

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
June 5, 2017**

President Burton convened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

**Members Present** Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank (joined the meeting at 8:15 p.m.), Jarvis, Johnson (joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.)

**Members Absent** None

**Student Art Gallery – Frost Middle School** Mrs. Jenkins, administrator of communications, introduced Frost students and presented them with a certificate for their artwork, which was displayed behind the Board table. The following Frost Middle School students had artwork on display: Anabella Collins, Grayson Coccione, Lauren Peck, and Sydney Rudy.

**LPS Education Foundation Update** Mrs. Policelli, president of the LPS Foundation, shared information regarding Foundation activities: grant program; reading program at Grant Elementary; annual luncheon; Back-to-School event; and the Competitive Edge College Savings Program. Foundation Board member, Mr. Condon, introduced a few of the Foundation's community partners, who help to fund some of these activities. Mr. Condon highlighted some upcoming events: Passport to Safety on June 17 at the Livonia Police and Fire headquarters; Bounce Back to School on August 22 at Riley Upper Elementary; and the Foundation luncheon in October/November at St. Mary's Cultural and Banquet Center.

**Golden Apple Award – Tara Hillary, Volunteer at Cooper** Mrs. Jenkins introduced Mrs. Tara Hillary and shared some of the ways that Ms. Hillary supports the staff and students at Cooper Upper Elementary School. Board trustee Tammy Bonifield thanked Ms. Hillary and presented her with a Golden Apple plaque and pin.

**Recognition of LPS Bus Drivers** Mrs. Jenkins announced that LPS bus drivers took first place for best team score in the Wayne County Bus ROADeo. During this competition, the drivers take a written test and drive on a course to compete in 12 different driving skills. Drivers included: David Pyle, David Potes, Bob Pyle, Joe Manus, Ed Yee, Greg Dahlin, and Kim Peters. Three of the LPS drivers finished in the top five, (Joe Manus 2<sup>nd</sup>; Ed Yee 4<sup>th</sup>; Greg Dahlin 5<sup>th</sup>), which qualified them to participate in the State Championship on June 10. Mrs.

Jenkins introduced the drivers at the meeting and presented each of them with a certificate of commendation.

**LPS Points of Pride – Career Intern Program**

Ms. Jenkins presented an overview of the Career Intern Program, which offers professional internship opportunities for high school seniors to work in a professional setting. Students Hunter Jacobs (Churchill), Madison Mirabatur (Churchill), and Eva Koelzer (Stevenson) shared information about their experience with the program.

**District Update from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Oquist shared the following:

- Congratulations to all of our high school graduates at Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, and the Western Wayne Skill Center.
- Welcome to our kindergarten students and families who attended Kindergarten Roundups last week.
- Congratulations to our spring athletes. Good luck to Franklin and Stevenson baseball teams, who won their respective district and will be playing in Regional contests next weekend!
- Thank you to school-based and district level staff who have been working tirelessly to coordinate a successful transition for students who will be leaving their current school and moving to their new school next year as we close Cass and Garfield.
- The final two weeks of school are filled with many culminating activities for students and staff. The last day of school will be Friday, June 16. We wish our families a safe and fun filled summer recess.
- Passport to Safety will be held on June 17, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Livonia Police & Fire headquarters.

**Recess**

The Board recessed at 8:03 p.m. to visit with guests and reconvened the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**Written Communication**

None

**Audience Communication**

Craig Barker, Rebecca Barnes, Anna McGuire, and Ryan Tracy addressed the Board regarding teacher compensation.

Eric Longuski, Claudia Rushlow, and Angela Montroy addressed the Board regarding a teacher discipline concern.

**Response to Prior Audience Communication**

None

**Consent**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that

**Agenda**

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 May 15, 2017
- V.B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2017
- V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of May 15, 2017

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**Approval to Purchase Geometry Textbooks**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District purchase the textbook, *enVision Geometry 2018*, for secondary Geometry courses from Pearson Education, Inc. at a total cost of \$120,635.17.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**Approval of Hard Construction for Summer 2017 Bond Work**

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 recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, and approve construction costs totaling \$305,888 for summer work at Garfield Elementary, Randolph Elementary, Buchanan Elementary, and Cooper Upper Elementary, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to approve the detailed work via change orders to the existing contracts with the District, pending final review and approval of terms by the District's legal counsel.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**Approval to Purchase Cafeteria Tables – 2013 Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of 290 portable cafeteria tables and 12 replacement stools from School Specialty, Plymouth, Michigan in the amount of \$324,743.48.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**Approval of Bid Results for**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School

**Waste Removal**

District approve the recommendation to authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contract for districtwide waste removal services with Detroit Disposal and Recycling, Detroit, Michigan, based upon the bid response, for an estimated annual total of \$50,000 for regularly scheduled waste pickups, plus hauling and per ton disposal costs for roll offs as requested by the District on an as-needed basis.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**Approval of Bid Results for Door and Door Frame Replacements**

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 purchase of exterior doors and frames from Rayhaven Group, Livonia, Michigan in the amount of \$55,395.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**Approval to Renew Microsoft EES Licensing**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the renewal of the Microsoft Enrollment For Education Solution (EES) Licensing from CDW-G and enter into a three-year contract. Also move that the Board authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contract with the recommended vendor. The annual subscription cost is \$93,619.77 for 14 months (May 2017 through June 2018) and in years two and three the annual amount is \$80,243.27; for a total amount of \$254,106.31.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**Approval to Renew District Web Hosting Services**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve a two year contract renewal with West Interactive Service Corporation, the parent company of School Messenger, for web hosting and content management in the amount of \$29,674.30 per year, for a total of \$59,348.60.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**Resignation**

The Board was informed that, as authorized in the Board of

Education motion of June 20, 2016, a resignation was accepted for **Laura LaPorte**, effective June 30, 2017.

**Retirements**

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

**Lisa Colucci**, who will retire from the district on June 19, 2017; and will have devoted 16.2 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Webster Elementary School as a teacher.

**Diane Kukhahn**, who will retire from the district on June 16, 2017, and will have devoted 24.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a general helper and cook baker helper at Churchill High School.

**Mae-Yong Ogletree**, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2017; and will have devoted 10.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Western Wayne Skill Center and Franklin High School as a teacher.

**Walter Reasor**, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2017; and will have devoted 18 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Bryant Center, Dickinson Center, and Franklin High School as a teacher.

**Esther Sanabria**, who will retire from the district on June 23, 2017, and will have devoted 20.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary at Roosevelt Elementary School.

**Stephanie Szczepaniak**, who will retire from the district on June 23, 2017, and will have devoted 14.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Franklin High School, Churchill High School, and Western Wayne Skill Center.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**Leaves of Absence**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Bonifield 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 for:

**Michelle Chaffin**, effective September 28, 2017

**Dana Paluk**, effective for the 2017-2018 school year

**Karen Young**, effective September 1, 2017

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**Notification of Discontinuance of Teaching Contracts**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent that the teachers as listed be laid off for the school year 2017-18 and that their

teaching contracts not be renewed at the end of the 2016-17 school year. It is further resolved that the records show that the reasons for this action are a result of the budget process, the district's financial situation, enrollment changes, teachers returning from leave, and program changes. Be it further resolved that the Board of Education direct the secretary of the Board to send a letter to each of the individuals listed, officially notifying them that their teaching contracts will not be renewed at the end of the 2016-17 school year and that they will be laid off as teachers in the Livonia Public Schools School District.

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Seniority Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Patrick	Daugherty	8/30/1999	(1.0) Physical Education/(.5) Cass Elementary (2.0) & (.5) Cleveland Elementary
Jillian	Hall	8/30/2011	(.5) Guidance Counselor/Emerson Middle School
Tracey	Hammaren	8/29/2007	(1.0) Guidance Counselor/Stevenson High School
Christa	Hinderliter	8/30/1999	(.9) Physical Education/(.6) Franklin High School & (.3) Health/Stevenson High School
Robert	Hough	9/30/2013	(.5) Industrial Technology/Holmes Middle School
Tara	Leach	1/27/2017	(1.0) Science/Emerson Middle School
Geoffrey	Markwart	8/21/2003	(1.0) Special Education/Churchill High School
Alexandra	Starr	1/28/2016	(1.0) Science/(.8) Churchill High School (2.0) & (.2) Stevenson High School
Samuel	Vomastek	1/28/2016	(1.0) Physics/Franklin High School

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

**Teacher Recall Authorization**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and authorize 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 2017-18 staffing guidelines.

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

**Second Reading of Board Policy**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. Johnson 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.

**DJEA –  
Purchasing  
Cards**

**BOARD POLICY  
FISCAL MANAGEMENT  
PURCHASING CARDS**

**DJEA  
JUNE 5, 2017**

The Board of Education views the use of credit cards as a convenient and efficient means of transacting School District related business. The Board authorizes the issuance and use of School District credit cards within the parameters set forth in the administrative procedures recommended by administration and reviewed by the Board of Education. The Superintendent and/or the Superintendent's designee shall be responsible for the issuance, accounting, monitoring, retrieval, and general oversight of the use of district credit cards by employees.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,  
Johnson

Nays: None

**Approval of  
Resolution for  
Wayne RESA  
Board Election**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution to designate LPS Board member Mark Johnson as the local district's Wayne RESA election representative; Karen Bradford as the alternate; and Mary Blackmon and Danielle Funderburg as the Wayne RESA Board candidates for whom a vote should be cast.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,  
Johnson

Nays: None

**Establishment  
of Date for  
Annual  
Organization  
Meeting and  
First Regular  
Meeting**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District hold its annual Organization Meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2017, in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Further, that a Regular Board meeting be held directly following the Organizational Meeting and commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis,  
Johnson

Nays: None

**Adjournment**

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

**Off/Supt/jw**