

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
July 24, 2017**

President Burton convened the meeting at 7:46 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

None

District Update from the Superintendent

Superintendent Oquist shared the following:

- LPTSA Council hosted an outstanding STEM Camp at the Livonia Career Technical Center, coordinated by PTSA Council member Amanda Walworth. A big thank you to Amanda and the many volunteers, including students from the Robotics Club, and local meteorologist Derek Kevra who helped students create barometers.
- Congratulations to LPS students (Natalie Koelzer, Abigail Bishop, Josh Cole, Jordan Green, and Gabrielle Harter), who were awarded scholarships from SET SEG for the Michigan Association of Student Council and Honor Society Summer Leadership Camp at Albion College.
- Summer construction projects in the school district are going well and on schedule.
- Various camps taking place over the summer: Camp Emerson, Camp Frost, Band Camp, athletic camps, and Student Council leadership camps.
- Congratulations to rookie members of the Livonia Warriors Robotics Team who took first place in the Taylor Big Bang Competition, as well as The Livonia Warriors team who ranked 17th out of 68 teams at the First Indiana Invitational.

Written Communication

None

Audience Communication

None

Response to Prior Audience Communication

None

**Consent
Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Bonifield 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 Public Hearing of June 26, 2017
- V.B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2017
- V.C. Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 26, 2017
- V.D. Minutes of the Closed Sessions of June 26, 2017
- VII.A. Bills for Payment

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

**Appointment of
Student
Services
Coordinator**

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 superintendent and appoint Mary (Libby) Rogowski as Student Services Coordinator beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

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

**Approval of
Teachers**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Bradford 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 following teachers:

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| Erin Belanger | 1.0 Elementary Teacher, Building TBD |
| Katherine Bone | 1.0 Elementary Teacher, Building TBD |
| Heather Brubaker | 1.0 Elementary Teacher, Building TBD |
| Steven Bruestle | 1.0 Elementary Teacher, Building TBD |
| Mallory DeLuca | 1.0 Elementary Teacher, Building TBD |
| Patrick Draheim | 1.0 Orientation & Mobility Specialist, Student Services |
| Michelle Ellis | .5 Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Student Services |
| Sarah Hurley | 1.0 Autism Spectrum Disorder Teacher, Webster |
| Jennifer Klaker | 1.0 Elementary Teacher, Building TBD |
| Jessica Kline | 1.0 Upper Elementary Teacher, Building TBD |
| Laura Kurtjian | 1.0 Elementary Teacher, Building TBD |
| Shaelyn Schneider | 1.0 Special Education Teacher, Webster Elementary |
| Stefanie Shepler | 1.0 Elementary Teacher, Building TBD |
| Ronald Stewart | 1.0 Elementary Teacher, Building TBD |
| Grace Suchan | 1.0 Special Education Teacher, Riley Elementary |
| Janelle Thorne | 1.0 Elementary Teacher, Building TBD |
| Elizabeth Wright | 1.0 Elementary Teacher, Building TBD |

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None
Abstain: Burton (a member of her extended family is on the list)

Resignations

The Board was informed that, as authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 26, 2017, a resignation was accepted for **Laura Carino, Leah Grasl, Laura Shannon, and Patricia F. Smith**, effective June 30, 2017, and **Matthew Moll** effective June 27, 2017.

Retirements

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution of appreciation for the services rendered by:

Melvin Hart, who will retire from the district on July 28, 2017, and has devoted 29.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to Livonia Public Schools as a custodian, night leader, assistant head custodian, and building supervisor at Randolph Elementary School, Holmes Middle School, Hoover Elementary School, Cleveland Elementary School, Nankin Mills Elementary School, Lowell Middle School, Franklin High School, Webster Elementary School, Johnson Elementary School, Emerson Middle School, and Stevenson High School.

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

Nays: None

Approval of Superintendent Contract

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve Mrs. Andrea Oquist's employment contract. Further move that the president and secretary of the Board be authorized to sign Mrs. Oquist's contract on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

Nays: None

Recommendation to Purchase Paper for 2017-2018

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 white and color copy paper from Contact Paper Group, Uniontown, Ohio, in the amount of \$109,747.60.

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

Nays: None

Lease Agreement – Himawari Preschool

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve a lease agreement with Himawari Preschool, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for a total amount of \$34,450.

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

Nays: None

**Lease
Amendment –
Livonia City
Soccer Club**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve an amendment to the lease agreement between Livonia Public Schools School District and Livonia City Soccer Club for the period of July 1, 2017 to August 31, 2019 for a monthly amount of \$2,750.00 and a 26 month total amount of \$71,500.00.

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

Nays: None

**Second
Reading of
Board Policy
DO – School
Properties
Disposition**

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 Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language as shown below.

BOARD POLICY	DO
FISCAL MANAGEMENT	JULY 24, 2017
SCHOOL PROPERTIES DISPOSITION	

The Board of Education may sell, exchange, or lease real or personal property of the school district in accordance with law.

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

Nays: None

**Second
Reading of
Board Policy
EBA –
Disposition of
Real Property**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Centers 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.

BOARD POLICY	EBA
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	JULY 24, 2017
DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY	

The Board of Education believes that it is in the interest of the Livonia Public Schools School District to preserve, maintain and retain ownership of its lands and buildings that have current or future educational value. The Board will analyze any unsolicited or solicited requests for the sale and permanent dispossession of its real property to determine whether there is an interest for the district to sell or dispossess assets. Disposition will require an independent appraisal or broker’s opinion of value.

The Superintendent, or his/her designee, may identify any School District real property or buildings no longer required for School District purposes and recommend to the Board the procedure(s) to be followed for the sale or disposition of such real property in each particular instance. Board approval is required for the process to be followed as well as for the ultimate sale or other manner of disposition. In any event, the Board reserves, in its sole and absolute discretion, the right to accept or reject any and all offers.

Employees of the school district with knowledge of the property value and members of the Board of Education with knowledge of the property value shall be prohibited from purchasing directly or indirectly any real estate offered by the district.

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

Nays: None

**Approval for
Board Members
to Take MASB
Classes**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve that Board Trustees Karen Bradford and Crystal Frank may take CBA classes, as listed below, through the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for a total cost of \$370.

Online CBA 107: Labor Relations	\$95
Online CBA 109: Board Governance for Data-Informed Decision Making	\$95
CBA 103: School Finance & School Budget 11/9/17 in Lansing	\$90
CBA 108: Navigating the Legislative Process 11/10/17 in Lansing	\$90

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

Nays: None

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

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