

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Special Meeting  
September 3, 2015**

President Burton convened the special meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

<b>Members Present:</b>	Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Dan Centers, Liz Jarvis, Mark Johnson, Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell
<b>Members Absent:</b>	None
<b>Audience Communications:</b>	None
<b>Review and Consideration of Contents of Applications for Employment from Applicants Who Did Not Request That Applications Remain Confidential</b>	Mr. Mike Wilmot, Michigan Leadership Institute representative, reviewed the process that took place for the superintendent search. The position was posted, 27 individuals completed the process, 3 additional individuals started the process but did not complete it, 1 individual submitted an application after the deadline and in a format that was not consistent with the requirements. One of the 27 applicants withdrew their application. 24 of the 26 applicants requested that their credentials be reviewed in a confidential format. Two did not request confidentiality -- John Sumerhill, former superintendent of Ishpeming Public Schools and Ann Vayre, a teacher from the Saginaw School District. Mr. Wilmot shared information regarding those two candidates.
<b>Move to Closed Session – Consideration of Applicants for Superintendent Position</b>	It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District move to closed session to review and consider the contents of applications for employment for the position of superintendent, at the request of the candidates that their applications remain confidential.  Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell Nays: None
<b>Recess</b>	The Board recessed to closed session at 6:37 p.m.
<b>Reconvene</b>	The Board reconvened the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

**Nomination  
Process**

President Burton shared information regarding the process that would take place for the nomination of candidates who may potentially be interviewed. Any Board member who wished to nominate a candidate(s) must make a motion to nominate that candidate, designating the candidate with a letter so the individual's name is not disclosed prior to a potential interview being granted (as requested by the individual candidates and in compliance with law). A vote will then be taken by the Board for each candidate who is nominated. Any individual who receives four or more votes will be asked to come in for an interview. When that process is completed and there are no further nominations, the names of those candidates who will be invited to interview will be announced by Mr. Wilmot.

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

None: None

**Nomination of  
Candidate  
Code T**

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District offer the opportunity to interview for the position of Superintendent to the individual identified as Candidate Code T. This individual has experience as associate superintendent for one of the state's ISD's and has worked in the Michigan Department of Education, has strength in the legislative area, and appears to be a well-qualified applicant and will meet the desired skill set of the District.

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

None: None

**Nomination of  
Candidate  
Code C**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District offer the opportunity to interview for the position of Superintendent to the individual identified as Candidate Code C, who has experience as superintendent in the Oakland County district, as well as assistant superintendent in two large suburban districts, and appears to be a quality applicant whose strengths meet the desired skill set of the District.

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

None: None

**Nomination of  
Candidate**

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

**Code AA**

District offer the opportunity to interview for the position of Superintendent to the individual identified as Candidate Code AA, who has experience as superintendent two times over, has been well respected by staff and community, and appears to be a quality applicant whose strengths meet the desired skill set of the District.

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

None: None

**Nomination of Candidate Code K**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District offer the opportunity to interview for the position of Superintendent to the individual identified as Candidate Code K, who has experience as assistant superintendent and appears to be a quality applicant whose strengths meet the desired skill set of the District.

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

None: None

**Nomination of Candidate Code O**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District offer the opportunity to interview for the position of Superintendent to the individual identified as Candidate Code O. This candidate has experience as a present superintendent as well as experience as a former assistant superintendent, with a strong financial background, and appears to be a quality applicant whose strengths meet the desired skill set of this District.

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

None: None

**Nominations Closed**

Seeing that there were no further nominations, President Burton closed the nominations.

**Presentation by Michigan Leadership Institute Regarding Interview Process**

Mr. Wilmot stated that the Board identified five individuals they would like to interview for the superintendent position:

1. Monique Beels (Candidate C)  
Current superintendent of Clawson Public Schools; former assistant superintendent for curriculum instruction at Grosse Pointe Public Schools and Novi Public Schools

2. Sharon Irvine-Hawkins (Candidate K)  
Current assistant superintendent of human resources for Warren Consolidated Schools; former assistant superintendent of human resources for Ypsilanti Public Schools; former principal of Northville Public Schools
3. Michael Musary (Candidate O)  
Current superintendent of Armada Public Schools; former finance director for Armada Public Schools; former finance director for South Bend Public Schools in Indiana; former financial analyst for General Motors Corporation
4. Dr. John VanWagoner (Candidate K)  
Current assistant superintendent of Shiawassee Regional Educational Service District; former employee of the Michigan Department of Education as the legislative liaison for instructional issues
5. Ron Wilson (Candidate AA)  
Former superintendent of Howell Public Schools and Cass City Public Schools

Mr. Wilmot relayed the following information regarding the upcoming interviews: interviews will be scheduled for September 8, 9, and 10; Board members will interview each candidate for 90 minutes; interviews will be held in the Board Room and open to the public; and there will be a standard set of questions for each candidate.

Mrs. Burton adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

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