MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road Regular Meeting November 13, 2017

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

Members Present

Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Members Absent None

Teachers of the Year 2017-18

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions for the 2017-2018 Teachers of the Year:

Elizabeth Gostomski Phil Quackenbush Julie Smith Kennedy Elementary Emerson Middle School Franklin High School

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS November 13, 2017 RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Gostomski, a second-grade teacher at Kennedy Elementary, and an eight-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished herself by being named Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2017-2018 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, Elizabeth believes all students can learn if they feel safe, comfortable, respected and supported -- tenets that she practices and models each day for her students through the use of creative lessons, classroom environment features, and personal relationships that she builds with her students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Elizabeth Gostomski for being named Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2017-2018, and for the dedication and loyal service she has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, her students, and the community.

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS November 13, 2017 RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Philip Quackenbush, a band and orchestra teacher at Emerson Middle School, and a 15-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished himself by being named Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2017-2018 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, Philip believes students benefit greatly -- academically, physically, and emotionally -- when exposed to music education, and he carries out this belief through consistent, professional instruction and genuine care and concern for his students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Philip Quackenbush for being named Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2017-2018 and for the dedication and loyal service he has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, his students, and the community.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS November 13, 2017 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 Smith, a French teacher at Franklin High School, and a 21-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished herself by being named High School Teacher of the Year for 2017-2018 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 creating a fun, engaging, and caring environment in which her students feel comfortable, safe, connected to the lessons, and excited about learning everything they can about the French language and culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Julie Smith for being named High School Teacher of the Year for 2017-2018 and for the dedication and loyal service she has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, her students, and the community.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

American Education Week

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School Regular Meeting - 3 - 11/13/2017

District designate November 13-17, 2017, as the 96th annual observance of American Education Week.

American Education Week November 13-17, 2017 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, public education employees work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, schools unite entire communities, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District do hereby proclaim November 13 - 17, 2017 as the 96th annual observance of

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

And urge all citizens to make a commitment to public education and to the future of our children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education take this special occasion to thank Livonia Public Schools employees, parents, and community volunteers for the work they do to educate and support the children of our school district.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

District Update from the Superintendent

Superintendent Oquist shared the following:

- The Foundation hosted their annual luncheon last week, featuring guest speaker Ron Fournier, editor of *Crain's Detroit Business Magazine*. Over 280 tickets were sold for this event, which is the highest ever! Proceeds are dedicated to the *Competitive Edge College Savings Program*.
- The Foundation will soon be presenting this year's grant recipients with their awards. After this presentation, over \$180,000 of grants will have been awarded to LPS by the Foundation.
- Stevenson and Franklin Performing Art Centers (PACs) were completed and have been filled with the sound of beautiful music! Upcoming events include: CAPA students' performance of CATS at 7:00 p.m. on December 7, 8, and 9 in Franklin's PAC and a Three Act Play by Stevenson students in the Stevenson's PAC at 7:00 p.m. on December 7, 8, and 9.

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- Congratulations to our Franklin Patriots, Regional Champs, who won a down-to-the-wire game on Friday night against Flushing. The Patriots move on to the State semi-final game on Saturday, November 18 in Grand Ledge, where they face Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central at 1:00 p.m.
- The volunteer organization, Blessings in a Backpack, will hold their annual bowling fundraiser at Merri-Bowl from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, November 18. This organization provides food on the weekends to over 240 LPS students.
- All LPS Board members attended the recent MASB fall conference to continue their professional development. Congratulations to our newest Board members, Karen Bradford and Crystal Frank, for completing their Board certification in record time! The LPS Board will now become an Honorary Board, as all seven members are MASB certified!
- Congratulations to our Teachers of the Year and thank you to all educators!

Written Communication

None

Audience Communication

Rachel Zuckerman addressed the Board regarding *Operation Prevention* and the opioid crisis.

Response to Prior Audience Communication

None

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Centers 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 October 16, 2017 V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 6, 2017

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

Approval of
Foresite Design
for Churchill
High School
Athletic Field

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Livonia Public Schools School District Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to award the contract for design work of Churchill High School athletic field replacement to Foresite Design, Berkley, Michigan, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contract.

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Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

Approval of Bid Results for Secondary Science Equipment – 2013 Bond It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of secondary science equipment for a total cost of \$218,086.86 from the following vendors in the amounts specified:

Fisher Scientific	\$ 20,201.88
Parco Scientific	\$ 12,960.00
Pasco Scientific	\$ 5,370.48
School Specialty (Frey Scientific)	\$165,828.60
VWR (Ward's Science)	\$ 13,725.90

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

Approval to Purchase Secondary Furniture – 2013 Bond It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of two-person desks, stand-up desks, and student chairs with arms from Staples Business Advantage in Livonia, Michigan, for a cost of \$202,571.60 and four-leg student chairs from Interior Environments in Novi, Michigan for a cost of \$103,444.64; for a total cost of \$306,016.24.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

Approval of Bid Results for Interior Doors – 2013 Bond It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of eight interior doors from Rayhaven Group, Livonia, Michigan for a cost of \$23,225.00.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

Approval of Bid Results for Clay Demolition It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation of the District's Director of Operations, Phillip Francis, to award the contract for the demolition of Clay School **to** Salenbien Trucking & Excavating, Inc., Dundee, Michigan, for a total cost of \$440,000.00, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and

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execute final contracts.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson Nays: None

Approval of Teachers

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2017-18 school year to the following teachers:

Laura Pluff 1.0 Autism Spectrum Disorders Teacher, Emerson Middle School

Autumn Ramseyer 1.0 English/Language Arts Teacher, Churchill High School

Jennifer Shankland 1.0 School Psychologist, Student Services Hatsumi Thorson 1.0 Japanese Support Teacher, Niji-Iro Elementary

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson Nays: None

Leave of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield 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 request for a leave of absence as listed below:

Name Date Effective

Diane Gallup 2017–2018 school year

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

Resignation

The Board was informed that, as authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 26, 2017, a resignation has been accepted by the superintendent for:

NameDate EffectiveSylvia BautistaNovember 30, 2017

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 the resolutions of appreciation for the services rendered by:

Deborah Corbeill

Deborah Corbeill retired from the district on November 3, 2017, and devoted 15.2 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a special education paraprofessional at Webster Elementary School, Franklin High School, and Western Wayne Skill Center.

Craig Schmidt

Craig Schmidt will retire from the district on November 27, 2017, and will have devoted 30 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian, class III roofer, utility class IV, head custodian and building

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supervisor at Randolph Elementary School, Holmes Middle School, Maintenance Department, Frost Middle School, Tyler Elementary School, Dickinson Center, Marshall Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, Hoover Elementary School, and Cass Elementary School.

Dorothy Wieduwilt

Dorothy Wieduwilt will retire from the district on November 30, 2017, and will have devoted 11.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a special education paraprofessional in the Transportation Department.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

Resolution
Supporting the
Work of the
School Finance
Research
Collaborative

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution supporting the work of the School Finance Research Collaborative and requesting that no changes to current school funding be made until the work of the School Finance Collaborative is complete.

Resolution of Support: School Finance Research Collaborative November 13, 2017

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution states that the legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law, and

WHEREAS, Michigan ranks 32nd in student achievement nationwide, according to recent research; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's 21st Century Education Commission states that the urgency could not be greater regarding the failing K-12 performance, further stating that Michigan students underperform their peers, ranking 41st on fourth-grade reading performance nationally; and

WHEREAS, the Commission further stated that Michigan needs to efficiently distribute resources to public schools, and efficient distribution requires a transparent calculation of what it costs to meet performance standards; that students with greater educational needs should be provided with additional resources, where needed, to have an equal chance of meeting the performance standards; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the State of Michigan conducted a comprehensive statewide cost study (Adequacy Study) that produced and provided valuable information, but used only one methodology and did not fully examine special education costs due to data availability issues; did not examine preschool, charter schools, career and technical education; the impact of high concentrations of special needs students; and the cost challenges faced by geographically isolated schools and or very small school districts; and

WHEREAS, the way we fund Michigan's public schools is fundamentally broken; and that Michigan needs to develop funding formulas that efficiently and effectively distribute these resources to the proper entities to support student success; and

WHEREAS, we must reexamine our approach so ALL students, regardless of their circumstances, can achieve and succeed; and

WHEREAS, the School Finance Research Collaborative is a broad-based, diverse and bipartisan group of business leaders and education experts, from Metro Detroit to the U.P., working together to determine the cost of student achievement for all

students PK-12 and $\,$ make recommendations to change how our schools are funded; and

WHEREAS, the School Finance Research Collaborative is supporting Michigan's first comprehensive school adequacy study using multiple methodologies to determine the cost of educating a student; and

WHEREAS, the School Finance Research Collaborative has hired the nation's top two school finance research firms to examine cost issues associated with key factors, including preschool, poverty, special education, Career and Technical Education, English Language Learners, at-risk students, and schools that are geographically isolated; and

WHEREAS, adequacy studies have been performed in more than 30 other states over the past 15 years, with over 90% of these studies using multiple methodologies, as Step One in considering any comprehensive school reform; and

WHEREAS, the School Finance Research Collaborative adequacy study is expected to be completed in early 2018, and will provide lawmakers and the public with the best, most accurate and most reliable information on what it truly costs to educate ALL Michigan students; and

WHEREAS, any changes to the current legislation related to school funding should take into consideration these recommendations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Livonia Public Schools School District supports the School Finance Research Collaborative and its efforts to determine the true cost of educating ALL Michigan public school students (PK-12).

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

First Reading of Board Policies:

Proposed changes to the policies below were reviewed by the Board during prior meetings. These policies will be on the agenda of the next regular meeting for a second reading and potential approval. It was noted that Policy IDFB would be removed, as the District no longer has intramural sports programs.

DJD – Expense Reimbursement

BOARD POLICY FISCAL MANAGEMENT EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT DJD OCTOBER 2, 1989

IDB – Health Education

School employees who are required by the School District to use their personal vehicles in the course of their employment shall be reimbursed by the district for mileage, in accordance with IRS guidelines.

IDFB – Intramural Activities (removal of this policy)

JQE – Pregnant Students BOARD POLICY INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM HEALTH EDUCATION

IDB JUNE 20, 1988

It is the position of the Board of Education that the providing of consultative and preventive health services is generally the responsibility of eity and county government, and that the treatment of individual children is a parental responsibility. In accordance with this position, the Board of Education expects the school staff to cooperate with the Wayne County Department of Public Health and other governmental agencies. In addition to cooperating with the Wayne County Department of Public Health, it is the policy of the Board of Education to support programs of health education directed to both parents and teachers in regard to student

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health and to the health of staff members.

BOARD POLICY INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

IDFB JUNE 20, 1988

Intramural sports programs are to be available to all students of the middle and senior high schools. These activities are optional to the individual student; however, they shall be considered an integral part of the secondary school program. Among the objectives of these programs are the promotion of the physical fitness, physical and mental growth, fairness, and good sportsmanship in competition and understanding and appreciation for various sports activities, both as spectators and participants.

BOARD POLICY STUDENTS PREGNANT STUDENTS

JQE 1000 1000

JUNE 20, 1988

A pregnant student has all the rights and responsibilities of other students, and her continuing attendance in classes should be based on the recommendation of her physician. The student's school may request medical verification of the student's ability to continue in all classes in her program.

If a pregnant student wishes to continue her schooling but not attend the regular program, she should contact the principal or her counselor to discuss an alternative placement.

Second Reading & Adoption of Board Policies: It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Johnson 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:

ABCC – Board Member Term of Office

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD DISTRICT ORGANIZATION BOARD MEMBER TERM OF OFFICE

ABCC NOVEMBER 13, 2017

AFC – Emergency Closings of Schools Members of the Board of Education shall be elected biennially during even year general elections (the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November) to serve for a term of four years on a rotation basis. The term shall commence on January 1 of the year immediately following the election and continue through December 31 of the fourth year.

BGA – Membership in Associations

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD DISTRICT ORGANIZATION EMERGENCY CLOSINGS OF SCHOOLS

AFC NOVEMBER 13, 2017

DFG – Fees, Payments, and Rentals In the event an emergency should prevent schools from following the regular schedules, school personnel, parents/guardians, and students will be notified. This can be accomplished through radio, television, phone, email, social media, and the District website. School personnel, parents/guardians, and students shall be attentive to announcements of possible irregular schedules for school.

EBH – Leasing and Renting

Generally, the procedure for handling a school-wide emergency is as follows:

- 1. Should school open later than usual in the morning due to an emergency, the students will still be dismissed at the regular time in the afternoon.
- 2. Should it become necessary for schools to be dismissed because of an emergency, the principals will be notified by administration.
- 3. Once an official decision has been reached to close schools, the administration will establish a schedule with their staffs for protecting the buildings and checking the condition of the buildings on a regularly scheduled basis.

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KG – Community Use of School Facilities

KI – Material Distribution in Schools

KM – Visits to Schools

KN – Public Complaints

LDAJA – Security Footage

MK - Accreditation

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD BOARD OPERATIONS MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATIONS

BGA NOVEMBER 13, 2017

The Board of Education recognizes the value and importance of membership in and affiliation with organized associations through which problems of current and mutual interest and concern are discussed and solutions sought, group action can be made more effectively, relations improved with many governmental and public agencies, advisory services provided, and printed materials obtained.

The Board considers development in effectiveness a continuing process for the Board members and provides opportunities through attendance at district, county, state, and national conferences, workshops, seminars, legislative hearings and conventions. The Board will annually renew membership in the Wayne County Association of School Boards and the Michigan Association of School Boards. The superintendent will present to the Board, when available each year, the schedule of conventions for these associations and other related groups, such as the American Association of School Administrators, and the Board may designate delegates to attend. Attendance will be limited to two national conventions each fiscal year per Board member if the budget permits.

BOARD POLICY FISCAL MANAGEMENT FEES, PAYMENTS, AND RENTALS

DFG NOVEMBER 13, 2017

The rental of school property and use of buildings by outside agencies shall conform to school building use policies. Livonia Public Schools School District is permitted to charge appropriate fees for the use of its facilities.

The first priority for the use of school property is for District purposes.

BOARD POLICY BUSINESS MANAGEMENT LEASING AND RENTING

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The Board of Education may enter into agreements to:

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

BOARD POLICY GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES KG NOVEMBER 13, 2017

The Board of Education recognizes that the schools belong to and should be available for use by the community consistent with applicable law and administrative regulations. Livonia Public Schools School District is permitted to charge appropriate fees for the use of its facilities.

The first priority for the use of school property is for District purposes.

BOARD POLICY GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION IN SCHOOLS KI NOVEMBER 13, 2017

The distribution of non-school material must have the prior approval of the superintendent or designee.

Only authorized information and materials are to be distributed.

BOARD POLICY GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS VISITS TO SCHOOLS

KM NOVEMBER 13, 2017

Parents and other visitors having legitimate business to conduct are welcome in the schools. For the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the students, all visitors shall first report to the school's main office for visitation approval.

Visitors from other school systems should make appropriate arrangements in advance through the office of the superintendent or his/her designee.

Visits to classrooms by parents and other citizens should be arranged in advance, have the approval of the building principal/administrator, and not disrupt the educational process.

BOARD POLICY GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

KN NOVEMBER 13, 2017

Complaints, including those concerning instructional matters and employees, are best handled and resolved as close to their origin as possible. The Board acts as a source of final appeal concerning complaints where specifically required by law or outlined in Board policy.

BOARD POLICY INTERORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONS SECURITY FOOTAGE

LDAJA NOVEMBER 13, 2017

In the interest of the safety and security of individuals and property, security cameras may be present on School District premises and buses.

Security footage will be kept, used, or routinely erased, as determined by administration. In the event that the District preserves footage, administration will retain it until it is no longer needed or required. The administration will tender such footage to the proper authorities if warranted or necessary. Signs will be posted notifying the public that school premises are monitored by cameras.

BOARD POLICY MK RELATIONS WITH OTHER EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES NOVEMBER 13, 2017 ACCREDITATION

Livonia Public Schools School District will maintain accreditation status through AdvancED or a current accreditation provider.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

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: **Consideration of Written Legal Opinion from Counsel**.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

Separation Agreement

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District

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> approve the separation agreement between the Livonia Public Schools School District, Livonia Education Association (LEA), and

Geoffrey Markwart.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,

Johnson

Nays: None

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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