# MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road Regular Meeting February 9, 2015

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

**Members Present** 

Tammy Bonifield, Dan Centers, Liz Jarvis, Mark Johnson, Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell; Colleen Burton arrived at 9:05 p.m.

**Members Absent** 

Colleen Burton was absent for a portion of the meeting; arriving at 9:05 p.m.

Art Gallery
Program –
Emerson & Frost
Middle Schools

Mrs. Stacy Jenkins, administrator of communications, introduced Emerson and Frost students whose artwork was displayed in the Board Room and presented them with a certificate of recognition. Students who had artwork on display included Emerson students Ashley Couch, Joan Evans, Lauren Hirschfield, and Riley St. Ledger and Frost students Alyssa Anderson, Anna Gabriel, Cameryn Hatfield, and Grace Moening.

## Principals' Week Resolution

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution establishing the week of February 9-15, 2015, as Principals' Week in Livonia Public Schools.

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Navs: None

Recess

The Board recessed from 7:16-7:23 p.m. to visit with guests.

Written Communication

None

Audience Communication

Kim Balhorn addressed the Board regarding the possible sale of the property located at the old Washington School site.

Response to Prior Audience Communication None

**Consent Agenda** 

It was moved by Mr. Centers 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:

IV.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2015

VI.A Bills for Payment—February 10, 2015

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

## Technology Bond Update

Mr. Matt Linder of Plante Moran Cresa and Mr. Paul Twigg of Barton Mallow, technology consultants for the 2013 Bond, provided information regarding technology activities in the District. Mr. Lindner reviewed the scope of the technology projects and summarized the progress of the work to date. Mr. Twigg provided an outline of current and future technology activities.

## Quarterly Bond Report

Mr. Paul Theriault, Plante Moran Cresa, presented a quarterly Dashboard Report for the 2013 Bond, which included a financial overview, renovation updates, and pertinent dates.

# Acceptance of Bond Audit for 2013-2014

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the audit report for the 2013 Bond, as presented by the audit firm of Yeo and Yeo.

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

# Appointment of Auditor for 2014-2015 Audit

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District appoint the firm of Plante Moran to audit and prepare the financial report for Livonia Public Schools School District for the 2014-2015 school year.

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Approval of
Construction Bid
Results for
Emerson Middle
School and Riley
Upper Elementary
School – 2013
Bond

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, to approve the Phase II construction project budget at Emerson Middle School (\$4,742,235), Riley Upper Elementary School (\$6,803,113), and for a contingency budget of (\$1,084,024), for a total cost of \$12,629,372. Further move that the Board authorize Superintendent Randy Liepa to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education for the contractors listed in section A3 and A4 from the Construction Manager, Barton Malow Company. (A3 and A4 are attached to minutes.)

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Navs: None

Approval of Bid Results for Teacher & Lab Computers – 2013 Bond It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, to purchase teacher and lab computers from InaComp TSG for a total cost of \$3,283,715 and to provide a contingency budget of \$328,371 for total costs of \$3,612,086.

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Approval of Contract Extension for Environmental Consulting – 2013 Bond It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, to extend the contract and approve the attached change orders for environmental consultants for Phase II Bond construction to Nova Environmental at a cost of \$100,000 for Hayes, Kennedy, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools and to ETC Environmental Consulting at a cost of \$50,000 for Riley Upper Elementary and Emerson Middle School, for a total cost of \$150,000.

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Approval of Contract Extension for Security Systems – 2013 Bond It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, to extend the contract and approve the change order for security systems from Security Design for Phase II 2013 Bond projects at Hayes, Kennedy, Roosevelt, and Riley Upper Elementary, Emerson Middle School, and Franklin High School, at a total cost of \$101,118, including a contingency of \$16,853.

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Approval of
Contract
Extension for
Commissioning
Services –
2013 Bond

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Jarvis, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, to extend the contract and approve the change order for Sellinger Associates for Phase II commissioning services at Hayes, Kennedy, Roosevelt, and Riley Upper Elementary, Emerson Middle School, and Franklin High School at a total cost of \$126,600, including contingency costs of \$21,000.

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Approval of Bid Results for Heart Rate Monitor – PEP Grant It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Johnson, that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the low bid for heart rate monitors from Polar Electro Inc., Lake Success, New York, for a total cost of \$74,728.00.

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Approval of Limited Schools of Choice Program for 2015-2016 It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent to participate in Limited Schools of Choice under Section 105c for the 2015-16 school year. Openings to include: up to twenty (20) students at kindergarten; up to ten (10) students each grade 1-2; up to five (5) students at each grade 3-4, for a total of 50 students.

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Approval to Hire Real Estate Services for Possible Land Sales It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the hiring of professional real estate services from Great Northern Consulting Group, Ann Arbor, Michigan, to market the Washington and Nankin Mills sites after topographical surveys are completed, for an estimated cost of \$30,000.

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura

Nays: McDonnell

Approval of Teachers

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2014-15 school year to the teachers listed below:

Jillian Black 1.0 Special Education, Cooper Upper Elementary

Whitney Cabble 1.0 Special Education, Perrinville Early Childhood Center

Yuriko Ishida 1.0 Curriculum Coordinator, Niji-Iro Elementary

Jeanine Lithgow .6 Physical Therapist, Student Services

Lori Marsh 1.0 Teacher of Visually Impaired, Kennedy Elementary

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Teacher for Recall

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District recall to district employment as a teacher for the 2014-15 school year:

Julie Adams, 1.0 Physical Education - (.7) Cooper Upper Elementary, (.1) Garfield Elementary, (.2) Johnson Upper Elementary

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield 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 as listed below:

Tracy Lempke, effective February 12, 2015 Tracy Weakley, effective January 26, 2015

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Resignation

The Board was informed of the resignation of:

Leigh Simon, effective March 15, 2015

Retirements

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the following resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by:

**Cheryl Deskins** retired from the district on December 31, 2014, and devoted 10.7 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional with the Transportation Department.

**Cheryl Evans** retired from the district on December 31, 2014, and devoted 12.7 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Grant Elementary School, Emerson Middle School, and Franklin High School.

**Linda Gronowski** will retire from the district on April 30, 2015, and will have devoted 29.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Riley Middle School and as a secretary at Webster Elementary School and the Transportation Department.

**Shirley Jaros** will retire from the district on March 31, 2015, and will have devoted 25.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary at Stevenson High School, Hayes Elementary School, and Emerson Middle School.

**Jeffrey Kwasniuk** retired from the district on January 26, 2015, and devoted 27.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Stevenson High School, Western Wayne Skill Center, Hayes Elementary School, Coolidge Elementary School, Cooper-at-Whittier Elementary School, and Franklin High School.

**James McMuldroch** will retire from the district on February 20, 2015, and will have devoted 37.1 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian at Dickinson Junior High School and Holmes Junior High School; building supervisor at Rosedale Elementary School; and environmental leader and district engineer with the Operations Department.

Ayes: Bonifield, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Note: President Burton arrived and conducted the remainder of the

meeting.

Approval of Severance Incentive Plan for

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District ratify the Letter of Understanding between the School District and the Livonia

## **LEADS** and Superintendent's Cabinet

Educational Administrators (LEADS) and approve the Severance Incentive Plans for LEADS and the Superintendent's Cabinet. (See description of plan below)

Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell Aves:

Nays: None

## Approval of Severance Incentive Plan for LEA

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the Letter of Understanding between the School District and the Livonia Education Association (LEA) regarding the provisions for a Severance Incentive Plan. (See description of plan below)

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Summary of Severance Incentive Plan for **Livonia Educational Administrators (LEADS)** Superintendent's Cabinet **Livonia Education Association (LEA)** 

February 9, 2015

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Be an employee as of March 3, 2015
- Have 20 years of LPS service as of June 30, 2015; OR, have 10 years of LPS service as of June 30, 2015, and be eligible for full retirement on or before that date under the terms of the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System
- Sign and submit a separation agreement and release/discharge of claims by April 17, 2015, and not revoke said agreement

#### **Severance Amount**

Total of \$30,000 made in three installments of \$10,000 per year, on the last pay day of August 2015, 2016, and 2017

#### **Other Conditions**

- District reserves right to cancel SIP on or before May 1, 2015 if less than 40 employees(LEA,
- LEADS, and Cabinet) separate under provisions of SIP
- SIP contingent on Associations and Board approval

## **Time Frame**

- March 3, 2015: notice to employees of SIP
- April 17, 2015: signed separation agreement and release/discharge of claims due to **Human Resources**
- April 24, 2015: revocation period ends
- June 30, 2015: effective date of separations

Second Reading of Board Policy IHF - Graduation Requirements

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language as shown below for Board Policy IHF – Graduation Requirements.

## BOARD POLICY INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

IHF – Section #2 February 9, 2015

#### **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:

- 10. Language Arts (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12)4.0 units
  - 1 unit Language Arts 9
  - 1 unit Language Arts 10
  - 1 unit (.5 Composition and .5 Literature)
  - 1 unit (Choice of 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Classes)

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

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 or completes a CTE Program
- D. Social Studies1 unit World History
  - 1 unit U.S. History
  - 0.5 unit American Government
  - 0.5 unit Economics
- E. Physical Education

1.0 unit

3.0 units

- 0.5 unit Personal Fitness
- 0.5 unit Health
- F. Visual, Performing, and/or Applied Arts

1.0 unit 2.0 units

- G. World Languages
  - 2 units of the same World Language, or
  - 1 unit of the same World Language and 1 unit of Career and Technical Education (CTE), or
  - 1 unit of the same World Language and 1 unit of VPAA in addition to required VPAA credit

TOTAL 18 units

- **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. For example, the VPAA requirement can be modified through a Personal Curriculum Plan for a student who takes additional credit(s) beyond the required credits in English Language Arts, Math, Science, or World Language or if the student completes a CTE program.
- 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. An exception to this section may be granted with approval of the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the superintendent.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

First Reading of Board Policies:

ABCA – Number of Board Members

AEA - School Calendar

BBD – Board-Superintendent Relations

BCAC – Special Meetings

Superintendent Dr. Liepa reported that the Policy Committee reviewed the proposed new language for the policies shown below. These policies will be brought to the next regular Board meeting for a second reading and possible adoption.

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD DISTRICT ORGANIZATION NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Education shall consist of seven members elected or appointed according to provisions contained in the Michigan General Sschool laws.

**ABCA** 

**AEA** 

June 20, 1988

JUNE 20, 1988

BOARD POLICY DISTRICT ORGANIZATION SCHOOL CALENDAR

The superintendent will recommend and the Board of Education will approve a school calendar prior to the opening of school each year.

The calendar shall be in accordance with the <del>G</del>general <del>Ss</del>chool <del>Lla</del>ws of the State of Michigan.

GAHA – Staff Involvement in Community Activities

IDD(2) – Special Programs

IHAB – Report Cards

JCDA – Student Behavior and Conduct

JGCA – Student Health Examination

JN – Awards and Scholarships

JR – Student Records

## BYLAWS OF THE BOARD BOARD OPERATIONS BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONS

BBD<del>/CF</del> June 20, 1988

The Board of Education believes that the legislation of and adoption of policies is an the most important function of a school board and that the execution of the policies should be the function of the administration and staff.

Delegation by the Board of its executive powers to the superintendent provides freedom for the superintendent to manage the schools within the Board's policies, and frees the Board to devote its time to policy making and appraisal functions.

The Board holds the administration and staff responsible for carrying out its policies within established guidelines and for keeping the Board informed, through the superintendent, about school operations.

## BYLAWS OF THE BOARD BOARD OPERATIONS SPECIAL MEETINGS

BCAC JANUARY 22, 2013

Special meetings of the Board of Education may be called by the president of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, place, and purpose of such special meeting. Such notice shall be in accordance with law.

Service of the notices shall be by:

- 1. Delivering the notices to the members personally at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place; or
- **2.** Leaving the same at the member's residence with some person of the household at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place; or
- **3.** Depositing the same in a government mail receptacle (enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly addressed to such member at his/her last known residence address) at least seventy-two (72) hours before such meeting is to take place.
- **4.** Sending email notification to members at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place and confirming that emails were received by members.
- 5. A meeting at which all members of the Board are present with or without proper notice to members of the Board and for which proper notice is given to the public shall be considered a legal meeting for the transaction of business when proper notice has been given to the public.

The purpose of the special meeting shall be included on or with the notice of special meeting.

Service as above prescribed may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

If the foregoing procedure is followed and if a notice of the meeting has been posted or published at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the meeting, a quorum present can conduct business legally.

Special meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with the policy established for regular meetings.

## **Emergency Meetings**

The Board may meet in emergency session in the event of a severe and imminent threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the public when two-thirds of the members decide that delay would be detrimental to efforts to lessen or respond to the threat.

## BOARD POLICY PERSONNEL

GAHA/<del>KDA</del> JUNE 20, 1988

#### STAFF INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Recognizing that community activities are highly desirable supplements to school work, employees of the Livonia Public Schools School District are urged to take an active part in community life.

The extent to which school personnel are known and accepted as citizens of the community has a direct relationship with the degree of understanding and good will between the schools and the community.

Administrators are encouraged to identify personally with the many facets of community life, providing opportunities for all citizens, including non-parents, to experience a relationship with the school district.

All personnel are encouraged to participate in local service clubs and civic organizations. School personnel may upon approval participate in civic or service club activities during the school day provided they do not conflict with scheduled responsibilities.

Cooperative relationships should be maintained between the school system and civic, service, and business associations such as the Chamber of Commerce. Visitations between business and industrial leaders and teachers and other personnel shall be encouraged.

## BOARD POLICY INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM SPECIAL PROGRAMS

IDD(2) JUNE 20, 1988

The Board of Education provides special programs and services to meet the needs of its handicapped students with special needs. These programs and services will be coordinated by the Department of Special Student Services, which interprets and operates these services according to law.

## BOARD POLICY INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM REPORT CARDS

IHAB JUNE 20, 1988

The superintendent or designee shall have the authority to classify and control the promotion of students in accordance with the General Sechool Llaws of the State of Michigan.

Reporting to parents is an integral part of the school program and is requisite to assuring a sharing of responsibility by parents and teachers for the learning and growth of the child.

The progress of each pupil shall be measured periodically, and reports of such progress shall be communicated to his/her parents or guardian at regular intervals. These reports, both oral and written, are intended to assist both the student and the parent and to stimulate their cooperation in furthering the student's continued growth.

Reports shall at all times attempt to assess the pupil's performance in terms of both his/her capacity and actual achievement. The responsibility of devising various reporting forms and practices shall be that of the superintendent or designee and the staff.

## BOARD POLICY STUDENTS STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND CONDUCT

JCDA APRIL 2, 2001

It is the aim of Tthe Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education and administration and instructional staff to promote, through its policies and regulations, the highest possible standard of conduct and atmosphere for good instruction. It is earnestly desired to have high standards of conduct, behavior, and school achievement. Development of good habits in citizenship and conduct as individuals requires a consistent, calm atmosphere which will

promote the individual and group learning process.

- 1. Students shall be held strictly responsible at all times for diligent application to school work and the development of efficient study habits.
- Students shall show proper respect at all times to other students, staff members, school visitors, and adult volunteers. Both students and staff members have an obligation to maintain at all times conditions which will promote the proper atmosphere for learning and the carrying on of other school activities.
- 3. Malicious destruction of school property must result in the replacement or repair of property or payment for the damages by the student or his/her parents or guardian.
- 4. Students shall help keep the school grounds and property clean at all times.

BOARD POLICY STUDENTS STUDENT HEALTH EXAMINATION JGCA MAY 31, 1990

## PARTICIPANTS IN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

A student who wishes to participate in interscholastic games or sports, including cheerleading, must satisfactorily complete a health or medical examination administered by a qualified physician prior to entering into any athletic competition. Ten following statements are considered as part of this policy:

- 1. No student should be allowed to begin formal practice in a sport without an adequate health examination on file with the school.
- 2. In cases of serious injury or extended illness, students should be reexamined by a physician before again being allowed to compete.
- 3. Students who have been disqualified in one interscholastic sport are not necessarily disqualified from that particular sport permanently nor does it mean that they have been disqualified from all sports. The health examination shall specifically indicate which sports competition the student may participate in, if any.
- 4. The decision of a qualified physician should be regarded as final. No person may overrule the decision to qualify or disqualify a student in interscholastic competition for health reasons.
- 5. Health costs shall be paid by the student's parent or guardian. The superintendent or designee may make exceptions based on financial hardship.
- 6. Health examination shall not be required of any student whose parents or guardians present in writing religious objections to such an examination.

BOARD POLICY STUDENTS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS JN <del>JUNE 20, 1988</del>

It shall be the policy of the school district to give appropriate recognition to pupils for progress and/or attainment in all areas of classroom scholastic endeavor as well as in areas of the school's co-curriculum and extracurricular activities.

The recognition should be as closely related as possible to the nature of the achievement and should be assessed for its appropriateness and be in accord with standards of such organizations as the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, Michigan High School Athletic Association, North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, and any other standards approved by the superintendent or designee by school administration.

BOARD POLICY STUDENTS STUDENT RECORDS JR <del>JUNE 20, 1988</del>

The compilation, maintenance, disclosure, and deletion of or access to student records shall be in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 and other applicable laws.

# Resolution for May 5<sup>th</sup> Ballot Proposal

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Edudation of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution below to support the May 5th ballot proposal.

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATEWIDE MAY 5<sup>th</sup> BALLOT PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, Michigan public schools continue to face difficult economic and budget challenges, and

WHEREAS, these challenges have resulted in circumstances that directly and negatively affect our children's education, learning, and ability to compete for 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs, and

WHEREAS, these challenges are the result of funding shortfalls that directly impact children, parents, teachers, school staff, administrators, and the local community at large, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the best way to support our local schools and help our children learn is to restore funds to our classrooms, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has placed before voters a May 5th ballot proposal that would strengthen funding for classrooms and generate dollars to fix Michigan's roads and bridges, and

WHEREAS, the May  $5^{th}$  ballot proposal would restrict use of School Aid Fund dollars for only K-12 schools and community colleges, and generate \$300 million in additional funds for K-12 public schools annually, amounting to an additional \$200 per pupil, and

WHEREAS, we expect that the legislature will allocate funds so all districts receive this additional \$200 per pupil, and

WHEREAS, the May 5<sup>th</sup> ballot proposal is a bipartisan road funding solution that can repair the roads and bridges, and ensure our children arrive safely at school, while protecting school funds so our children can receive a quality education that can prepare them for college and a career, and

WHEREAS, citizens in Michigan have consistently said that schools and roads are its highest priorities for investment, and

WHEREAS, one penny on the dollar is a recognized sacrifice by citizens, but is an investment that is worth safer roads and better schools for everyone in Michigan,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District supports the May 5<sup>th</sup> ballot proposal because we strongly believe in restoring funds to our classrooms so all children have an opportunity to learn and compete for 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs, and that safe, well-maintained roads benefit everyone in Michigan.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Recess to Closed Session – Consider Opinion from Legal Counsel Regarding Business Matter It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District recess to closed session for the purpose of: Consideration of Opinion from Legal Counsel Regarding a Business Matter.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

The Board recessed to closed session at 9:37 p.m. and resumed the

regular meeting at 10:15 p.m.

**Adjournment** President Burton adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

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