

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
September 23, 2019**

President Johnson convened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

None

Points of Pride – Yajvan Ravan, Churchill H.S. Gold Medal at 51st International Chemistry Olympiad

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution in recognition of Churchill High School student Yajvan Ravan, for his gold medal distinction at the 51st International Chemistry Olympiad, held in Paris, France in July 2019.

RESOLUTION

***WHEREAS**, the Trustees of the Livonia Public Schools School District Board of Education are desirous of publicly recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of students who distinguish themselves during the pursuit of their public education in the School District; and*

***WHEREAS**, Yajvan Ravan, a junior at Churchill High School, in the District's Math, Science & Computers Program, has distinguished himself by earning a gold medal at the 51st International Chemistry Olympiad, held in Paris, France in July 2019; and*

***WHEREAS**, in achieving this honor, Yajvan was the youngest member of the U.S. team and was just one of four students (plus two alternates) who earned a spot on the team, following his qualification to attend the Chemistry Olympiad Study Camp at the University of Maryland; and*

***WHEREAS**, Yajvan advanced to the Study Camp after being in the top 1,000 students, nationwide, to take the National Chemistry Olympiad Test and advanced to the top 20 before being among the four selected for the international team to represent the United States in Paris.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Yajvan Ravan for his outstanding accomplishments in chemistry and wish him well in his future endeavors as he applies the discipline and perseverance needed to excel in academics to all areas of his life.*

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

**District Update
from the
Superintendent**

Superintendent Oquist shared the following:

- Open Houses and Curriculum Nights have been well attended. Thank you to all the families who attended and the staff who made the preparations.
- Parent Kara Clarke received the Courage Award from the Ted Lindsay Foundation. She was nominated by Beth Santer (former student services coordinator) and teacher Laura Pluff for all she does for children, teachers, schools, and the District.
- Franklin and Stevenson High School recently held the ribbon cutting for their new football fields.
- Each Friday the District shares a “round up” of all the great things happening at our schools. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up on all the good news we share.
- Churchill High School is celebrating their 50 Year Anniversary on Friday, September 27. All alumni and members of the community are welcome to attend. The ceremony starts at 5:15, with an alumni gathering at 6:00 p.m., and the homecoming game at 7:00 p.m.
- There are several ways to help your LPS community: Blessings in a Backpack, Franklin Food Pantry, and the Clothing Depot.

Recess

The Board recessed the meeting at 7:21 p.m. to visit with guests and resumed the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

**Written
Communication**

None

**Audience
Communication**

None

**Response to
Prior Audience
Communication**

None

**Consent
Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Frank 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 19, 2019

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

**Recommend
Reinstatement
of One
Secondary
Student**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Reinstatement Committee and conditionally reinstate a secondary student to Livonia Public Schools.

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

**Human Growth
Videos for
Grades 5-6-7-10**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to update Human Growth videos for fifth, sixth, seventh, and tenth grades.

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

**10th Grade
Health /
Sexuality**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to include one additional lesson to the current curriculum for tenth grade Health.

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

**Teachers for
Approval**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank 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 2019-20 school year to the following teachers:

Alcorn, Alexander	.4 Music Teacher (.3 Webster; .1 Buchanan)
Argue, Simone	1.0 Resource Room Teacher
Benedict, Craig	.75 Shared Time PE Teacher
Coccimiglio, Barbara	.65 Shared Time Spanish Teacher
Gibson, Jessica	.65 Shared Time Music Teacher
Gray, Jennifer	1.0 Teacher, Cleveland Elementary
Kapp, Jaime	.81 Shared Time Art Teacher
Kefallinos, Mary	1.0 Secondary ELA (.4 Franklin; .6 Stevenson)
Koch, Sarah	1.0 Art Teacher (.8 Stevenson; .2 Churchill)
Luna, Josephine	.69 Shared Time Music Teacher
Martinez, Kaylie	1.0 Teacher, Hayes Elementary
McAlinden, Lauren	1.0 Teacher, Hoover Elementary
Montes-Little, Jennifer	1.0 Teacher of Autistically Impaired
Schreuder, Caitlin	1.0 GSRP Lead Teacher, Garfield Community School
Serazio, Julie	1.0 K-4 Literacy Coach (.5 Cleveland; .5 Grant)
Voelkner, Tricia	.23 Shared Time Art Teacher
Warner, Aaron	1.0 Teacher, Grant Elementary
Wofford-Glenn, Shelia	.29 Shared Time Computer Technology Teacher

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

Teachers for Tenure

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Burton 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 date:

Leah Clark	August 25, 2019
Taylor Curtis	August 25, 2019
Tara Gursky Richardson	August 18, 2019
Brandy Horvath	August 18, 2019
Rachel Licavoli	September 2, 2019
Nicole Minor	August 29, 2019
Emily Newton	August 29, 2019
Nicole Nowotny	August 25, 2019
Scott O'Leary	August 29, 2019
Anna Petoskey	August 25, 2019
Heather Roosevelt	August 29, 2019
Robert Sharp	September 2, 2019
Catherine Torrento	August 25, 2019
Emily Trybus	September 2, 2019
Elizabeth Wright	August 29, 2019

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

Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis 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 below:

Brooke Brewster	August 26, 2019
Kimberly DuSablou	August 26, 2019
Tara Prieskorn	August 27, 2019

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

Resignations

As authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 3, 2019, a resignation has been accepted by the superintendent for:

Daniel Cosgrove	September 3, 2019
Victoria Haber	September 13, 2019
Kara Kavulich (never worked)	August 19, 2019
Kristyn Kosmyna	August 19, 2019
Elizabeth Lewandowski (Chiotellis)	December 20, 2019

Retirements

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

adopt resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by:

Julie Harb, will retire from the District on January 24, 2020, and will have devoted 26.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School, Emerson Middle School, and Stevenson High School as a teacher.

Conrad Newman, who will retire from the District on January 24, 2020, and will have devoted 19.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School as a teacher.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of
NTH Contract
Amendment for
Design of 2020
Paving Projects**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bradford 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 the contract amendment with NTH Consultants, Ltd., Northville, Michigan, for civil engineering services on the pavement improvements at Jackson Early Childhood Center and Niji-Iro Elementary School, for a total cost of \$59,100.00. Also move that upon receipt of the contract amendment, the superintendent or her designee is authorized to sign said contract on behalf of the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of Bid
Results for K-6
Walking Paths –
2013 Bond /
Playgrounds**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the construction of walking paths at K-6 buildings with Best Asphalt in Romulus, Michigan, at a cost of \$175,110.00, plus \$10,000.00 contingency, for a total approved amount of \$185,110.000.

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

Nays: None

**Approval to
Purchase Bulk
Salt**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of bulk road salt from the Detroit Salt Company, Detroit, Michigan, through the State of Michigan MiDEAL Extended Purchasing Program, for a total cost of \$89,046.00.

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

Nays: None

First Reading of Board Policies:

Proposed changes to the policies below were previously reviewed by the Board. These policies will be on the agenda of the next regular Board meeting for a second reading and potential approval.

GA – General Personnel

**BOARD POLICY
PERSONNEL
GENERAL PERSONNEL SECTION**

**GA
JUNE 20, 1988**

The School District depends upon all of its employees, both certificated and non-certificated, to achieve the aims and goals of the school system. All employees shall be individually competent and shall be motivated by the ~~philosophy~~ **Shared Vision and Collective Commitments** of the District. Employees' actions, attitudes, and decisions shall lend themselves to the accomplishment of the goals **and priorities** established for the District.

The Board wishes the Superintendent or ~~his~~ Superintendent's designee to maintain continuously a comprehensive, coordinated set of job descriptions for ~~all~~ positions so as to promote efficiency and ~~economy~~ **effectiveness** in the staff's operation.

GAK – Personnel Records (removal)

~~**BOARD POLICY
PERSONNEL
PERSONNEL RECORDS**~~

~~**GAK
JUNE 20, 1988
Reviewed 5/2014**~~

~~Employees' access to their personnel records is covered in the master agreements and appropriate laws.~~

GBD – Professional Personnel Appointment

**BOARD POLICY
PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENT**

**GBD
OCTOBER 20, 2014**

All members of Cabinet, LEADS, and LEA shall be appointed only upon the recommendation of the superintendent and approval by the Board of Education. Should a nominee of the superintendent ~~be rejected~~ **fail to be approved** by the Board, it shall be the duty of the superintendent to make another nomination.

It shall be the duty of the superintendent or designee to see that persons recommended for employment shall meet all qualifications established by law, by contractual agreement, and by the Board for that type of position.

It shall be the duty of the superintendent or designee to hire ~~all~~ employees for positions which do not ~~require certification~~ **fall into one of the aforementioned categories.**

GBRG – Non-School Employment

**BOARD POLICY
PERSONNEL
NON-SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**

**GBRG
JUNE 20, 1988
Reviewed 5/2014**

Employees have a primary obligation to the job for which they are employed and assigned. **Other employment** or outside interests shall not conflict or compete with job responsibilities.

GBT – Professional Publishing

**BOARD POLICY
PERSONNEL
PROFESSIONAL PUBLISHING**

**GBT
JULY 21, 2014**

Prior to submitting any articles ~~s~~ for publication in which the Livonia Public Schools School District is mentioned, staff members are ~~encouraged to show these to the superintendent or designee~~ **requested to consult with the Communication's Department administrator before submission.**

Second Reading of

Board Policy GAN –

Prohibition of Family Planning and Abortion Referral

It was moved by Mrs. Burton 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 a new Board Policy:

BOARD POLICY PERSONNEL PROHIBITION OF FAMILY PLANNING AND ABORTION REFERRAL

GAN SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

The Board acknowledges the legal requirements of MCL 388.1766 and MCL 380.1507. This policy is meant to comply with these statutory provisions to the extent required by law.

All District employees involved in sex education instruction must adhere to the requirements of MCL 380.1507 of the Revised School Code. In addition, pursuant to MCL 388.1766, all District employees, Board members, school officials, individuals contracted through a third party, and volunteers, while in a school, on school property, or acting within the scope of their respective duties, are prohibited from dispensing or distributing family planning drugs or devices, or referring a student for abortion or assisting a student in obtaining an abortion.

Any fine(s) assessed for violation of this policy will be in accordance with applicable state law.

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

Second Reading of Board Policies:

DFEA – Tax Anticipation Notes

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 Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy Language for:

BOARD POLICY FISCAL MANAGEMENT TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

DFEA SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

The Board of Education may, by resolution and without a vote of the community, borrow money and issue its notes in anticipation of the collection of the taxes and other revenues as prescribed by law.

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

DFGA – Admissions and Gate Receipts

It was moved by Mr. Centers 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 FISCAL MANAGEMENT ADMISSIONS AND GATE RECEIPTS

DFGA SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

The Board of Education grants authority to the Superintendent and/or the Superintendent's designee to approve appropriate events and programs in addition to the regular school curriculum.

The procedures for admission charges, if any, for events and programs shall be approved by the Superintendent and/or the Superintendent's designee.

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

DFK – Gifts and Requests

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Frank 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
FISCAL MANAGEMENT
GIFTS AND BEQUESTS**

**DFK
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

The Board of Education welcomes gifts and grants which are tendered for the general welfare of the students and/or staff. The Board reserves the right to specify the manner in which gifts are made and accepted, to define the type of gift or grant considered appropriate, and to reject those which are deemed inappropriate and unsuitable.

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

DJAA – Authorized Signatures

It was moved by Mrs. Frank 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
FISCAL MANAGEMENT
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES**

**DJAA
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

The Board of Education shall designate the persons authorized to issue checks, electronic payments, or other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of the school district and the accounts which may be drawn against.

A manual signature or electronic signature may be used for the accounts established by the Board.

The president and secretary of the Board shall be authorized to sign all contracts and legal documents on behalf of the Board of Education/school district following approval by the Board.

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

Approval to Make Payment to MASB for Board Member's Attendance at Workshop

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve a payment of \$180.00 be made to MASB for the September 6, 2019, School Law Workshop attended by Board Vice President Colleen Burton.

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

**Approval of
Voting
Delegates for
2019 MASB
Delegate
Assembly,
Conference
Attendance,
and Classes**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve Mark Johnson, Karen Bradford, and Dan Centers as voting delegates and Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, and Liz Jarvis as alternates for the 2019 MASB Delegate Assembly in Grand Traverse, Michigan on Friday, November 8, 2019. Also move that Mark Johnson, Karen Bradford, and Dan Centers attend the Annual Leadership Conference during that weekend with overnight accommodations, and that Karen Bradford take two CBA classes, at a total cost for all three Board members of up to \$2,100.00.

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

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Off/Supt/jw