Gasevski, Katarina	.8 Counselor	Stevenson HS
Gedvilas, Kristina	.65 Shared Time Art Teacher	
Geverink, Nicole	.4 Music Teacher	.2 Emerson MS; .1 Frost MS; .1 Holmes MS
Haggerty, Lindsay	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Roosevelt Elementary
Herbert, Jacqueline	1.0 Upper Elementary	Cooper Upper Elementary
Hill, Lauren	.6 Speech Pathologist	Student Services
Johnston, Jane	1.0 Math Teacher	Churchill HS
McCurry, Kaiia	1.0 Upper Elementary	Riley Upper Elementary
Mencotti, Abigail	1.0 Family Consumer Science Teacher	.6 Stevenson HS; .4 Franklin HS
Modson, Julie	1.0 GSRP Lead Teacher	Garfield Community
Moran, Aaron	1.0 H.S. Science Teacher	Franklin HS
Mosley, Teneja	1.0 Resource Room Teacher	Riley Upper Elementary
Oke, Stacie	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Coolidge Elementary
Pinto, Sarah	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Coolidge Elementary
Ralph, Anna	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Riley Upper Elementary
Rouke, Randy	1.0 WWSC Teacher	Garfield Community Schools
Salowich, Lisa	1.0 Library Media Specialist	Coolidge Elementary
Sawaya, Ashley	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Niji-Iro Elementary
Thimm, Jessica	1.0 Upper Elementary Teacher	Cooper Upper Elementary
Vertin, Jennifer	1.0 Health Science Teacher	Livonia Career Tech Ctr
West, Michelle	1.0 Upper Elementary Teacher	Cooper Upper Elementary
Wisniewski, Alex	1.0 Resource Room Teacher	Churchill HS

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson  
Nays: None

**Teacher for Tenure**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. Centers 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kacie McCullough	September 9, 2018

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson  
Nays: None

**Leaves 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 acknowledge that tenure status has been granted to the following teachers, effective on the respective dates:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kim Dusablon	August 28, 2018
Jill Lozo	August 28, 2018

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson  
Nays: None

**Resignations**

As authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 4, 2018, resignations have been accepted by the superintendent for the persons listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Tamadher Al-Wishah	August 22, 2018
Erin Belanger	August 27, 2018
Heather Hajduk	August 23, 2018
Jeffrey Hatley	September 25, 2018
Lindsay James	August 22, 2018 (new hire)
Jean Marie (refusal of recall)	August 7, 2018
Nellie Maltby	September 3, 2018
Bridget Regan	September 21, 2018
Brenda Zahn	August 24, 2018

**Retirements**

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

**Joseph Maranzano**, who will retire from the district on September 28, 2018, and has devoted 22 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as an audio visual technician in the instructional technology department at central office.

**William Punter**, who retired from the district on August 20, 2018, and has devoted 18 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a bus driver in the transportation department.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson  
Nays: None

**First Reading of Board Policy:**

The Policy Committee has reviewed the proposed revised language for the following Board policies, for possible adoption at a future meeting:

**JCDAA – Prohibited Use of Tobacco Substances**

**BOARD POLICY STUDENTS**

**JCDAA NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

~~STUDENT SMOKING~~ **PROHIBITED USE OF TOBACCO SUBSTANCES**

The Board of Education has determined that a nonsmoking policy is ~~necessary~~ **appropriate** in order to:

- Discourage smoking/~~chewing/vaping~~ and other use of tobacco by students; ~~and to protect~~
- **Protect** the health of others who may be affected by secondary ~~smoking; smoke; and~~
- Enhance and promote a school district curriculum designed to enlighten students on the health hazards of smoking, ~~and other use of tobacco;~~ **chewing, and vaping tobacco products or other inhalants.**
- ~~Respond to the enforceability problems of smoking and other use of tobacco by students under legal age; and~~
- ~~Respond to the nationwide health hazard and the attending problems created by smoking and other use of tobacco.~~

~~Therefore, the~~ **The** Board of Education has established that ~~no Livonia Public School~~ students shall **not** smoke, chew, or otherwise use tobacco or other smoking or tobacco substitutes on school property nor shall any student, while on school property, have in his/her possession or under his/her control, **cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping mechanisms,** or tobacco in any form, including tobacco substitutes **or other inhalants.**

The rule against the use and possession of tobacco and tobacco substitutes ~~shall be~~ **is** included as a **under "Prohibited Acts" under in Board Policy JD – Student Discipline** the school district's "Procedures Governing Violation of School Rules," and the penalty for violation of this rule shall range from ~~suspension~~ **warning** to expulsion.

**BOARD POLICY STUDENTS**

**JCDAE JULY 1, 2004**

~~ELECTRONIC~~ **PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

~~The Board recognizes that electronic communication devices and personal communication devices, such as cellular phones and pagers, are desirable and convenient means for a student to communicate with his/her parent(s) or guardian(s). Such devices can also be of critical use in emergency situations.~~

~~However, these items are frequently noisy and disruptive of the educational environment.~~

~~To balance these interests at the secondary schools, students are not permitted to use or have electronic communication devices or personal communication devices turned on, seen, or heard in a school building between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on a~~

~~day in which school is in session. On days in which school is in session, the student use of electronic communication devices or personal communication devices on school premises between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. must be confined to areas designated by the building administrator. Students are not to use electronic communication devices or personal communication devices during school plays, concerts, ceremonies, indoor sporting events, assemblies, dances, and other school-sponsored indoor activities. Any exceptions to these restrictions must be approved in advance by the building administrator. At the elementary schools, students are not permitted to have electronic communication devices or personal communication devices, without the prior approval of the principal. Electronic communication devices and personal communication devices may not be used on school buses at any time.~~

~~A student's violation of any of these restrictions will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.~~

The Board recognizes that Personal Communication Devices (PCDs), such as cellular phones and electronic tablets, are a convenient means for students to contact parents and can also be a valuable tool for instruction and learning.

Technology, including but not limited to PCDs, will be permitted as approved by the classroom teacher or the building administration. Students may not use PCDs on school property or during school sponsored activities to access and/or view Internet web sites that are otherwise blocked or prohibited for students at school.

Recording a building incident or a communication with a school district employee without expressed permission is not allowed. The rule against recording without permission is included under "Prohibited Acts" in Board Policy JD – Student Discipline and the penalty for violation of this rule shall range from warning to expulsion.

### Recess to Closed Session

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District recess to closed session for : **Superintendent Evaluation Update.**

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson  
Nays: None

The Board recessed to closed session at 7:56 p.m. Closed session ended at 10:04 p.m.

### Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

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