

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
January 18, 2011**

President Scheel convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

**Members Present** Colleen Burton, Robert Freeman, Mark Johnson, Patrice Mang, Gregory Oke, Lynda Scheel

**Members Absent** Daniel Lessard

**Sympathy Resolution** It was moved by Ms. Burton and unanimously supported by the Board of Education that the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the following sympathy resolution for the family of Livonia police officer Larry Nehasil:

**SYMPATHY RESOLUTION  
Larry Nehasil**

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Education was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Larry Nehasil of the Livonia Police Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Livonia Public Schools and the Livonia Police Department have worked together in partnership for the safety of our students, especially through the police liaison programs in our schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Larry Nehasil was a true representative of the outstanding dedication of our Livonia Police Officers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Livonia Board of Education is grateful for the everyday work that the members of the Livonia Police Department do to preserve and protect our community.

**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 Larry Nehasil.

**Written Communication** None

**Audience Communication** **Eileen McDonnell**, 36099 Brookview, addressed the Board regarding the passing of Officer Larry Nehasil and stated she will email her Bills for Payment questions to the Board.  
**Peggy Fisher-Kmieciak** addressed the Board regarding the positive outcome of the Legacy Initiative that was implemented over five years ago.

**Response to Prior Audience Communication** None

**Consent  
Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Freeman and supported by Ms. Mang 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 Special Meeting of December 6, 2010
- IV.B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2010
- VI.A. Bills for Payment—January 19, 2011
- VI.B. Approval of Bids to Purchase Paper

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
Nays: None

**Change to  
Upper  
Elementary  
Specials**

It was moved by Ms. Mang and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve an allocation of 2.8 physical education teachers to provide an additional 50 minutes of physical education instruction per week at the fifth and sixth grade levels.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
Nays: None

**Schools of  
Choice for  
Franklin IB  
Program**

It was moved by Mr. Oke and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the acceptance of non-resident students, through the state's *Section 105 Schools of Choice* program, to attend the Franklin eleventh and twelfth grade International Baccalaureate Program under the following conditions: Students must meet the entrance criteria established for the program; up to five students in the ninth grade, up to five students in the tenth grade, and up to five students in the eleventh grade can enroll through *Schools of Choice* as long as all Livonia Public Schools' students who have met the criteria are accepted in the program and no more than 23 students per grade are in the program. This acceptance is for the 2011-2012 school year. The school district administration will follow all state rules as it relates to allowing non-residents to attend this program under *Schools of Choice*.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
Nays: None

**Sale of LCTC  
Home  
Construction  
House**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the Administrator of Operations to enter into the sale of the home built by Livonia Career Technical Center students located at 37454 Eagle Drive, for the price of \$165,000 and pursuant thereto to execute any and all necessary documents.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
Nays: None

**Approval of Teachers**

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Oke that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2010-2011 school year to the following teachers: **Rachel Majewski** and **Elizabeth Booth**.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Scheel

Nays: None

**Leaves of Absence**

It was moved by Ms. Mang and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the requests for personal leave of absence for **Lindsay Burton** and **Laura Flevaris**, effective January 31, 2011.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Scheel

Nays: None

**Sympathy Resolutions**

It was moved by Mr. Freeman and unanimously supported by the Board that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the following **sympathy resolutions** for the families of **Katherine Gilbert** and **Judy Zammit**.

**SYMPATHY RESOLUTION****Katherine Gilbert**

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Education was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Katherine Gilbert; and,

**WHEREAS**, She was employed by the Livonia Public Schools School District as a special education paraprofessional at Roosevelt Elementary School, Johnson Elementary School, and Coolidge Elementary School from November 2005 through December 2010; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Katherine Gilbert will be profoundly missed by her colleagues and the community.

**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 Katherine Gilbert.

**SYMPATHY RESOLUTION****Judy Zammit**

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Education was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Judy Zammit; and,

**WHEREAS**, She was employed by the Livonia Public Schools School District as a special education paraprofessional at the Western Wayne Skill Center from May 1997 through November 2010 and

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

**WHEREAS**, Judy Zammit will be profoundly missed by her colleagues and the community.

**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 Judy Zammit.

**Second  
Reading and  
Adoption of  
Board Policy  
IHF:  
Instructional  
Programs,  
Graduation  
Requirements**

It was moved by Mr. Oke and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt revised Board Policy language per the document below for Board Policy IHF: Instructional Programs, Graduation Requirements:

**BOARD POLICY**

**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS  
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**IHF**

**January 18, 2011**

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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 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
TOTAL . . . . .	16 units

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.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
 Nays: None

### Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Ms. Mang that the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2011 be adjourned.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
 Nays: None

President Scheel adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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