

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting - Virtual
November 23, 2020**

President Johnson convened the meeting at 8:01 p.m. (Start of regular meeting was delayed due to Committee of the Whole meeting that was held just prior)

Members Present

Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Members Absent

None

District Update from the Superintendent

Superintendent Oquist shared highlights about LPS staff and students, the Foundation grant program and their *Bridging the Digital Divide* fundraising campaign, and the Goodfellows food and toy drive taking place across the district. Mrs. Oquist also encouraged middle and high school families to participate in the survey that was sent to them regarding parent/teacher conferences being held in a virtual format.

Written Communication

None

Audience Communication

Steven Johnson submitted his concerns about loose dogs on the old Bryant property.

Response to Prior Audience Communication

None

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Frank 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 Regular Meeting of October 26, 2020

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

Approval to Purchase CoGAT and

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to purchase CogAT and Iowa testing materials from Riverside Insights for sixth

Iowa Testing Materials

grade, eighth grade, and gifted and talented programs for a cost of \$31,590.00. This purchase includes online testing licenses for both tests and training on how to administer the tests online.

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

Approval of Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Livonia Public Schools School District reconfirm the Continuity of Learning Plan that was approved on September 28, 2020. This plan recommends that students continue to receive instruction either remotely through Livonia Virtual or in-person at our schools, as reviewed in detail through the Continuity of Learning Plan and presentation in September. If necessary, based on the review of school, district, community and county metrics, and in consultation with the local health department, the district may pause face-to-face instruction for a specified period of time at a particular school, level, or districtwide.

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

Approval of Bid Results for Roofing

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation of the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to award the contracts for roofing replacements at Hayes Elementary to MTD Construction, Inc., Brighton, Michigan in the amount of \$518,000.00; and at Randolph Elementary and Riley Upper Elementary to Royal Roofing, Lake Orion, Michigan, in the amount of \$2,678,800.00; plus 6% contingency on the total project in the amount of \$191,808.00, for a total approved project amount of \$3,388,608.00; and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts.

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

Approval of RTA Design Amendment for Frost Middle School

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation to award the contract for roofing design and construction services at Frost Middle School to Roofing Technology Associates (RTA), Livonia, Michigan, for a total cost of \$54,680.00 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contract.

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

Approval of Teachers

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2020-21 school year to the following teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Bickel, Alyssa	1.0 Grant Elementary	11/30/20
Foy, Lindsay	1.0 Cleveland Elementary	11/6/20

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

Teacher for Tenure

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and acknowledge that tenure status has been granted to the following teacher, effective on the respective date:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Jeffrey Warga	11/9/20

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

Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for leave of absence as listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Sarah Martin	12/3/20
Kristin Smith	12/4/20

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

Resignations

The Board was informed that a resignation was accepted for:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Stephanie Bicsak	November 16, 2020
Linde Guenther	November 2, 2020
Abigail Mencotti	November 9, 2020

Retirements

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

Lynette Keyes, who will retire from the district on November 26, 2020, and will have devoted 21.3 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia

Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Cooper Elementary, Buchanan Elementary, and Grant Elementary.

Lori Magoulick, who will retire from the district on December 31, 2020; and will have devoted 25.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Franklin High School.

Ronald Mark, who will retire from the district on November 30, 2020; and will have devoted 22.3 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Nankin Mills Elementary and Cooper Upper Elementary as a teacher.

Elizabeth Schuch, who will retire from the district on December 18, 2020, and will have devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School as a teacher.

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

**Sympathy
Resolution for
Pamela Lucas,
Transportation
Para-
professional**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the attached sympathy resolution for the family of Pamela Lucas.

**SYMPATHY RESOLUTION
Pamela Lucas**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Pamela Lucas; and,

WHEREAS, She was employed by the Livonia Public Schools School District as a paraprofessional in the Transportation Department; and,

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

WHEREAS, Pamela will be remembered with great fondness and with a profound sense of gratitude for the immeasurable contributions she made to our school district;

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 Pamela Lucas.

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

**Approval for
Board Members
to Take MASB
Classes**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve that Board Trustees (current and newly elected) take virtual classes offered by the Michigan Association of School Boards December 3-6, 2020, as shown below, for a total cost of \$2,160.

Tammy Bonifield	\$360
Karen Bradford	\$180
Colleen Burton	\$270
Dan Centers	\$180
Liz Jarvis	\$270
Mark Johnson	\$270
Madeline Acosta (Term begins 1/1/2021)	\$630

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

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Off/Supt/jw