

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 22, 2024**

RESOLUTIONS

Leona Andres

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Leona Andres will retire from the district on June 6, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Leona Andres has devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Riley Middle School, Cooper Upper Elementary and Johnson Upper Elementary; and,

WHEREAS, She has given conscientious, careful, and loyal service to the students, staff, and community during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby express its deep appreciation to Leona Andres for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Jandranka (Angie) Bajra

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Jandranka (Angie) Bajra will retire from the district on June 30, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Jandranka (Angie) Bajra has devoted 10 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian at Franklin High School; and,

WHEREAS, She has given conscientious, careful, and loyal service to the students, staff, and community during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby express its deep appreciation to Jandranka (Angie) Bajra for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Terri Bennett

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Terri Bennett will retire from the district on June 7, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Terri Bennett has devoted 32 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Holmes Middle School and Franklin High School as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Terri Bennett on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Anne Cibor

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Anne Cibor will retire from the district on June 7, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Anne Cibor has devoted 30 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Holmes Middle School, Frost Middle School and Emerson Middle School as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Anne Cibor on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Patricia Cooke

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Patricia Cooke will retire from the district on June 14, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Patricia Cooke has devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of McKinley Elementary, Coolidge Elementary and Rosedale Elementary as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Patricia Cooke on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Celia Davis

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Celia Davis will retire from the district on June 28, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Celia Davis has devoted 13 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a bookkeeper in the Finance Department; and,

WHEREAS, She has given conscientious, careful, and loyal service to the students, staff, and community during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby express its deep appreciation to Celia Davis for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Karen Dillon

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Karen Dillon will retire from the district on June 7, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Karen Dillon has devoted 23 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Karen Dillon on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Christine Fankell

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Christine Fankell will retire from the district on June 21, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Christine Fankell has devoted 36 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cass Elementary, Webster Elementary, Hoover Elementary and in the Academic Services Department as a teacher and federal programs/elementary MTSS coordinator; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Christine Fankell on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Leo Fink

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Leo Fink will retire from the district on June 30, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Leo Fink has devoted 17 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School, Holmes Middle School and Emerson Middle School as a counselor; and,

WHEREAS, He has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during his tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Leo Fink on his years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for his retirement.

Dyann Gran

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Dyann Gran will retire from the district on June 30, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Dyann Gran has devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Riley Middle School, Emerson Middle School and Churchill High School as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Dyann Gran on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Leanne Higgins

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Leanne Higgins will retire from the district on June 28, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Leanne Higgins has devoted 26 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Holmes Middle School, Hoover Elementary, Cass Elementary, Western Wayne Skill Center, Coolidge Elementary, Emerson Middle School, Jackson Early Childhood Center, Hayes Elementary and Stevenson High School as a social worker; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Leanne Higgins on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Jane Bielenda Katsaros

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Jane Bielenda Katsaros will retire from the district on June 7, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Jane Bielenda Katsaros has devoted 23 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cleveland Elementary, Cass Elementary, Garfield Elementary and Kennedy Elementary as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Jane Bielenda Katsaros on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Renee Melcher

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Renee Melcher will retire from the district on June 10, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Renee Melcher has devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Renee Melcher on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Kirstin Nickel

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Kirstin Nickel will retire from the district on June 15, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Kirstin Nickel has devoted 33 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of McKinley Elementary, Perrinville Early Childhood Center, Roosevelt Elementary, Webster Elementary and the Jackson Early Childhood Center as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Kirstin Nickel on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Karen Oaks

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Karen Oaks will retire from the district on June 30, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Karen Oaks has devoted 36.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary and administrative assistant at the Whitman Center, Bentley Center, Churchill High School, and in the Operations Department at Central Office; and,

WHEREAS, She has given conscientious, careful, and loyal service to the students, staff, and community during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby express its deep appreciation to Karen Oaks for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Marilee Olsen

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Marilee Olsen will retire from the district on June 30, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Marilee Olsen has devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Nankin Mills Elementary, Grant Elementary, Coolidge Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Hayes Elementary, Garfield Elementary, Holmes Middle School, Emerson Middle School and Franklin High School as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Marilee Olsen on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Catherine Ruckhaber

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Catherine Ruckhaber will retire from the district on April 30, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Catherine Ruckhaber has devoted 26.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Coolidge Elementary, Bryant Center, Hayes Elementary, Grant Elementary, Stevenson High School, Churchill High School, Cooper Upper Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary and Holmes Middle School as a custodian; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Catherine Ruckhaber on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Eric Stromberg

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Eric Stromberg will retire from the district on June 24, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Eric Stromberg has devoted 28.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Riley Middle School, Holmes Middle School and Stevenson High School as a teacher, principal and assistant principal; and,

WHEREAS, He has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during his tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Eric Stromberg on his years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for his retirement.

Diane Walker

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Diane Walker will retire from the district on June 6, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Diane Walker has devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a general helper, kitchen manager, cook/baker/helper at Grant Elementary, Emerson Middle School, Randolph Elementary, Churchill High School and Franklin High School; and,

WHEREAS, She has given conscientious, careful, and loyal service to the students, staff, and community during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby express its deep appreciation to Diane Walker for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Donna Wensing

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Donna Wensing will retire from the district on May 3, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Donna Wensing has devoted 36 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a driver in the Food Service Department, Transportation Department and in the Warehouse; and,

WHEREAS, She has given conscientious, careful, and loyal service to the students, staff, and community during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby express its deep appreciation to Donna Wensing for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Lynn Whitaker

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Lynn Whitaker will retire from the district on June 30, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Lynn Whitaker has devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary in the Substitute Office and benefits specialist in the Human Resources Department; and,

WHEREAS, She has given conscientious, careful, and loyal service to the students, staff, and community during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby express its deep appreciation to Lynn Whitaker for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Betty Jo Woodworth

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Betty Jo Woodworth will retire from the district on June 13, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Betty Jo Woodworth has devoted 19 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional in the Transportation Department; and,

WHEREAS, She has given conscientious, careful, and loyal service to the students, staff, and community during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby express its deep appreciation to Betty Jo Woodworth for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.