

# BYLAWS OF THE BOARD

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DISTRICT ORGANIZATION  
NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS

MARCH 16, 2015

The Board of Education shall consist of seven members elected or appointed according to provisions contained in Michigan general school laws.

# BOARD POLICY

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DISTRICT ORGANIZATION  
SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH 16, 2015

The superintendent will recommend and the Board of Education will approve a school calendar prior to the opening of school each year.

The calendar shall be in accordance with the general school laws of the State of Michigan.

# **BYLAWS OF THE BOARD**

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## **BOARD OPERATIONS BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONS**

**MARCH 16, 2015**

The Board of Education believes that the legislation and adoption of policies is an important function of a school board and that the execution of the policies should be the function of the administration and staff.

Delegation by the Board of its executive powers to the superintendent provides freedom for the superintendent to manage the schools within the Board's policies, and frees the Board to devote its time to policy making and appraisal functions.

The Board holds the administration and staff responsible for carrying out its policies within established guidelines and for keeping the Board informed, through the superintendent, about school operations.

# BYLAWS OF THE BOARD

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## BOARD OPERATIONS SPECIAL MEETINGS

MARCH 16, 2015

Special meetings of the Board of Education may be called by the president of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, place, and purpose of such special meeting. Such notice shall be in accordance with law.

Service of the notices shall be by:

1. Delivering the notices to the members personally at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place; or
2. Leaving the same at the member's residence with some person of the household at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place; or
3. Depositing the same in a government mail receptacle (enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly addressed to such member at his/her last known residence address) at least seventy-two (72) hours before such meeting is to take place.
4. Sending email notification to members at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place and confirming that emails were received by members.
5. A meeting at which all members of the Board are present with or without proper notice to members of the Board and for which proper notice is given to the public shall be considered a legal meeting for the transaction of business when proper notice has been given to the public.

The purpose of the special meeting shall be included on or with the notice of special meeting.

Service as above prescribed may be made by a member of the Board or any employee.

If the foregoing procedure is followed and if a notice of the meeting has been posted or published at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the meeting, a quorum present can conduct business legally.

Special meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with the policy established for regular meetings.

### Emergency Meetings

The Board may meet in emergency session in the event of a severe and imminent threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the public when two-thirds of the members decide that delay would be detrimental to efforts to lessen or respond to the threat.

LEGAL REF.: MCL, 15.265; 380.1201 (Legal References Updated 3/12/07)

# **BOARD POLICY**

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## **PERSONNEL STAFF INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**MARCH 16, 2015**

Recognizing that community activities are highly desirable supplements to school work, employees of the Livonia Public Schools School District are urged to take an active part in community life. The extent to which school personnel are known and accepted as citizens of the community has a direct relationship with the degree of understanding and good will between the schools and the community.

Administrators are encouraged to identify personally with the many facets of community life, providing opportunities for all citizens, including non-parents, to experience a relationship with the school district.

All personnel are encouraged to participate in local service clubs and civic organizations. School personnel may upon approval participate in civic or service club activities during the school day provided they do not conflict with scheduled responsibilities.

Cooperative relationships should be maintained between the school system and civic, service, and business associations such as the Chamber of Commerce. Visitations between business and industrial leaders and teachers and other personnel shall be encouraged.

# BOARD POLICY

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**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM  
SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**MARCH 16, 2015**

The Board of Education provides special programs and services to meet the needs of its students with special needs. These programs and services will be coordinated by the Department of Student Services, which interprets and operates these services according to law.

CROSS REF.: IDDF—Special Education Programs

LEGAL REF.: 20 USC 1400 *et seq.*; 34 CFR Part 300; 29 USC 705(20), 794-794b; 34 CFR Part 104;

MCL, 380.4 *et seq.* 380.1311; 380.1703; 380.1751 to 380.1766; 388.1009a; 388.1651a, 388.1652; 388.1653a; 388.1654; 388.1656; R340.1701 *et seq.*

(Legal References Updated 3/12/07)

# **BOARD POLICY**

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## **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM REPORT CARDS**

**MARCH 16, 2015**

The superintendent or designee shall have the authority to classify and control the promotion of students in accordance with the general school laws of the State of Michigan.

Reporting to parents is an integral part of the school program and is requisite to assuring a sharing of responsibility by parents and teachers for the learning and growth of the child.

The progress of each pupil shall be measured periodically, and reports of such progress shall be communicated to his/her parents or guardian at regular intervals. These reports, both oral and written, are intended to assist both the student and the parent and to stimulate their cooperation in furthering the student's continued growth.

Reports shall at all times attempt to assess the pupil's performance in terms of both his/her capacity and actual achievement. The responsibility of devising various reporting forms and practices shall be that of the superintendent or designee and the staff.

# BOARD POLICY

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## STUDENTS STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND CONDUCT

MARCH 16, 2015

The Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education and administration and instructional staff promote, through policies and regulations, the highest possible standard of conduct and atmosphere for good instruction. It is earnestly desired to have high standards of conduct, behavior, and school achievement. Development of good habits in citizenship and conduct as individuals requires a consistent, calm atmosphere which will promote the individual and group learning process.

1. Students shall be held strictly responsible at all times for diligent application to school work and the development of efficient study habits.
2. Students shall show proper respect at all times to other students, staff members, school visitors, and adult volunteers. Both students and staff members have an obligation to maintain at all times conditions which will promote the proper atmosphere for learning and the carrying on of other school activities.
3. Malicious destruction of school property must result in the replacement or repair of property or payment for the damages by the student or his/her parents or guardian.
4. Students shall help keep the school grounds and property clean at all times.



# BOARD POLICY

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## STUDENTS STUDENT HEALTH EXAMINATION

MARCH 16, 2015

### PARTICIPANTS IN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

A student who wishes to participate in interscholastic games or sports must satisfactorily complete a health or medical examination administered by a qualified physician prior to entering into any athletic competition. The following statements are considered as part of this policy:

1. No student should be allowed to begin formal practice in a sport without an adequate health examination on file with the school.
2. In cases of serious injury or extended illness, students should be reexamined by a physician before again being allowed to compete.
3. Students who have been disqualified in one interscholastic sport are not necessarily disqualified from that particular sport permanently nor does it mean that they have been disqualified from all sports. The health examination shall specifically indicate which sports competition the student may participate in, if any.
4. The decision of a qualified physician should be regarded as final. No person may overrule the decision to qualify or disqualify a student in interscholastic competition for health reasons.
5. Health costs shall be paid by the student's parent or guardian. The superintendent or designee may make exceptions based on financial hardship.
6. Health examination shall not be required of any student whose parents or guardians present in writing religious objections to such an examination.

CROSS REF.: IDE—Cocurricular Activities  
IDFA—Interscholastic Activities

LEGAL REF.: MCL, 333.9105; 333.9301 *et seq.*; 380.1177  
(Legal References Updated 3/12/07)

# **BOARD POLICY**

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## **STUDENTS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**MARCH 16, 2015**

It shall be the policy of the school district to give appropriate recognition to pupils for progress and/or attainment in all areas of classroom scholastic endeavor as well as in areas of the school's co-curriculum and extracurricular activities.

The recognition should be as closely related as possible to the nature of the achievement and should be assessed by school administration.

CROSS REF.: BBH—Awards, Recognitions, Certificates

# BOARD POLICY

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STUDENTS  
STUDENT RECORDS

MARCH 16, 2015

The compilation, maintenance, disclosure, and deletion of or access to student records shall be in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 and other applicable laws.

LEGAL REF.: MCL, 600.2165; 15.231 *et seq.*; 20 USC 1232g  
(Legal Reference Updated 3/12/07)