

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
Regular Meeting
July 26, 2021**

President Burton convened the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Members Present	Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson
Members Absent	None
District Update from the Superintendent	Superintendent Oquist shared an overview of the Fall 2021 Mask & Mitigation measures, which received support from the Board. This information will be shared with families and staff.
Written Communication	None
Audience Communication	An individual addressed the Board regarding COVID-19 and masking in schools.
Response to Prior Audience Communication	<p>President Burton relayed that during audience communications at the June 14 Board meeting, individuals addressed the Board to request the discontinuance of masks and social distancing. The Board discussed plans, at length, during the July 26 Committee of the Whole meeting, which is available on the LPS website. Recommendations were prepared and given support by the Board. A summary of the fall masking and mitigation plans will be sent out to families and staff.</p> <p>Another topic brought up during the June 14 audience communications was Critical Race Theory (CRT). Mrs. Burton stated that CRT is not taught in Livonia Public Schools and is not part of Michigan's adopted standards. LPS curriculum is based on the Michigan State Standards. LPS is proud of the culture and climate work that takes place in our District, which promotes a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all.</p>
Consent Agenda	It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Bradford 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 Public Hearing of June 14, 2021
- V.B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2021
- VIII.A. Purchase of Copy Paper
Contact Paper Group – Total \$88,667.40

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

Appointment of Middle School Principal

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Kevin English as principal of Emerson Middle School.

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

Appointment of Student Services Coordinator

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Todd Kalmbach as student services coordinator.

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

Recall of Teachers

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to district employment as teachers for the 2021-22 school year the persons listed below:

Elementary

Crachiola, Jessica	1/4/2021	(1.0) Elementary Teacher Rosedale	Declined
Evans-Ebling, Valerie	9/8/1987	(1.0) 2nd Grade Hayes	Retired
Ledbetter, Jaclyn	2/15/2018	(1.0) 5th Grade LV Johnson	
Melancon, Laura	1/4/2021	(1.0) LV 3rd Grade Rosedale	
Montefusco, Katherine	1/4/2021	(1.0) 5th Grade Cooper	Declined
Thompson Meredith	8/7/2014	(1.0) Elementary Teacher Niji-Iro	

Secondary

Gowman, Jeffrey	2/4/2021	(1.0) Science (.6) Holmes (.4) Emerson
McAllister, Colleen	3/1/2021	(2.0) ELA Emerson
McGill, Erin	1/29/2021	(1.0) Math (.6) Stevenson (.4) Churchill
Pilaftsidis, Tracy Maria	9/3/2020	(1.0) Art Cooper
Warnick Melissa	9/14/2020	(1.0) Social Studies Emerson
Gasevski Katarina	8/28/2018	(1.0) Counselor Churchill
Hall, Jillian	8/30/2011	(1.0) Counselor Franklin
Lee, Michelle	8/29/2017	(1.0) Counselor Frost
Weiss-Stansell, Renay	8/26/2019	(.7) Counselor (.6) Stevenson (.1) Franklin

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

Resignation

The Board was informed of a resignation:
Mackenzie Sato 7/15/21

**Leaves of
Absence**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis 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 a leave of absence listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Elizabeth Hering	2021-2022 School Year
Yuriko Ishida	8/9/21-10/29/21
Rachel Licavoli	2021-2022 School Year

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

Retirements

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

Douglas Coates, who retired from the district on June 30, 2021, and devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Churchill High School as a teacher and coordinator of the math, science and computer program.

Valerie Evans-Ebling, who retired from the district on June 28, 2021, and devoted 34 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Nankin Mills Elementary and Hayes Elementary as a teacher.

Jennifer Hardy-Francis, who retired from the district on June 30, 2021, and devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Churchill High School as a teacher and library media center specialist.

Linda Korovesis, who retired from the district on June 21, 2021, and devoted 27 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Washington Elementary, Tyler Elementary and Randolph Elementary as a teacher.

Julie Macrae, who retired from the district on July 15, 2021, and devoted 30.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a clerk and secretary in the Data Management Department and at Churchill High School, Buchanan Elementary, Taylor Elementary, Western Wayne Skill Center, and in the Payroll and Transportation Departments.

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

**Purchase of
HMH Into
Reading
Materials for**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of six-year licenses for *HMH Into Reading* and teacher and support materials for our Upper

**Upper
Elementary
Schools**

Elementary Schools at a cost of \$276,536.36, including shipping and handling with \$176,496.87 in free materials, including teacher resources, licenses and professional development.

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

**Purchase of
School Buses –
2021 Bond**

It was moved Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of three 71-passenger gasoline wheelchair buses and three 71-passenger propane wheelchair buses from Holland Bus Company, Holland, Michigan for a cost of \$705,492.00.

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

**Purchase of
Mobile Devices**

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 purchase of Chromebooks and Chromebook charging/storage carts from Presidio Networked Solutions Group, Caledonia, Michigan in the amount of \$1,662,379.00 and the purchase of Microsoft Surface Go 2 machines and charging/storage carts from CDW-G, Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$335,580.00 for a total amount of \$1,997,959.00.

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

**Central Office
Abatement
Change Order**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve funds to pay a change order for asbestos abatement at the Central Office Complex's Administration building to Global Green Services Group, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, in the amount of \$26,560.00.

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

**Board Trustees
to Participate in
2021 MASB
Summer
Institute Virtual
Conference**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve Board Trustees participation in the August 6-8, 2021 virtual MASB Summer Institute and/or virtual classes, for a total of \$1,170 as follows: Madeline Acosta \$450; Tammy Bonifield \$180; Dan Centers \$270; and Mark Johnson \$270.

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

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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