

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2015**

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

Members Present

Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Dan Centers, Liz Jarvis, Mark Johnson, Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell

Members Absent

None

Superintendent Search Update

President Burton provided an update on the superintendent search, relaying that the Board hired Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI) as the search firm. She reported that : MLI is holding staff and community forums for specific groups on July 21; open community and staff forums will be held on July 28 (4:30 pm for staff and 6:00 pm for the community); the deadline for applications is August 28; the Board hopes to seat a new superintendent in October, but if they do not find a highly qualified person they will start the process again. Mrs. Burton also noted that individuals are welcome to contact the Board directly with their comments regarding the superintendent search and there will be an area on the district website where comments can be submitted.

Written Communication

None

Audience Communication

Ms. Kim Balhorn addressed the Board regarding the Washington property.

Ms. Jody White addressed the Board regarding the Student Handbook and her concerns about incidents at Churchill.

Response to Prior Audience Communication

None

Consent Agenda

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 following consent agenda items, as recommended by the superintendent:

- V.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2015
- V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 22, 2015

V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of June 22, 2015

V.D. Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 6, 2015

V.E. Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 8, 2015

V.F. Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 9, 2015

VI.A. Bills for Payment—July 28, 2015

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Appointment of
K-12 English
Language
Arts/Social
Studies
Coordinator**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint **Christine Fankell** as K-12 English Language Arts/Social Studies Coordinator beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Appointment of
K-12
Math/Science
Coordinator**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint **Benjamin Hillard** as K-12 Math/Science Coordinator beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Approval of
Settlement
Agreement with
AFSCME**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the terms of the tentative agreement reached with AFSCME Local 118 to amend the collective bargaining agreement between the parties, effective July 1, 2015.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Approval of
Settlement
Agreement with
LSA**

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the terms of the tentative agreement reached with the Livonia Secretarial Association to amend the collective bargaining agreement between the parties, effective July 1, 2015.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Appointment of
Interim
Superintendent**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District appoint **Andrea Oquist** to serve as its Superintendent in the interim, beginning August 3, 2015. The Board of Education is in the process of

hiring a permanent replacement for the Superintendent position vacated as of August 3, 2015, and this interim position will remain in effect until the start date for the permanent replacement.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

**Approval of
Teacher**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment to: **Gregory Ososky, Livonia Career Technical Center.**

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

**Removal of
Teacher from
Recall List**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District remove the following teachers from any form of a recall list, thereby eliminating her/him from any rights to future employment:

**Kelly Grodzicki
Katrina DeKleine
Laura Derda
Phillip Dugliss
Kristin Lee
Joshua Skodack**

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

**Leave of
Absence**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson 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 for **Lori Morgan**, effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

Resignation

The Board was informed of the resignation of **Thena Axiotis**, effective August 31, 2015.

Retirements

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

Bonnie Bugnell will retire from the district on July 31, 2015, and will have devoted 29.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as an elementary clerk and secretary for the Personnel Department, Garfield Elementary

School, Johnson Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, Dickinson Center, and the Student Services Department.

Timothy Callahan will retire from the district on July 25, 2015, and will have devoted 25.7 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian and Class III Maintenance at Randolph Elementary School, Lowell Junior High School, Cooper-at-Whittier Elementary School, Stevenson High School, and the Maintenance Department.

Stephen Kovich retired from the district on June 30, 2015, and has devoted 15.1 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Perrinville Early Childhood Center.

Cynthia McConchie will retire from the district on July 31, 2015, and will have devoted 20.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary for Employee Relations and Jackson Early Childhood Center.

Mary Sullivan retired from the district on June 12, 2015, and has devoted 11 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a Kitchen Manager and General Helper at Coolidge Elementary School.

Judith Tomassi retired from the district on June 30, 2015, and has devoted 23.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Roosevelt Elementary School, Cooper-at-Whittier Elementary School, McKinley Preschool, and Cass Elementary School .

Christine Walczyk will retire from the district on July 31, 2015, and will have devoted 18.1 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as an elementary clerk and secretary at Garfield Elementary School, Johnson Elementary School, Nankin Mills Elementary School, Garfield Elementary School, Hull Elementary School, and Churchill High School.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

Sympathy Resolution

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a sympathy resolution for the family of Lori Burkall.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

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