

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
January 22, 2013**

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

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| <b>Members Present</b>   | Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Mark Johnson, Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell, Julie Robinson, Randy Roulier   |
| <b>Members Absent</b>  | None   |
| <b>Golden Apple Award – Anna McGuire, Emerson Media Specialist</b> | Board trustee McDonnell, on behalf of the Board of Education, congratulated Emerson media specialist Anna McGuire for receiving the Golden Apple Award and presented her with a plaque and pin to commemorate that honor.  |
| <b>Gift from Nissan Corporation</b>                                | <p>It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous donation of used office supplies, equipment, and technology, with an approximate total value of \$12,819, from Nissan Corporation of Farmington Hills.</p> <p>Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier<br/>Nays: None</p> |
| <b>Gift from Schoolcraft College</b>                               | <p>It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous donation of used computers and screens from Schoolcraft College, with an approximate value of \$5,040.</p> <p>Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier<br/>Nays: None</p>  |
| <b>Gift from Buchanan PTA</b>                                      | <p>It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous donation of \$9,000 from Buchanan Elementary PTA.</p> <p>Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier<br/>Nays: None</p>   |
| <b>Board Appreciation Month</b>                                    | Stacy Jenkins, administrator of communications, recognized Board members for their service to Livonia Public Schools and presented them with certificates of appreciation. Superintendent Liepa expressed his  |

gratitude to Board members for the countless hours they put in and their remarkable commitment to the community.

**Recess**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board take a five to ten minute recess to visit with guests. The Board recessed at 7:26 p.m.

**Reconvene**

President Johnson reconvened the Board meeting at 7:36 p.m.

**Written  
Communication**

None

**Audience  
Communication**

None

**Response to Prior  
Audience  
Communication**

None

**Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mrs. McDonnell 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 December 17, 2012
- IV.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 7, 2013
- VI.A. Bills for Payment—January 23, 2013

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Bond Issue  
Presentation**

Dr. Liepa stated that during this meeting and upcoming Board meetings, a video will be shared that highlights one of the components of the bond issue. He noted that the videos and other bond information will be available on the LPS web site. A video for the technology component of the bond was then presented.

**Approval of  
Furniture  
Purchase for  
Schools**

It was moved by Mrs. Robinson and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the low quote for student desks and chairs from School Specialty in Greenville, Wisconsin, for a total cost of \$108,826.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Approval of  
Teacher**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton 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

2012-13 school year to the following teachers: **Michelle Ginther, Emily Hiser, Michelle Morello, Christine Placinta, Joshua Skodack, and Abigail Youngerman.**

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Teachers for Tenure**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to the following teachers: **Victoria Estes**, effective January 25, 2013; **Lawrence Grezak**, effective January 17, 2013; and **Adrienne Hosking**, effective November 30, 2012.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Retirements**

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

**Carla Allen-Myrold**, who will retire from the district on February 1, 2013, and will have devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Taylor Elementary School, McKinley Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, Kennedy Elementary School, and Holmes Middle School.

**Harold Downs**, who retired from the district on December 31, 2012, and devoted 23.2 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Churchill High School, Stevenson High School, and Emerson Middle School as a teacher.

**Marilyn Snabb**, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2013, and will have devoted 17 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School as a teacher.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy BCAC – Special Meetings**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton 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 language as shown below for revised Board Policy BCAC – Special Meetings:

**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.

LEGAL REF.: MCLA, 15.265; 380.1201 (Legal References Updated 3/12/07)

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2013, be adjourned.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier  
Nays: None

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**Off/Supt/jw**