

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
February 27, 2012**

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

- Members Present** Colleen Burton, Mark Johnson, Dianne Laura, Patrice Mang, Eileen McDonnell, Randy Roulier
- Members Absent** Gregory Oke
- National Merit Scholars** Mr. Archibald, director of secondary programs, congratulated the following National Merit Scholars for their outstanding academic record: Matthew Giordano and Jessica Mudge from Churchill High School, and Brianna MacKenzie and Dana Smith from Stevenson High School. The students shared their future education and career plans.
- Principals' Week Resolution** It was moved by Ms. Laura and supported by Ms. Burton, that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution establishing the week of February 13-17, 2012, as Principals' Week in Livonia Public Schools.

**PRINCIPALS' WEEK  
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Principals' Week is dedicated to recognizing the significant contributions of Michigan's school principals and the commitment they have 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 throughout the state to raise awareness of the importance of educational leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the trustees of the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education join the Governor of the State of Michigan in recognizing the week of February 13-17, 2012, as MICHIGAN SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' WEEK and encourage all citizens to thank and support the efforts of school principals in our community.

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Patrice Mang, President  
Livonia Board of Education

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, Mang, McDonnell, Roulier  
Nays: None

<b>Written Communication</b>	None
<b>Audience Communication</b>	<p><b>Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt</b>, addressed the Board regarding a grant secured through Growth Works.</p> <p><b>Steven Johnson</b>, 18240 Sunset, <b>Bill Joyner</b>, 18720 Blue Skies, and <b>Loyd Romick</b>, 33437 Michelle, addressed the Board regarding the land sale to St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church.</p> <p><b>Mark Wojcik</b>, 14453 Park, addressed the Board regarding the Legacy Initiative and the land sale to St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church.</p> <p><b>Shawna Cascaden</b>, 32022 Pembroke, addressed the Board regarding hair restriction policies at LPS high schools.</p>
<b>Response to Prior Audience Communication</b>	President Mang shared responses to various questions from the community that were addressed to the Board through audience communications, emails, and U.S. mail.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<p>It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">IV.A. Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 9, 2012  IV.B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2012  IV.C. Bills for Payment – February 28, 2012</p> <p>Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, Mang, McDonnell, Roulier  Nays: None</p>
<b>CLASS – Word Study</b>	Mrs. Alles, director of academic services, shared a presentation on this year's CLASS (Continuous Learning and Student Success) episode on Word Study, highlighting the new Word Study curriculum and teacher resources that were implemented in kindergarten through sixth grade.
<b>Bid Results for Webster Elementary Pipe Repair</b>	<p>It was moved by Ms. McDonnell and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch &amp; Company, authorize the Construction Manager to prepare the contracts between Livonia Public Schools School District (see Attachment A) for a total amount of \$210,000.00. Also move that upon receipt of the contracts executed by the contractors and approved payment and performance bonds, Lisa Abbey, Director of Business Services is authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education.</p> <p>Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, Mang, McDonnell, Roulier  Nays: None</p>
<b>Elementary</b>	It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Ms. McDonnell that the Board of

**Principal Appointment**

Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Jonathon Wennstrom as an elementary principal at Rosedale Elementary School beginning March 19, 2012.

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, Mang, McDonnell, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Approval of Teachers**

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Ms. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment to: **Joseph Bublitz** and **Kelsey Mack**.

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, Mang, McDonnell, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Recall of Teacher**

It was moved by Ms. Laura and supported by Ms. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to district employment as a teacher for the 2011-2012 school year: **Lisa Lee**.

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, Mang, McDonnell, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Granting Tenure Status**

It was moved by Ms. McDonnell and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to the following teachers, effective on the respective dates:

<b>Denise Collins-Robison</b>	<b>November 27, 2011</b>
<b>Meghann Snyder</b>	<b>March 29, 2012</b>
<b>Wendy Martin</b>	<b>October 25, 2010</b>

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, Mang, McDonnell, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Retirements**

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

**Debra Clouse** will retire from the district on June 30, 2012, and has devoted 17 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School as a teacher.

**Bernadette Hann** will retire from the district on March 31, 2012, and has devoted 16.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian at Lowell Middle School, Johnson Elementary School, Emerson Middle School, Jackson Center, and Cooper Upper Elementary School.

**Rosalie Mair** will retire from the district on June 30, 2012, and has devoted 38 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Webster Elementary School, Holmes Junior High School, Frost Middle School, and Emerson Middle School as a teacher and counselor.

**Linda Minsterman** will retire from the district on June 30, 2012, and has devoted 23 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Webster Elementary School and Frost Middle School as a teacher; and Hayes

Elementary School, Johnson Elementary School, and Riley Upper Elementary School as a principal.

**Maureen Slusarski** retired from the district on January 23, 2012, and has devoted 19.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a kitchen manager at Garfield Elementary School.

**Kathleen Thompson** retired from the district on January 31, 2012, and has devoted 23.2 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Hayes Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, and Randolph Elementary School as a teacher.

**Second  
Reading &  
Adoption  
Board Policy  
IHF –  
Graduation  
Requirements**

It was moved by Ms. McDonnell and supported by Ms. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt revised Board Policy language per the following documents for Board Policy IHF Section #1 & Section #2 – Graduation Requirements:

# BOARD POLICY

IHF - Section #1

## INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

February 27, 2012

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

1. **Number of Classes:** Each student shall be registered as a full time student for a minimum of eight (8) semesters. Exceptions for the second semester of the senior year for which special schedule arrangements are necessary may be approved by the principals.
2. **Credit Requirements:** A minimum of 23 units of credit (one unit equals one credit) must be successfully earned.
3. **Credit Earned Prior to High School:** A student who, prior to entering high school, successfully completes a course at a Michigan public school that is aligned with the high school course content expectations will earn credit toward fulfilling the graduation requirements. A list of courses for which this applies will be maintained by the Office of Instruction. Grades for these courses will not be used in the calculation of the student's high school grade point average.
4. **Common Learnings:** Each student is required to earn a minimum of 16 credits in the area of common learnings outlined below:  
**A minimum of sixteen (16) units of credit must be earned in the following areas:**

A. Language Arts (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12) . . . . .	4.0 units
1 unit Language Arts 9	
1 unit Language Arts 10	
1 unit Language Arts 11 electives	
1 unit Language Arts 12 electives	
B. Mathematics . . . . .	4.0 units
4 units of mathematics which must include at least Geometry, Algebra I and Algebra II (or an equivalent) with a math or math-related class in the final year.	
C. Science . . . . .	3.0 units
1 unit Biology	
1 unit Chemistry	
1 unit Physics/Physical Science	
D. Social Studies . . . . .	3.0 units
1 unit World History	
1 unit U.S. History	
0.5 unit American Government	
0.5 unit-Economics	
E. Physical Education. . . . .	1.0 unit
0.5 unit Personal Fitness	
0.5 unit Health	
F. Visual, Performing, and/or Applied Arts. . . . .	1.0 unit
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>16 units</b>

5. **Electives:** Of the 23 units required for graduation, 7 units of credit may be electives.
6. **Online Learning Experience:** Students are required to experience twenty (20) hours of online learning. The requirement will be met through online experiences provided in high school core required courses.
7. **Personal Curriculum Plan:** A personal curriculum plan may be developed for a student in which graduation requirements are modified in accordance with the state mandated Michigan Merit Curriculum.
8. **Testing Out:** A student will receive credit for a Michigan Merit curriculum course in which the student earns a qualifying score on the test out that measures a student's understanding of the subject area content expectations that apply to the credit. Test out scores will not be used to calculate grade point average. Testing out is not a credit recovery option.
9. **Required Testing:** As a requirement for graduation, a high school student must participate in all state or federal academic testing programs which the School District is required to administer, unless otherwise indicated in an Individualized Education Program (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or similar program of services. A high school student's failure to meet this requirement will render him/her ineligible for a high school diploma, and will preclude that student's participation in graduation commencement exercises. Any deviation from this requirement must be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
10. **Early Graduation:** If a student meets all other requirements, approval for early graduation may be granted at the end of seven (7) semesters. To apply for early graduation, the Application for Early Graduation and a letter to the principal must be completed by the end of the first card marking of the student's senior year. Approval for early graduation will be contingent upon educational experiences or training in high school which have afforded the student early entry into college or an advanced training program, a concrete job offer utilizing these educational experiences, or family financial need. Diplomas will be issued in June.

# BOARD POLICY

IHF - Section #2

## INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

February 27, 2012

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (2016 and beyond)

1. **Number of Classes:** Each student shall be registered as a full time student for a minimum of eight (8) semesters. Exceptions for the second semester of the senior year for which special schedule arrangements are necessary may be approved by the principals.
  2. **Credit Requirements:** A minimum of 23 units of credit (one unit equals one credit) must be successfully earned.
  3. **Credit Earned Prior to High School:** A student who, prior to entering high school, successfully completes a course at a Michigan public school that is aligned with the high school course content expectations will earn credit toward fulfilling the graduation requirements. A list of courses for which this applies will be maintained by the Office of Instruction. Grades for these courses will not be used in the calculation of the student's high school grade point average.
  4. **Common Learnings:** Each student is required to earn a minimum of 18 credits in the area of common learnings outlined below:  
**A minimum of eighteen (18) units of credit must be earned in the following areas:**
    - A. Language Arts (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12) . . . . . 4.0 units
      - 1 unit Language Arts 9
      - 1 unit Language Arts 10
      - 1 unit Language Arts 11 electives
      - 1 unit Language Arts 12 electives
    - B. Mathematics . . . . . 4.0 units
      - 4 units of mathematics which must include at least Geometry, Algebra I and Algebra II (or an equivalent) with a math or math-related class in the final year.
    - C. Science . . . . . 3.0 units
      - 1 unit Biology
      - 1 unit Chemistry
      - 1 unit Physics/Physical Science
    - D. Social Studies . . . . . 3.0 units
      - 1 unit World History
      - 1 unit U.S. History
      - 0.5 unit American Government
      - 0.5 unit-Economics
    - E. Physical Education. . . . . 1.0 unit
      - 0.5 unit Personal Fitness
      - 0.5 unit Health
    - F. Visual, Performing, and/or Applied Arts. . . . . 1.0 unit
    - G. World Languages . . . . . 2.0 units
      - 2 units of the same World Language
- TOTAL . . . . . 18 units**

5. **Electives:** Of the 23 units required for graduation, 5 units of credit may be electives.
6. **Online Learning Experience:** Students are required to experience twenty (20) hours of online learning. The requirement will be met through online experiences provided in high school core required courses.
7. **Personal Curriculum Plan:** A personal curriculum plan may be developed for a student in which graduation requirements are modified in accordance with the state mandated Michigan Merit Curriculum.
8. **Testing Out:** A student will receive credit for a Michigan Merit curriculum course in which the student earns a qualifying score on the test out that measures a student's understanding of the subject area content expectations that apply to the credit. Test out scores will not be used to calculate grade point average. Testing out is not a credit recovery option.
9. **Required Testing:** As a requirement for graduation, a high school student must participate in all state or federal academic testing programs which the School District is required to administer, unless otherwise indicated in an Individualized Education Program (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or similar program of services. A high school student's failure to meet this requirement will render him/her ineligible for a high school diploma, and will preclude that student's participation in graduation commencement exercises. Any deviation from this requirement must be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
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Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, Mang, McDonnell, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Ms. Burton that the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2012 be adjourned.

President Mang adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

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