

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2019**

President Johnson convened the meeting at 7:03 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 – Project SEARCH

Mrs. Beth Santer, Student Services Coordinator, shared information about the Livonia Transition Program, the current Project SEARCH partnership with Embassy Suites and the students they have hired, as well as the new Project SEARCH partnerships with St. Mary Hospital and Ward Presbyterian Church that will start in the 2019-20 school year.

District Update from the Superintendent

Superintendent Oquist shared some highlights about students, staff, and activities throughout the District. She gave a shout out to all of our graduates and extended her congratulations to them.

Mrs. Oquist also shared that the first community information meeting regarding the 2019 Operating Millage and Sinking Fund Proposals will take place on June 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the administration building.

The Board recessed at 7:28 p.m. to visit with guests and resumed the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Written Communication

None

Audience Communication

None

Response to Prior Audience Communication

None

Consent

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that

Agenda

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 May 20, 2019
- V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 20, 2019
- VI.A. Approval to Renew MHSAA Membership for 2019-2020
- VIII.D. Teacher Recall Authorization
Approval to recall teachers for 2019-20 school year
- VIII.E. Authorization to Accept Resignations
Approval to accept resignations for 2019-20 school year

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

Approval to Purchase World Language Level II Textbooks

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District purchase the following World Language textbooks, for a total cost of \$130,988.77, with \$49,897.24 in complimentary materials.

- The textbook *T'es Branche', 2019* for French 2 courses from EMC School at a cost of \$54,436.25.
- The textbook *Portfolio Deutsch, 2015* for German 2 courses from Klett-Langenscheidt at a cost of \$25,853.78.
- The textbook *Autentico B, 2018* for Spanish 2 courses from Pearson Education, Inc. at a cost of \$50,698.74.

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

Approval of Bid Results for Boiler Replacement

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase and installation of new boilers at Holmes Middle School, Johnson Upper Elementary School, Hoover Elementary School, Kennedy Elementary School, and Hayes Elementary School from SysTemp Corporation, Rochester Hills, Michigan, for a cost of \$856,000.00 plus 5% contingency in the amount of \$42,800.00 for a total amount of \$898,800.00.

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

Approval to Purchase Flexible Furniture for Cleveland

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of flexible furniture for Cleveland Elementary School, from Interior Environments, for a total of \$38,742.11.

**Elementary –
2013 Bond**

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

**Approval to
Purchase
Computers for
Livonia Career
Technical
Center – Grant
Funds**

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 purchase of 27 HP single unit computers with HP Care Pack coverage for the Livonia Career Technical Center, as awarded through REMC pricing to CDW-G, for a total expenditure of \$59,913.

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

**Approval of
Collective
Bargaining
Agreement
Between LPS
and LEA**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education enter into a three-year contract with the Livonia Education Association, whose agreement has been ratified by LEA members. Said contract shall continue through August 15, 2022.

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

**Recognition of
40 Year
Employees**

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 proposed resolution of appreciation for 40 years of full-time service with the District for the following employees:

Frank Betzel

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is desirous of recognizing loyal and longstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools School District; and,

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Board that Frank Betzel has completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on April 2, 2019 and,

WHEREAS, He has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as a custodian and building supervisor at Franklin High School, Dickinson Center, Perrinville Elementary, Hull Elementary, Rosedale Elementary, Randolph Elementary and Buchanan Elementary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education hereby expresses appreciation and gratitude to Frank Betzel for his sincere and dedicated service to the Livonia Public Schools and extends its best wishes to Frank Betzel on reaching this milestone in his professional career.

Trace Leach

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is desirous of recognizing loyal and longstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools School District; and,

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Board that Trace Leach has completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on October 11, 2018 and,

WHEREAS, He has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as a custodian at Kennedy Elementary, Riley Elementary, Emerson Middle School, Cooper Elementary, Hoover Elementary and the Livonia Career Technical Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education hereby expresses appreciation and gratitude to Trace Leach for his sincere and dedicated service to the Livonia Public Schools and extends its best wishes to Trace Leach on reaching this milestone in his professional career.

Christian Nichols

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is desirous of recognizing loyal and longstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools School District; and,

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Board that Christian Nichols has completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on April 30, 2019 and,

WHEREAS, He has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as a custodian and assistant building supervisor at the Ford Skills Center, Washington Elementary, Lowell Elementary, Dickinson Center, Whitman Center, Bentley Center and Stevenson High School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education hereby expresses appreciation and gratitude to Christian Nichols for his sincere and dedicated service to the Livonia Public Schools and extends its best wishes to Christian Nichols on reaching this milestone in his professional career.

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

Retirements

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis 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:

Susan Boggs, who will retire from the District on June 17, 2019, and will have devoted 31 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Johnson Elementary and Rosedale Elementary as an elementary teacher.

Angellia Harris, who will retire from the District on June 28, 2019, and will have devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian at Churchill High School, Grant Elementary, Perrinville Early Childhood Center and Rosedale Elementary.

Paul LeClerc, who will retire from the District on June 17, 2019, and will have devoted 17 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Western Wayne Skill Center as a special education teacher.

Paula Roberson, who will retire from the District on June 17, 2019, and will have devoted 22 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School and Franklin High School as a special education teacher.

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

Sympathy Resolution for the Family of Jamie Kalis, School Age Child Care Instructor

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a sympathy resolution for the family of Jamie Kalis.

Jamie Kalis

WHEREAS, The Board of Education was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Jamie Kalis; and,

WHEREAS, She was employed by the Livonia Public Schools School District as a school age child care instructor at Kennedy Elementary beginning on October 20, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, She consistently demonstrated her outstanding dedication to students, parents, and staff; and,

WHEREAS, Jamie Kalis will be profoundly missed by her students, colleagues, and the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District offers its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jamie Kalis.

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

Second Reading of Board Policy JLB – Class Gifts to Schools

It was moved by Mrs. Burton 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 STUDENTS CLASS GIFTS TO SCHOOLS **JLB
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Graduation tradition has often included the presentation of a legacy gift to the school from the graduating class of students. Class gifts are to receive prior approval from the building-level student government and the building administration.

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

Second Reading for Removal of Board Policy JM – Contests for Students

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 Policy Committee and remove:

~~**BOARD POLICY STUDENTS CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS** **JM
JUNE 20, 1988**~~

~~The decision of administrators whether students will be encouraged to enter a contest or competition shall be guided by the recommendation of local, state, or national principals' groups.~~

~~Following investigation of the purpose and merits of the competition, a school may participate in a proposed local contest with the approval of the superintendent or designee. The administration must be assured of the value of the contest to students.~~

~~and shall refuse to consider contests designed largely for promotional purposes.~~

~~When an event is found suitable, announcements shall be posted to give everyone who qualifies as an entrant an opportunity to participate. However, no student may be required to take part in a contest sponsored by an outside organization as part of his or her course.~~

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

**Establishment
of Dates for
Organizational
Meeting and
First Regular
Meeting for
2019-2020**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District hold its annual Organizational Meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Further, that a Regular Board meeting be held directly following the Organizational Meeting and commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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