

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
March 19, 2018**

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

Members Present

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

Members Absent

None

Golden Apple Award – Holmes Parent Volunteer Kim DeSantis

Board trustee Crystal Frank thanked Mrs. Kimberlee DeSantis, parent volunteer, for her constant support and dedication to the students and staff at Holmes and several other LPS schools over the years. Mrs. DeSantis was presented the Golden Apple Award and pin.

LPS Points of Pride – International Baccalaureate Program

Mrs. Sunshine Weber, IB Coordinator, provided an overview of the International Baccalaureate program. Current and former IB students, as well as a parent of two students who went through the program, shared their feedback regarding the well-rounded education and outstanding preparation that was provided through Franklin High School's IB program.

Read Across America Resolution

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution in recognition of *Read Across America* during the month of March 2018.

**Read Across America
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, citizens of the Livonia Public Schools School District stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy, and;

WHEREAS, "Read Across America," a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's 114th birthday on March 2, 2018, is sponsored by the Livonia Education Association, in cooperation with the National Education Association, and promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, call upon their citizens to assure that every child is reading, together with a caring adult, throughout the month of March, designated as March is Reading Month (celebrated today, March 19, 2018, with the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recommitts our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

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

Nays: None

District Update from the Superintendent

Superintendent Oquist shared the following:

- Results of high school quiz bowls (KLAA division of the InterCounty League):
CHS Black took home top honors
SHS Novice team (first year players) finished third and JV team won KLAA Division for JV and came within one game of claiming the overall league title
FHS, the youngest of the three LPS quiz bowl teams, is a rising talent
- Three CHS students placed among the top 100 students in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition
- CHS musicians who performed at the MSBOA District Band and Orchestra Festival received 1's in every category (four ensembles from CHS; three from SHS)
- Two SHS art students received the highest level of recognition a student artist can earn – having their work displayed at New York's Carnegie Hall; Grace Moening won a gold medal for photography and Brian Olenzcuk won a silver medal for ceramics
- Winter Athletics: FHS and CHS moved on to state finals in wrestling; nine members of SHS Swim & Dive competed at Division 1 championships; LPS gymnasts competed at the state level, where one gymnast earned state champ recognition; Livonia Blue Gymnastics, SHS Varsity Hockey, and CHS Varsity Hockey all earned Regional Championships; CHS Hockey won quarter-final and semi-final games and moved on to the state championship for the first time in CHS history
- CHS 10th grader Carson Ellis and SHS 12th grader Bryan Reppenhagen achieved the rank of Eagle Scout

Audience Communication

Students who are members of the Livonia Warriors Robotics Teams addressed the Board regarding the tremendous support they receive from the District and their upcoming competition on March 30-31 at Churchill High School.

The Board recessed at 8:01 p.m. to visit with guests and reconvened the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Written Communication

None

Response to Prior Audience Communication

None

**Consent
Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Centers 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 Regular Meeting of February 12, 2018

V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 26, 2018

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

Nays: None

**Approval of Bid
Results for
Phase V
Construction
Projects – 2013
Bond and
Sinking Fund**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to approve the Phase V masonry and carpentry construction for a total amount of \$1,425,824.00, which includes hard construction and a reduction in the total project's contingency budget, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contract on behalf of the Board of Education with the recommended contractors.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of Bid
Results for
Move and I.T.
Move
Management
Services
– 2013 Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to approve the Summer 2018 Move and I.T. Move Management Services in the amount of \$165,204.00, plus contingency in the amount of \$25,000.00, for a total of \$190,204.00, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of the Board of Education with the recommended vendors.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of
Phase II Paving
Projects –
Sinking Fund**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis 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, to approve Nagle Paving, Novi, Michigan, for pavement projects at Buchanan Elementary, Randolph Elementary, and Cooper Upper Elementary Schools in the amount of \$882,280.00, plus a contingency of \$88,228.00, for a total cost of \$970,508.00 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts.

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

**Approval of Bid
Results for
Athletic Field
Projects –
Sinking Fund**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to approve the budget for athletic field improvements for Churchill High School and turf replacement at Churchill, Franklin, and Stevenson High Schools in the amount of \$2,945,122.68, plus contingency in the amount of \$131,581.00, for a total of \$3,076,703.68, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of the Board of Education with the recommended contractors.

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

**Approval of
Purchase
Agreement with
St. Mary
Antiochian
Orthodox
Church**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis 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 Agreement, and execute said Offer and any documents necessary and incidental to the sale, with St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, whereby St. Mary will purchase approximately 7.07 acres of vacant land located directly east and south of the church's property, for a total of \$200,000.00.

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

**Approval to
Purchase
Handheld
Radios – 2013
Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 375 handheld radios through the State of Michigan MiDEAL Extended Purchasing Program, for a total cost of \$91,136.25.

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

**Teachers for
Approval**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton 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 2017-18 school year to the teachers listed below:

Jackie Hoekstra 1.0 Grade 2 Teacher, Cleveland Elementary School
 Melanie Rose 1.0 Title I Interventionist, Cleveland Elementary School

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

Nays: None

Retirements

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

Janeane Bickham will retire from the district on June 18, 2018, and will have devoted 18.5 full-time years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Riley Upper Elementary, Frost Middle School, Grant Elementary, Tyler Elementary, Kennedy Elementary, and Roosevelt Elementary as a resource room teacher.

Dona Gossett will retire from the district on June 18, 2018, and will have devoted 22 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Hoover Elementary and Riley Upper Elementary as a teacher.

Carol Janowski retired from the district on February 26, 2018, and devoted 17.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Western Wayne Skill Center, Rosedale Elementary, Frost Middle School, Emerson Middle School and Webster Elementary as a special education paraprofessional.

Kristen Szczesny will retire from the district on June 18, 2018, and will have devoted 19 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cooper Elementary and Riley Upper Elementary as a teacher.

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

Nays: None

First Reading of Board Policies JBD – Homeless Students & IDFA – Interscholastic Athletics

The Policy Committee has reviewed the following policies and recommends they be on the agenda of the next regular Board meeting for a second reading and potential approval:

BOARD POLICY STUDENTS HOMELESS STUDENTS

JBD
 APRIL 4, 2011

Students who meet the definition of 'homeless children and youths' under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** will be provided a free and appropriate public education in the same manner as all other students of the District and will not be stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless. Students eligible under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** will be provided services and may participate in programs comparable to other students in the District. Board policy, administrative guidelines, and practices will not be interpreted or applied in such a way as to inhibit the enrollment, attendance, participation, or school success of eligible students.

The superintendent will appoint a liaison for homeless children, who will perform the duties as assigned by the superintendent. Additionally, the liaison will coordinate and collaborate with the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth as well as with community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to eligible homeless children and youths.

LEGAL REF.:

~~*McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.~~

The term 'homeless children and youth'—

- (A) Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence ~~(within the meaning of section 103a)(1) ...;~~ and
- (B) Includes--
 - (i) Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; ~~or are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;~~
 - (ii) Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings ~~within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C) ...;~~
 - (iii) Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
 - (iv) Migratory children ~~(as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) ...~~ who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

**BOARD POLICY
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

**IDFA
JULY 21, 2014**

A program of interscholastic athletics shall be encouraged as an integral part of the total program of physical education. ~~Unlike the intramural sports program, The interscholastic athletics program is designed for those students who have a particular interest, ability, and the desire to invest the time and energy required to participate in a Livonia Public Schools' athletic program. for competition with other schools and for competition for membership on those teams representing Livonia Public Schools School District.~~

The Board shall review and approve by resolution the school district's participation and membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). ~~In conjunction with this review, the Board delegates to the superintendent or designee the responsibility for the supervision and control of activities along with approval of the MHSAA constitution and bylaws code of conduct in the current handbook. In conjunction with this review, the Board delegates to the superintendent or designee the responsibility for adherence to MHSAA's Constitution and By-Laws, as well as the supervision of MHSAA related activities in accordance with the Code of Conduct in the school's Student Handbook.~~

**Second
Reading of
Board Policies:
HA & HB
(removal of
policies)**

It was moved Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and remove the policies listed below:

~~**BOARD POLICY
PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL
NEGOTIATIONS**~~

~~**HA
June 20, 1988**~~

~~See Individual Master Agreements
HAA Legal Status - Master Agreements: LEAdS
HAC Scope of Professional Negotiations - Master Agreements: LPA~~

- ~~HAD Board Rights and Duties - Master Agreements: LEAdS; LEA; LPA~~
- ~~HAG Professional Staff Rights and Responsibilities – Master Agreements: LEAdS; LEA; LPA~~
- ~~HAH Professional Staff Negotiating Organization – Master Agreements: LEAdS; LEA; LPA~~
- ~~HAHB Professional Staff Negotiating Organization Privileges – Master Agreements: LEAdS~~
- ~~HAI Bargaining Meeting Procedures - Master Agreements: LEAdS; LEA; LPA~~
- ~~HAIA Bargaining Meeting Procedures Time and Place – Master Agreements: LEAdS~~
- ~~HAII Bargaining Meeting Procedures Payment of Costs – Master Agreements: LEAdS~~
- ~~HAK Ratification and Implementation Procedures – Master Agreements: LEAdS; LEA; LPA~~
- ~~HAM Impasse Procedures - Master Agreements: LEA; LPA~~
- ~~HAN Professional Personnel Job Actions - Master Agreements: LEA; LPA~~

**BOARD POLICY
NONPROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL
NEGOTIATIONS**

**HB
JUNE 20, 1988**

See Individual Master Agreements

- ~~HBA Legal Status - Master Agreements: SEALS~~
- ~~HBC Scope of Nonprofessional Negotiations - Master Agreements: AFSCME; LSA~~
- ~~HBD Board Rights and Students - Master Agreements: SEALS; AFSCME; LSA~~
- ~~HBG Nonprofessional Staff Rights and Responsibilities - Master Agreements: SEALS; AFSCME; LSA~~
- ~~HBH Nonprofessional Staff Negotiating Organization - Master Agreements: SEALS; AFSCME; LSA~~
- ~~HBHB Nonprofessional Staff Negotiating Organization Privileges - Master Agreement: LSA~~
- ~~HBI Bargaining Meeting Procedures - Master Agreements: SEALS; AFSCME; LSA~~
- ~~HBII Bargaining Meeting Procedures Payment of Costs - Master Agreements: LSA~~
- ~~HBK Ratification and Implementation Procedures - Master Agreements: SEALS; AFSCME; LSA~~
- ~~HBM - Impasse Procedures - Master Agreements: SEALS; AFSCME; LSA~~
- ~~HBN - Nonprofessional Personnel Job Actions - Master Agreements: SEALS; AFSCME; LSA~~
- ~~HBO - Amendment and Renegotiations Procedures - Master Agreements: SEALS; AFSCME; LSA~~

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

Nays: None

Second Reading of Board Policy JGCA – Physical Examinations for Athletic Participation

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language for:

**BOARD POLICY
STUDENTS
PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS
FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

**JGCA
MARCH 19, 2018**

No student shall be allowed to participate in athletic tryouts, practices, scrimmages, or contests until a current year physical examination with all required signatures has been completed and is on file with the school administration.

A medical examiner’s (M.D., D.O., Physician’s Assistant, or Nurse Practitioner) signature on the LPS-approved physical form attests that the student-athlete is physically able to begin participation.

A parent and student’s signature on the physical form certifies:

- Consent for disclosure to the MHSAA of information otherwise protected by FERPA and HIPAA for the purpose of determining eligibility for interscholastic athletics
- Acknowledgement and assumption of risk of serious injury by the student and the parent or guardian or the 18-year-old student
- Acknowledgement of concussion awareness and concussion protocols

In cases of serious injury or extended illness, including concussion or symptoms of concussion and symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, there must be a statement signed by the medical examiner (M.D., D.O., Physician’s Assistant, or Nurse Practitioner) that the student has been examined and is physically able to return to athletic participation. In all cases of student injury through athletic participation, health care costs shall be the responsibility of the student’s parent or guardian.

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

Nays: None

Second Reading of Board Policy JGFF – Driving and Parking

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Burton that that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language for

BOARD POLICY STUDENTS DRIVING AND PARKING

JGFF MARCH 19, 2018

Student driving and parking at any school parking lot is a privilege and responsibility. Vehicles must be properly registered and insured with the State and drivers must possess a State of Michigan license. While prudent efforts will be made to maximize student parking on campus, not every student driver is entitled to park their vehicle in a school lot.

The school administration shall develop rules and regulations promoting safe driving and building-level registration for parking privileges. Student vehicles are subject to search by school or law enforcement officials and students in violation of school rules may have their parking privileges permanently revoked. Parking fees may be assessed by the school administration.

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

Nays: None

Adjournment Off/Supt/jw

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.