

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
March 18, 2013**

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

**Members Present**

Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Mark Johnson, Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell, Julie Robinson, Randy Roulier

**Members Absent**

None

**Art Gallery Program – Franklin High School**

Mrs. Stacy Jenkins, administrator of communications, recognized Franklin High School art students Mariam Haidar, Husayn Jaber, Hannah Mitchell, Meghan Whitney, and Keri Tapella. She pointed out their artwork to the audience and presented the students a certificate for their outstanding work.

**Golden Apple Award – Donna Beardslee, Reading Volunteer**

Board trustee Burton, on behalf of the Board of Education, congratulated Donna Beardslee, LPS retiree and reading volunteer at Garfield, for receiving the Golden Apple Award. Mrs. Burton thanked Donna for her dedication to students and presented her with a plaque and pin to commemorate that honor.

**State Champions – Stevenson Swimmer Nick Arakelian and Stevenson Hockey Team**

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Ms. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions recognizing Stevenson High School swimmer Nick Arakelian, a junior, for achieving the 2013 Michigan High School Athletic Association 500-Yard Freestyle Swimming State Championship and breaking the Division I record, and the Stevenson High School Hockey Team for achieving the 2013 Michigan High School Athletic Association State Championship in Division II. Trustee Roulier presented a resolution to Nick and to Stevenson Hockey Coach David Mitchell, and congratulated students and coaches for their outstanding accomplishments.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 18, 2013

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Livonia Public Schools 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, Nick Arakelian, a junior at Stevenson High School, has distinguished himself by achieving the 2013 Michigan High School Athletic Association 500-Yard Freestyle Swimming Division I State Championship; and

WHEREAS, in achieving this honor, Nick captured the 500-Yard Freestyle with a Division I record of 4 minutes, 27.75 seconds; and

WHEREAS, this adds to the outstanding accomplishments Nick has achieved as a Stevenson High School swimmer, including setting school records in six events; placing first or second in All State events; and being an All American swimmer in the 200-Yard Medley Relay, 200 Yard Individual Medley, 500-Yard Freestyle, and 400-Yard Freestyle Relay.

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

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Dianne Laura, Secretary  
Board of Education

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Livonia Public Schools 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, the Stevenson High School Hockey Team, coached by David Mitchell, has distinguished itself by achieving the 2013 Michigan High School Athletic Association Division II State Championship; and

WHEREAS, in achieving this honor, the Stevenson High School Hockey Team, with a season record of 23-7-1, captured the first state championship title since the Stevenson hockey program began 43 years ago and its second regional title in Stevenson hockey history; and

WHEREAS, two players earned 1<sup>st</sup> Team All State recognition, three players earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State, and one player earned Honorable Mention All State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate the Stevenson High School Hockey Team for its outstanding accomplishments in athletics and wish the team members well in their future endeavors as they apply the discipline and perseverance needed to excel in sports to all areas of their lives.

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Dianne Laura, Secretary  
Board of Education

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Recess**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board take a five to ten minute recess to visit with guests.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

The Board recessed at 7:30 p.m.

**Reconvene**

President Johnson reconvened the Board meeting at 7:44 p.m.

**Written  
Communication**

None

**Audience  
Communication**

**Mr. John Grzebik**, 11301 Hubbell, addressed the Board regarding the Youth Making A Difference program on April 16, 6:00 p.m. at Stevenson High School. Mr. Grzebik also invited everyone to join the PTA and/or PTSA.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Green, 15055 Blue Skies, addressed the Board regarding concerns they have with the school district in connection to their family.

**Response to Prior Audience Communication**

President Johnson shared a letter that was sent in response to an audience communication from the February 25, 2013 Board of Education meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items, as recommended by the superintendent:

- IV.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2013
- IV.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 25, 2013
- IV.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of February 25, 2013
- VI.A. Bills for Payment—March 19, 2013

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Bond Issue Presentation – Leading to the Bond**

Mr. Roulier noted that the third video related to the bond proposal was being presented, which focused on the research and review that took place prior to the decision to proceed with a bond proposal.

**Rejection of Bids for Stevenson Phase II**

It was moved by Mrs. Robinson and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution below to reject bids received for the Stevenson Phase II project:

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools, Wayne County, Michigan (the "School District"), held at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154 on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ABSENT: MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Member \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2013 the School District issued a Request For Proposal ("RFP") for Stevenson High School Classroom Improvements – Phase 2 (the "Project");

WHEREAS, after the School District opened the bids/proposals relative to the Project from the prospective vendors, it was brought to the attention of the School District that it could be interpreted that the advertisement for bids for the Project was not posted online for the requisite amount of time required by law; and

WHEREAS, the School District is desirous of exercising its right to reject all of the bids/proposals received

on the Project and rebid in accordance with applicable laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The School District hereby rejects all of the bids/proposals received on the Project.
- 2. The School District hereby authorizes its Architect and Construction Manager, as its agents, to rebid and obtain sealed bids for the "Stevenson High School Classroom and HVAC Improvements – Phase 2" in accordance with applicable law.

YEAS: MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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NAYS: MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ABSTAIN: MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

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 Secretary, Board of Education

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of March, 2013 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

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 Secretary, Board of Education

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
 Nays: None

**Leaves of Absence**

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 approve the request for a personal leave of absence for Leigh Simon for personal leave effective for school years 2013-2015 and Michele Siroky for medical leave effective March 1, 2013.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
 Nays: None

**Retirements**

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

**Patricia Downarowicz**, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2013, and has devoted 25.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School, Adams Elementary School, and Riley Upper Elementary School as a teacher.

**Karen Wellman**, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2013, and has devoted 23 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students throughout the district as a facilitator with Student Services and Roosevelt Elementary School, McKinley Elementary School, and Cass Elementary School as a teacher.

**Betty Jo Welsh**, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2013, and has devoted 20.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students throughout the district as a coordinator with the Curriculum Department, and at Franklin High School as a teacher.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier

Nays: None

**First Reading of Board Policies:**

Mrs. Burton, chairperson for the Policy Committee, reported that the Policy Committee reviewed the language for the policies below. These policies will be brought to the next regular Board meeting for second reading and possible adoption.

**GBIA – Teacher Evaluations**

**BOARD POLICY PERSONNEL** **GBIA**  
**TEACHER EVALUATIONS** **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

The Board of Education delegates to the Superintendent the function of adopting and implementing the state evaluation tool for teachers, or with the involvement of teachers, establishing and implementing a performance evaluation system that is consistent with the requirements of the law.

**GBF – Teacher Placement**

The Administration is charged with the development of Administrative Procedures consistent with this Policy and applicable law.

**GBG – Staff Reductions and Recalls**

This Policy, and the Administrative Procedures developed under this Policy, shall take effect upon the expiration of the applicable collective bargaining agreement currently in effect, or on the date that a successor collective bargaining agreement takes effect, whichever is sooner.

**BOARD POLICY PERSONNEL** **GBIB**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATIONS** **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

The Board of Education delegates to the Superintendent the function of adopting and implementing the state evaluation tool for administrators or, with the involvement of school administrators, establishing and implementing a performance evaluation system that is consistent with the requirements of this law.

The Administration is charged with the development of Administrative Procedures consistent with this Policy and applicable law.

This Policy, and the Administrative Procedures developed under this Policy, shall take effect upon the expiration of the applicable collective bargaining agreement currently in effect, or on the date that a successor collective bargaining agreement takes effect, whichever is sooner.

**BOARD POLICY PERSONNEL** **GBF**  
**TEACHER PLACEMENT** **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

The Board of Education acknowledges that having teachers assigned in their area of certification and endorsement is highly valued. All elementary and secondary teachers and special education teachers must be 'highly qualified' according to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in all of the core academic subjects where the teacher is assigned to teach. The decisions regarding teacher placement will be at the sole discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

The Administration is charged with the development of Administrative Procedures consistent with this Policy and applicable law.

This Policy, and the Administrative Procedures developed under this Policy, shall take effect upon the expiration of the applicable collective bargaining agreement currently in effect, or on the date that a successor collective bargaining agreement takes effect, whichever is sooner.

**BOARD POLICY**

**GBG**

**PERSONNEL**

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**STAFF REDUCTIONS AND RECALLS**

It is the policy of this Board that all personnel decisions shall be based on retaining effective teachers in situations involving a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel decision resulting in the elimination of a position, when conducting a recall from a staffing or program reduction, or any other personnel determination resulting in the elimination of a position, or hiring after a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel determination resulting in the elimination of a position.

The Administration is charged with the development of Administrative Procedures consistent with this Policy and applicable law.

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**LivCamp  
Presentation**

Dr. Liepa, superintendent, introduced a presentation of LivCamp, a teacher-to-teacher professional development program that took place on March 2, 2013, at Stevenson High School. He reported that more than 200 staff members turned out for the event. A brief DVD program was then presented.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2013, be adjourned.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

**Off/Supt/jw**