

**Livonia Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 18, 2024, 2024**

President Bradford convened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Members Present Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Members Absent Burton

Read Across America Resolution It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution in recognition of Read Across America during the month of March 2024. Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Jarvis presented the Read Across America Resolution to Ms. Butler and Ms. Burris, Teachers at Riley Upper Elementary. Ms. Butler and Ms. Burris shared point of pride in Riley’s reading month activities.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

District Update from the Superintendent Superintendent Oquist presented highlights of recent activities taking place across the District, as well as upcoming events.

Written Communications None

Response to Prior Audience Communications None

Audience Communications A parent of a figure skater spoke in favor of female figure skating athletes being awarded a varsity letter.

Consent Agenda It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Frank 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 Special Meeting of February 12, 2024
V.B. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2024

Approval of Name of the Early Childhood Center It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to name the new early childhood center the Livonia Early Childhood Center.

**Approval of
Purchase of LCTC
Computer Lab
Equipment**

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of 26 computers from CDW-G located in Chicago, Illinois for \$40,950.00, and furniture with installation from Interior Environments located in Novi, Michigan for \$48,354.35 for the Business Management and Computer Repair Classroom through 61a (added cost) funds. Through contract pricing the total cost for computers and furniture is \$89,304.35.

**Approval of
Purchase of LPS
Merchandise**

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of Livonia Public Schools merchandise from MBS Incorporated, located in South Lyon, Michigan for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

**Approval of Tax
Collection
Agreement with
the City of
Livonia**

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the agreement with City of Livonia for the collection of school taxes. Under the new agreement, the District will pay \$5.00 per parcel with an estimated 35,010 parcels within the Livonia Public Schools boundary making the total estimated cost for the 2024-2025 school year to be \$175,050 representing a significant reduction in cost.

**Approval of
Purchase
Agreement for
Sale of Property
to the City of
Livonia**

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: Bonifield

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve delegating to the Superintendent or her designee the authority to enter into an Offer to Purchase Real Estate, and execute said Offer as well as any extension, and any documents necessary and incidental to the sale, with the City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, whereby the City of Livonia has offered to purchase 4.15 +/- acres of land located at 31699 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan, formerly known as Bentley, for a purchase amount of \$100,000 per acre and prorated for partial acres.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis

Nays: None

Abstain: Johnson

Approval of Central Office Parking Lot Light Replacement Project

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation to replace the lighting to LED lighting for the Central Office parking lot project from Voss Lighting, located in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the total amount of \$58,490, which includes contingency.

Approval of Bentley Track Repair Project

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation to award the Bentley Trak repair project to Nagle Paving, located in Novi, Michigan in the amount of \$116,500, which included 6% contingency.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Approval of Purchase of Generator

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation to purchase a trailer-mounted generator from Michigan CAT, located in Novi, Michigan, in the total amount of \$100, 201.00.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Approval of Teachers

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and offer employment for the 2023-2024 school year to the following teacher:

Name	FTE	Title	Location
Jessica Rodrigues	1.0	RCR Teacher	Roosevelt

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Teachers for Tenure

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 acknowledge that tenure status has been granted to the following teachers on the respective date:

Name	Date Effective
Julie Fischell	March 18, 2024
Maryrose Goeman	March 14, 2024
Kristen Smith	March 18, 2024
Carie Vella	March 21, 2024

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**Leaves of
Absence**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence as listed below:

Name	Date Effective
Jessica Cieslik	April 24, 2024
Alaina Kennedy	2024-2025 school year
Erin Winslow	2024-2025 school year

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Resignations

The Board was informed of the following resignations:

Name	Date Effective
Rie Hong	April 05,2024
Laura Stevens	June 7, 2024

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Retirement

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

Mary Pat Benoit

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

WHEREAS, Mary Pat Benoit has devoted 36 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service in the Community Relations Department as videographer and community relations specialist and at the Livonia Career Technical Center as a career intern 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 Mary Pat Benoit on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

David Chiola

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

WHEREAS, David Chiola has devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School as a teacher; and,

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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 David Chiola on his years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for his retirement.

Paula Kohler

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

WHEREAS, Paula Kohler has devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Garfield Elementary and Rosedale Elementary as a teacher and principal; 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 Paula Kohler on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Eric Kreutzfeld

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Eric Kreutzfeld will retire from the district on May 17, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Eric Kreutzfeld has devoted 14 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian and assistant building supervisor at Coolidge Elementary, Cooper Upper Elementary, Holmes Middle School, Cleveland Elementary and Stevenson High School; and,

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

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

George (Byron) Turner

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

WHEREAS, George (Byron) Turner has devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Riley Middle School, Cass Elementary, Hoover Elementary, Buchanan Elementary, Holmes Middle School, Frost Middle School and Stevenson High School as a teacher; 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 George (Byron) Turner on his years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for his retirement.

Elizabeth (Ranae) Woods

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Elizabeth (Ranae) Woods has retired from the district on February 15, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Elizabeth (Ranae) Woods has devoted 33 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Johnson Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, Nankin Mills Elementary, Riley Middle School, Washington Elementary, Churchill High School and Holmes 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 Elizabeth (Ranae) Woods on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**First Reading –
Board Policy,
Business
Management**

The policy committee has reviewed the following changes:

BOARD POLICY	EBD
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	JUNE 16, 2008
ENERGY MANGEMENT CONSERVATION	Reviewed 2/2014

**EBD – Energy
Management
Conservation**

The Board of Education supports a culture of energy conservation. It is our responsibility to ensure that every effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources with realistic goals while maintaining a comfortable educational environment and exercising sound financial management.

~~The implementation of this policy is the joint responsibility of the Board members, administrators, teachers, students, support personnel, and other stakeholders. Its success is based on cooperation at all levels.~~

~~The Superintendent shall establish and implement procedures to ensure the conservation of energy and natural resources at all levels of the school system. These procedures will include short and long range strategies for energy savings management, preventive maintenance, and monitoring for its facilities and systems, including HVAC, building envelope, and moisture management. The Superintendent shall designate an energy educator/supervisor to implement, manage, direct, monitor, evaluate, and report district conservation and efficiency efforts.~~

~~The district will maintain accurate records of energy consumption and cost of energy and will provide information to the Board of Education on the goals and progress of the energy conservation program.~~

~~The principal/building administrator will support energy management at his/her building with energy audits being conducted by the district and conservation program outlines being updated.~~

All district personnel are expected to contribute to energy efficiency in our district. Every person is expected to be an energy saver as well as an energy consumer. It is the responsibility of the school district to educate users on energy consumption and conservation.

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Board Policy,
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Management**

The policy committee has reviewed the following changes:

BOARD POLICY	EE
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	MAY 19, 2014
FOOD SERVICES MANAGEMENT AND FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS	

EE – Food Services Management and Free and Reduced Price Meals

The district shall operate a school food service program in its schools as required by law. The supervisor of food services shall cooperate with each school principal in matters essential to the proper functioning of the food service program.

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to provide free and reduced-price meals to eligible students.

All students are eligible for free meals as long as:

1. The district participates in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National School Lunch Program and National School Breakfast Program; and
2. The district chooses to participate in the "Michigan School Meal Program."

LEGAL REF.: MCL 3.542; 380.1272; 380.1273; et seq.; 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, and 220
~~MCL 380.1272; 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, and 220 (repeated from line above)~~

Approval of Board Members to Attend MASB Spring Institute

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve that Board Trustees Madeline Acosta and Colleen Burton, take classes April 10-20, 2024, during MASB's Spring Institute in Lansing, Michigan, for a total cost of approximately \$396.00

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Hearing From Board Members

Mrs. Jarvis encouraged attendance at the Robotics Competition being hosted at Churchill High School this coming weekend. There are 40 teams competing including the Livonia Tyros and Warriors. Mrs. Frank shared thanks to members of the administrative team, Mrs. Oquist, Mr. Green and Mr. Francis for the vision, inception and constant oversight of the building of the Livonia Early Childhood Center and it's certain to be a point of pride for the entire Livonia community. Mrs. Bonfield encouraged interested parties to read the Board of Education Policies on the LPS website. Mr. Johnson shared thanks to Cooper Upper Elementary for hosting him as a guest reader. Many Board members shared his sentiments toward their guest reading host buildings as well.

Adjournment Off/Supt/tg

President Bradford adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.