

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
Regular Meeting  
February 27, 2023**

President Johnson convened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

**Members Present** Acosta, Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson

**Members Absent** None

**District Update from the Superintendent** Superintendent Oquist presented highlights of recent activities taking place across the District, as well as upcoming events.

**Principals' Week Resolution** It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution establishing the week of February 27, 2023, as Principals' Week in Livonia Public Schools.

**PRINCIPALS' WEEK  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Principals' Week is dedicated to recognizing the significant contributions of Livonia Public Schools' principals and the commitment to providing quality educational experiences and guidance for their students; and,

**WHEREAS**, energetic and inspiring school leadership is essential if schools, teachers, and support staff are to implement college and career-ready standards and assessments; and,

**WHEREAS**, school principals play a vital role in the success of students and act as the liaison between the school and the community it serves; and,

**WHEREAS**, we join with educators, parents and students to raise awareness of the importance of educational leadership;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the trustees of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education recognize the week of February 27, 2023 as

**SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' WEEK**

and encourage all citizens to thank and support the efforts of school principals in our community.

**Ayes:** Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson

**Nays:** None

**Written Communications**

None

**Response to Prior Audience Communications**

None

**Audience Communications**

An individual addressed the Board regarding a partnership between Greenmead and the Livonia Historical Society to provide field trips to Greenmead for LPS second grade students.

Another individual addressed the Board regarding their efforts to submit an application to the State for a Bentley High School historical marker.

**Consent Agenda**

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 following consent agenda items, as recommended by the superintendent:

- V.A. Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 30, 2023
- V.B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 30, 2023

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

**Approval to Purchase LMC Furniture – 2021 Bond**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation from the Owner’s Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, and approve the Phase Two purchase of furniture for Library Media Centers at Cleveland Elementary, Rosedale Elementary, Riley Upper Elementary, Frost Middle School, and Franklin High School from NBS Commercial Interiors in Troy, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$926,000.

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

**Approval of Scoreboards for H.S. Baseball/Softball Fields**

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 purchase and installation of athletic field improvements, in the form of scoreboards at the baseball and softball fields, at Churchill High School, Franklin High School, and Stevenson High School in the amount of \$145,000, which includes contingency, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts with the recommended contractors.

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

**Purchase of Vehicle for LCTC**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of a vehicle for the LCTC Construction Trades program, for a cost not to exceed \$81,000 as allowed through the 61c grant.

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

**Limited Out of District Schools of Choice for 2023-2024**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to participate in Limited Out of District Schools of Choice under Section 105 and 105c for the 2023-2024 school year. Openings to include no more than 185 seats in kindergarten through sixth grade.

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

**Expulsion of Secondary Students**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District expel two secondary students for violations of the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education policies.

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

**Teachers for Approval**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2022-23 school year to the following teachers:

Cocke, Kelly	1.0 Occupational Therapist	Jackson Early Childhood Ctr.
Kaminski, Daniel	1.0 Occupational Therapist	Garfield Community School
Newitt, Sandra	1.0 Physical Therapist	Jackson Early Childhood Ctr.

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

**Teachers for Tenure**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District amend the tenure motion that was approved at the January 30, 2023 Regular Board meeting, to reflect the correct tenure effective date of

November 22, **2021** for Kelly Billin; thereby accepting the recommendation of the superintendent and acknowledging that tenure status has been granted to the following teachers, effective on the respective dates:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Kelly Billin</b>	<b>November 22, 2021</b>
<b>Alison Boike</b>	<b>January 26, 2023</b>
<b>Brittany Cornellier</b>	<b>January 10, 2023</b>
<b>Gillian Drutchas</b>	<b>January 29, 2023</b>
<b>Erin Horback</b>	<b>January 29, 2023</b>

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

### Teacher for Recall

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall Erin McGill to District employment as a teacher for the 2022-23 school year.

(It was noted that Erin McGill declined this position and will be removed from the recall list.)

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

### Resignation

The Board was informed of the following resignation:

<b>Fran Mason</b>	<b>2/14/23</b>
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### Retirements

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution of appreciation for:

**Jennifer Abler**, who retired from the District on February 24, 2023, and devoted 25.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School, Riley Middle School, Churchill High School, Frost Middle School, and Stevenson High School as a teacher and as a math coordinator in the Curriculum Department.

**Jennifer Johns**, who retired from the District on February 3, 2023, and devoted 18.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Perrinville Early Childhood Center and Jackson Early Childhood Center as a teacher and team leader.

**Lynda Melcher**, who will retire from the District on June 15, 2023, and will have devoted 29.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School and Churchill High School as a teacher.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

### Second Reading

It was moved Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the

**of Board Bylaw  
BBABA – Duties  
of the President**

Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language for:

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD  
BOARD OPERATIONS  
DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

**BBABA  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

The president of the Board shall preside at all regular meetings, special meetings, closed sessions, committee meetings, and study sessions; shall have the option to make and second motions, shall vote on all agenda items unless a conflict of interest exists; shall plan cooperatively with the superintendent the agendas for such meetings; shall represent and speak for the Board when requested to do so and only on action which the Board has already taken; shall sign documents as required by law and correspondence as authorized by the Board; shall appoint Board members as committee chairpersons and members as soon as feasible following the meeting of the election of officers; shall make other committee appointments; and shall perform such other duties as authorized by the Board

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

**Second Reading  
of Board Policy JI  
– Pledge of  
Allegiance**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Acosta 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  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**JI  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

In accordance with the Revised School Code, the opportunity to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States will be offered each school day to all students. A student will not be compelled, against the student’s objection or the objection of the student’s parent or legal guardian, to recite the pledge of allegiance. A student will not be subject to any penalty or retaliation at school for not reciting the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Resignation of  
Dan Centers**

Board trustee Dan Centers announced his resignation, effective March 5, 2023. Mr. Centers shared that, due to his current circumstances, he could no longer dedicate adequate time to his role as a Board member.

**Adjournment**

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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