



Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District

Meeting Location: LPS Admin Bldg., 15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154

6:30pm meeting / Board Room

Minutes of Regular Meeting / May 26, 2026

ROLL CALL: Colleen Burton, President / Crystal Frank, Vice President / Madeline Acosta, Secretary / Karen Bradford, Trustee / Liz Jarvis, Trustee / Mark Johnson, Trustee / Dave MacFarland, Trustee

Absent: None

President Burton Commenced the meeting at: 6:33pm

AGENDA:

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Recognition of National Merit Scholarship Finalists:** Mrs. Jenkins led the presentation honoring seven high school students across all three Livonia high schools for their tremendous success in the National Merit Scholarship Program. All students were recognized for their high level academic achievements as well as their well rounded extra curricular activities, making them distinguished students within the District.
- B. Recognition of Livonia Figure Skating Champions:** It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions in recognition of Livonia High School Figure Skating State Champions Audrey Bakken, Teagan Huston and Julia Sokolowski.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

- C. District Update from the Superintendent:** Superintendent Oquist shared highlights of activities and events happening around the District as well as many District points of pride. These highlights can be found each month on our District website under “District News”.

- D. **Audience Communications:** An LPS teacher inquired as to the progress of disbursement grant funds that were secured to purchase a bus for the WWSK Work Skills Program.

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following Consent Agenda items:

V.A. *Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 4, 2026

V.B. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2026

VII.A. *Approval of Purchase of Copy Paper 2026-2027

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

VI. **PERSONNEL MATTERS:**

- A. **Appointment of Director of Human Resources:** It was moved by Mr. MacFarland and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint DeAnn Urso as the Director of Human Resources.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

- B. **Resolution of Sympathy:** It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a sympathy resolution for the family of Kimberly Mankvitz, paraprofessional in the Transportation Department.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

- C. **Approval of a Teacher:** It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and offer employment for the 2025-2026 school year to the following teacher:

Riley Hannigan / 1.0 FTE / Kindergarten Teacher, Cleveland Elementary

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

- D. **Leaves of Absence:** It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve requests for a leave of absence to:

Julie Fischell / Effective 2026-2027 school year

Allison Weiss / Effective 2026-2027 school year

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

- E. **Resignations:** As authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 23, 2025, the following resignations have been accepted by the Superintendent. This notification is for informational purposes only. The Board does not vote on resignations:

George Anagnostopoulos / Effective June 5, 2026

Rebecca Dubie / Effective May 20, 2026

Daniel Kaminski / Effective May 8, 2026

Elizabeth O'Brian / Effective August 11, 2026

Bruce Payne / Effective May 29, 2026

- F. **Retirements:** It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and adopt resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by:

Nancy Childs / Effective June 30, 2026

Phillip Francis / Effective June 30, 2036

Cheryl Haught / Effective April 7, 2026

Mary Kay Hussey / Effective June 30, 2026

Dawn Piper / Effective June 5, 2026

Rodney Pile / Effective June 30, 2026

Michael Sevon / Effective June 30, 2026

Lisa Werner / Effective June 8, 2026

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

- G. **Discontinuance of Teaching Contracts:** It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent that the individual teaching contracts for the following teachers are not renewed at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, and those teachers will be laid off for the 2026-2027 school year:

Megan Stratz / 1.0 FTE / SHS

Holly Wollam / 1.0 FTE / ECP @ EGC

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

- H. **Authorization to Recall Teachers:** It was moved by Mr. MacFarland and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent and authorizes the Superintendent or her designee to begin, as soon as circumstances permit, the recall procedure for teachers who are on layoff. Said authorization not to exceed the 2026-2027 staffing guidelines.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

- I. **Authorization to Accept Resignations:** It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the Superintendent or Director of Human Resources to accept employee resignations on its behalf for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

- J. **Update on the Superintendent Search:** President Burton, with unanimous support of the Board, exercised Point of Privilege to add "Update on Superintendent Search" to the agenda in real time. President Burton reiterated the Board's timeline for the Superintendent Search as outlined on the LPS website and email communications that were previously sent to all LPS families and stakeholders.

VII. BUSINESS MATTERS:

- A. *** Approval of Purchase of Copy Paper 2026-2027:** It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of copy paper for the 2026-2027 school year from Contract Paper Group for a total cost of \$144,083.00. Because this is an annual purchase, the purchase of copy paper appears on the Consent Agenda and was voted on as such.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

- B. **Approval of Wayne RESA Budget 2026-2027:** It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopts a resolution in support of Wayne Country Regional Education sService Agency ("RESA") General Fund Operating Budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

- C. **Approval of Appointment of Auditor:** It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District appoints the firm of Plante Moran to audit and prepare financial statements for Livonia Public Schools for the 2025-2026 school year.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

VIII. INSTRUCTION MATTERS:

- A. **Approval of Purchase of Seventh Grade Social Studies Textbooks:** It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools

School District approves the purchase of National Geographic *World History: Great Civilizations: Ancient through Early Modern Times*, 2025, for seventh grade social studies from Cengage Learning for \$135,117.40. This includes student print materials and digital access for 6 years. Teacher guides, placards and professional development will be provided at no cost.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

- B. **Approval of Purchase of Eighth Grade Social Studies Textbooks** : It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approves the purchase of History Alive! US History Through Industrialization (Third Edition) 2025, from TCI-Teachers Curriculum Institute, Palo Alto, CA for \$93,890 for eighth grade social studies. This includes student print materials and digital access for 6 years. Teacher guides, placards and professional development will be provided at no cost.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

- C. **Approval of 35m Grant Purchase of Literacy Materials**: It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approves the recommendation to purchase books and digital access to Writable from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Chicago, IL for \$129,616.38. The books are to be utilized for Tier 1 modules and small group instruction for Webster ACAT students and teachers, and access to Writable platform for all third and fourth grades would be used as part of integrated modules.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

IX. HEARING FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

- A. **Second Reading Board Policy ICC - Research and Pilot Studies** : 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 Board Policy Committee and adopt the following Board Policy language:

BOARD POLICY
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
RESEARCH AND PILOT STUDIES

ICC
MAY 26, 2026

The Board of Education recognizes that, in order for the educational program to maintain necessary relevance to the rapidly changing society which it serves, provision must be made for the stimulation and development of awareness of changing needs; for time and opportunity to appraise the existing program; for planning needed changes; and for offering and/or requiring continuing in-service education of key personnel in the educational process. The Board of Education encourages the professional staff to participate in research and pilot studies that carefully assess the program to identify improved instructional opportunities for students. Such improvements

should relate to the changes in their interest and needs, as reflected in college and career readiness. For studies which significantly diverge from or exceed curricular and instructional limits, proposals will be developed and submitted to the superintendent, or their designee, for approval prior to implementation.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

- B. Second Reading Board Policy IDAA - Career Technical Education and Enrollment:** It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Board Policy Committee and adopt the following Board Policy language:

BOARD POLICY	IDAA
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM	
CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND ENROLLMENT	MAY 26, 2026

The District will offer high school students opportunities to take Career Technical Education (CTE) courses. The District is dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed in CTE pathways. Enrollment in CTE programs will be open to all students based on program availability, and student interest. The District will actively support participation and success for all learners regardless of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, language proficiency, or family background. English Language Learners and students receiving Special Education services will be fully supported and will not encounter barriers to enrollment or participation in any CTE program.

CTE courses provide students with the skills and knowledge they need for post-secondary education and careers. CTE programs will be offered at each high school and at the Livonia Career Technical Center. All CTE courses shall be organized in accordance with Michigan Department of Education Career and Technical Education Standards and Perkins Core Performance Areas.

LEGAL REF.: MCL, 380,684.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

- C. Second Reading Board Policy IDG - Adult Education:** It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Board Policy Committee and adopt the following Board Policy language:

BOARD POLICY	IDG
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM	
ADULT EDUCATION	MAY 26, 2026

The District may offer classes to support the completion of a high school diploma through credit recovery, High School Equivalency Prep for a GED, and courses for acquiring English language and personal math skills based on the District budget.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

- D. First Reading Board Policy CGC - Individual Employment Contracts:** The Board Policy Committee reviewed changes to the following Policy which the Board then recommended for a second reading:

BOARD POLICY
GENERAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

CGC
JUNE 15, 2026

The Board of Education recognizes the need to establish clear and consistent employment terms for employees who are not covered by a collective bargaining Agreement.

The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee, to develop, negotiate, and execute individual employment contracts for non-affiliated employees on behalf of the District.

In exercising this authority, the Superintendent shall ensure that all such contracts:

A. are consistent with established District compensation practices, benefit structures, and budgetary limitations;

B. comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, regulations, and Board Policies;

C. include appropriate provisions regarding duties, compensation, work year, evaluation, and separation of employment.

- E. Hearing From Board Members:** Mrs. Jarvis wished the LPS community and families a happy summer and encouraged 2026 graduates to be mindful and safe while celebrating. Mrs. Acosta offered a thank you to LPS as her family closes out their LPS career and her youngest child graduates from LPS this year. Mrs. Burton wished the Acosta and Frank families congratulations on their children's graduations this year.

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 9:30PM

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