

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
Regular Meeting
August 23, 2021**

President Burton convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**Members
Present**

Acosta, Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson

**Members
Absent**

Bradford

**District Update
from the
Superintendent**

Superintendent Oquist relayed that Katie Dodge, Principal of Jackson Early Childcare Center, was unable to attend the previous Board meeting when her appointment was announced; therefore she was being recognized tonight for her new role at LPS.

Mrs. Oquist then shared highlights of Nji-Iro's first week and a half of school, Learning in L Town, summer camp, and Family Fun Fridays, as well as information about new members on the LPS administrative team.

**Written
Communication**

None

**Audience
Communication**

Many individuals addressed the Board regarding COVID-19, masking vs. not masking in schools, and other concerns related to students.

**Response to
Prior Audience
Communication**

None

**Consent
Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis 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 Organizational Meeting of July 26, 2021
- V.B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 26, 2021
- V.C. Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 16, 2021
- VI.A. Approval of the 2021-2022 Tuition Rate
\$11,582 for non-resident students

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

**Construction
Manager
– 2021 Bond**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from the Owner’s Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to appoint Clark Construction Company, Auburn Hills, Michigan as Construction Manager for Project #1 and Project #2 of the 2021 bond projects in the amount of \$4,682,848.00 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

**Technology
Designer – 2021
Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from the Owner’s Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to appoint Integrated Design Solutions (IDS) as the Technology Designer for the 2021 Bond Projects in the amount of \$920,000.00 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

**Bond Furniture
Consultant –
2021 Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from the Owner’s Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to appoint French Associates, Inc., Rochester, Michigan for Project 1 – Staff Furniture & Library Media Centers in the amount of \$206,000.00 and TMP Architecture, Inc., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan for Project #2 – Robotics and Early Childhood Centers in the amount of \$52,000.00 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

**Tennis Court
Designer –
Sinking Fund**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from the Owner’s Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to approve Foresite Design, Inc., Berkley,

Michigan, to provide design services for the Franklin High School and Stevenson High School tennis court updates in the amount of \$71,200.00 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts.

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

Purchase Bulk Salt

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of bulk road salt from the Detroit Salt Company, Detroit, Michigan, through the State of Michigan MiDEAL Extended Purchasing Program, for a total cost of \$56,654.00.

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

Purchase of Pizza for School Lunch Program

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the submitted bid by Domino's Pizza for delivery of pizza in the amount of \$8.00 per pizza for the District's School Lunch Program starting for the 2021-2022 school year through the 2023-24 school year

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

Purchase of i-Ready Diagnostic & Instructional Licenses

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of the i-Ready online adaptive diagnostic assessment and targeted instructional licenses from Curriculum Associates, for a total of \$112,302.60. This total includes reduced cost per license, for a savings of \$32,405.40.

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

Act 18 Capital Outlay Technology

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the Act 18 Capital Outlay Technology purchases for the ASD, WkSKL, and MOCI programs for 2021-2022 school year.

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

**Update on
Plans &
Preparation for
2021-22 School
Year**

Superintendent Oquist reviewed the proposed changes to the Fall 2021 Mask & Mitigation measures. Discussion ensued and there was consensus from the majority of the Board on the revised mitigation measures. Information will be shared with families and staff.

**Teachers for
Approval**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2021-22 school year to the teachers listed on the attached document.

Baum, Elizabeth	1.0 Speech & Language	Student Services
Demaree, Paige	1.0 Social Worker	Student Services
Fanslau, Lauren	1.0 Social Worker	Student Services
Grzech, Erin	1.0 Speech & Language	Student Services
Hankston, Shontega	1.0 Social Worker	Student Services
Inglis, Chelsea	1.0 ECP Teacher	Jackson Center
Khan, Nafiah	1.0 Speech & Language	Student Services
Koczara, Michelle	1.0 Elem. Literacy Coach	Academic Services
Kopy, Cacey	1.0 RCR Teacher	Hayes Elementary
Lewis, Heather	1.0 Social Worker	Student Services
MacKinnon, Julie	.5 ECP Teacher	Jackson Center
Mustafa, Anwar	1.0 CI Teacher	Webster Elementary
Newton, Eric	1.0 AI Teacher	Frost Middle School
Otis, Michelle	1.0 Elem. Literacy Coach	Academic Services
Renner, Sarah	1.0 Occupational Therapist	Student Services
Stabler, Kaitlyn	1.0 MOCI Teacher	Webster Elementary
Szawara, Amber	1.0 Psychologist	Student Services
Van Ham, Matthew	1.0 Music Teacher	.8 Churchill; .2 Emerson
Ward, Scott	.5 Business Teacher	Churchill
Wiklanski, Greg	1.0 CAPA Instructor	Churchill
Zajac, Sarah	1.0 RCR Teacher	TBD

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

Resignations

The Board was informed of the following resignations:

Macy Abel	8/4/21
Bobbi Beveridge	8/3/21
Chelsea Birchmeier	8/5/21
Jessica Black	8/16/21
Jessica Crachiola	Refused recall
Megan Gilson	8/23/21
Jennifer Gray	7/26/21
Ma Grace Guillermo	8/30/21
Anne Kelley	8/10/21
Jacklyn Ledbetter	Refused recall
Sarah Martin	8/4/21
Katherine Montefusco	Refused recall
Lori Morgan	8/3/21

Jamie Patterson	8/2/21
Gabrielle Popp	7/21/21
MacKenzie Sato	7/21/21
Jessica Scott	8/23/21
Renay Weiss-Stansell	8/10/21
Alex Wisnewski	8/12/21

Retirements

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution of appreciation for services rendered by:

Eric Pudas, who will retire from the district on August 25, 2021, and has devoted 35 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian, night leader and assistant building supervisor at Garfield Elementary, Lowell Middle School, Johnson Elementary, and Emerson Middle School.

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

Nays: None

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Off/Supt/jw