

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2010**

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

- Members Present** Colleen Burton, Robert Freeman, Mark Johnson, Daniel Lessard, Patrice Mang, Gregory Oke, Lynda Scheel
- Members Absent** None
- Gift – Jackson PTA** It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous gift of \$6,000 from Jackson Early Childhood PTA to the staff and students of the Jackson Early Childhood Center.
- Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel
Nays: None
- Gift – BASF to Churchill** It was moved by Mr. Oke and supported by Mr. Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the “Helping Make Communities Better” grant of \$3,000 from BASF Corporation’s Livonia Polyurethane Solutions manufacturing site to the staff and students of Winston Churchill High School.
- Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel
Nays: None
- Recess** It was moved by Mr. Lessard and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board take a short recess to visit with guests.
- Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel
Nays: None
- The Board recessed at 7:14 p.m.
- Reconvene** The Board reconvened at 7:22 p.m.
- Written Communications** Mr. Lessard shared information regarding a Save Our Students, Schools and State (SOS) event at Wayne Memorial High School on October 14 at 7:00 p.m.

**Audience
Communication**

Jerome Pfeifer, 14515 Ronnie Lane, expressed his appreciation for how smoothly the demolition of Hull went and made various requests and suggestions for Hull.
Eileen McDonnell, 36099 Brookview, addressed the Board regarding the old Cooper site.
Loyd Romick, 33437 Michelle Ct., addressed the Board regarding the chart of accounts and the old Cooper site.
Mark Wojcik, 14453 Park, addressed the Board regarding stop signs, transportation, and the old Cooper site.

**Response to
Prior Audience
Communication**

None

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Freeman and supported by Mr. Lessard 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 August 16, 2010
- IV.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 16, 2010
- VI.A. Bills for Payment—September 21, 2010

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel
Nays: None

**Elementary
Summer School
Programs**

Sheila Alles, Director of Academic Services, showcased three elementary school programs that were offered over the summer to LPS students who attend Title I schools: Camp Frost, Camp Emerson, and the partnership with Madonna University--Students Helping Students Literacy Program. The presentation reflected the positive effect these summer programs have on students, improving their academic skills as well as their confidence level and their attitude towards learning.

**Approval to
Purchase Copy
Paper**

It was moved by Mr. Lessard and supported by Mr. Oke that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the low bid to purchase 5,040 cartons of copy paper from RIS Paper Company, Inc., Uniontown, Ohio, for the total amount of \$136,383.20.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel
Nays: None

**Approval of
Lease with
Livonia City
Soccer Club**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Oke that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the lease with Livonia City Soccer Club at Taylor School for the period September 21, 2010 to September 20, 2013, for a total amount of \$120,000.00.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel
Nays: None

Approval of Teachers

It was moved by Ms. Mang and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2010-2011 school year to the following teachers:

Jennifer Bradley
Christine Johnson
John McCabe
LeAnn Mitchell-Gordon
Kellie Stark
Sarah Temkow
Brandy Verkeyn
Kristina Weins

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel

Nays: None

Recall of Teachers

It was moved by Mr. Oke and supported by Mr. Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to district employment as teachers for the 2010-2011 school year the persons listed below:

Andrea Anderson	Kennedy/(1.0) Grade 4
Karyn Anderson	Hayes/(1.0) Title I Early Learning Interventionist
Jacqueline Banner	Grant/(.5) Kindergarten
Mary Pat Benoit	Livonia Career Technical Center/(1.0) Career Intern
Carrienne Braun	Grant/(.5) Kindergarten
Rebecca Bray	Grant/(1.0) Grade 4
Jennifer Brees	Cleveland/(.5) Kindergarten Cleveland/(.5) Title I Early Learning Interventionist
Katie Broome	Buchanan/(1.0) Grade 4
Mary Christensen	Hoover/(1.0) Grade 2
Michelle Dobrovich	Garfield/(1.) Grade 1
Kimberly Finney	Coolidge/(.5) Kindergarten
Shannon Fitzgerald	Student Services/(1.0) ESL Teacher
Jeanne Fuller	Cleveland/(.5) Kindergarten
Lawrence Grezak	Webster/(1.0) Grade 3/4
Barbara Hawkins	Coolidge/(1.0) Grade 1

Benjamin Hillard	Webster/(1.0) Grade 3/4
Patricia Horgan	Hoover/(1.0) Grade 1
Courtney Ignash	Western Wayne Skill Center/(1.0) Special Education
Victoria Johnson	Riley/(1.0) Grade 6
Abbie Kidder	Coolidge/(1.0) Grade 3
Denise Kimball	Cooper/(1.0) Grade 6
Michelle Kopacko	Cooper/(1.0) Grade 6
Cindy Lectka	Roosevelt/(.5) Kindergarten
Darci Licata	Cooper/(.5) Title I Early Learning Interventionist
Amy Lipinski	Hoover/(1.0) Grade 4
Wendy Martin	Hoover/(1.0) Grade 4
Richard Mestdagh	Churchill/(.5) Social Studies Stevenson/(.5) Social Studies
Jennifer Murdza	Emerson/(1.0) English
Carmen Niemiec	Cass/(1.0) Grade 2
Walter Power	Stevenson/(.3) English Churchill/(.7) English
Rachel Pridemore	Board Approved Leave of Absence 2010-2011 School Year
Melanie Reynolds	Student Services/(1.0) Teacher of Speech & Language Impaired
Nicole Rosemary	Churchill/(.4) Resource Room
Eric Schmidt	Churchill/(.4) English
Nicole Senko	Cooper/(1.0) Grade 6
Lindsay Smith	Cooper/(.5) Title I Early Learning Interventionist
Kathryn Varley	Coolidge/(1.0) Grade 3
Tracy Weakley	Perrinville/(.5) ECP Teacher
Shawn Webster	Grant/(1.0) Grade 4
Jennifer Wilson	Cass/(1.0) Grade 2
Ashley (Vreeland) Witherspoon	Riley/(1.0) Grade 6
Erin Wysocki	Garfield/(1.0) Grade 3

Katherine Zellers

Cass/(1.0) Grade 4

Kimberly Zimpleman

Cleveland/(1.0) Title I Early Learning Interventionist

David Zyczynski

Webster/(1.0) Grade 5/6

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel
Nays: None

Leave of Absence

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approved the request for a **personal leave of absence** for **Laura Pruitt**, effective August 31, 2010.

Removal from Recall List

It was moved by Mr. Freeman and supported by Mr. Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District **remove** the following teacher **from any form of a recall list** thereby eliminating him from any rights to future employment: **Colin O'Brien**

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel
Nays: None

Resignations

Ms. Dorothy Chomicz, Director of Human Resources, informed the Board that **resignations** have been accepted from: **Christine Johnson**, effective September 13, 2010, and **Holli Neeb**, effective June 30, 2010.

Ratification of AFSCME Contract

It was moved by Mr. Lessard and supported by Ms. Burton that the Board of Education enter into a one-year contract with the AFSCME union which was ratified on September 10, 2010 by AFSCME members. Said contract is to commence July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2011.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Lessard, Mang, Oke
Nays: Scheel

Retirements

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

Judith Bossio did retire from the district on August 31, 2010, and has devoted ten years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a program assistant and parent involvement coordinator with Head Start, and as a paraprofessional with the Transportation Department.

Sandra Ludtke did retire from the district on June 30, 2010, and has devoted 18.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary with the Curriculum Department, Payroll Department, Churchill High School, Community Education, Title I Program, and Perrinville Center.

Judith Roy will retire from the district on September 30, 2010, and has devoted 21.2 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional, secretary, and administrative assistant at Cass Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, Bentley Center, Franklin High School, Elementary Education, Finance Department and Human Resources Department.

Approval of Revisions to 2010-2011 Regular Meeting Dates

It was moved Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following revised schedule of Regular Board Meetings for the 2010-2011 school year.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT 2010-2011

REVISED 9/20/2010

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District shall be held at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays (except where noted), in the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 734-744-2500, on the following dates:

Table with 4 columns and 3 rows listing meeting dates: July 2, 2010, August 16, 2010, September 20, 2010, October 18, 2010, November 15, 2010, December 6, 2010, January 18, 2011, February 7, 2011, March 21, 2011, April 4, 2011, May 16, 2011, June 6 & 20, 2011.

There are two regular meetings in June in order to cover all end-of-the-year school business. The Board regularly holds Committee and Subcommittee meetings throughout the year. Additional Special Meetings and/or Board Workshops may also be scheduled as needed.

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, location and purpose of such meetings. Service of the notices shall be made in accordance with Board Policy BCAC and with the provisions of P.A. 267 and the General School Laws of the State of Michigan, and may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

The Secretary of the Board shall cause public notice to be given of all meetings of the Board of Education in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Proposed minutes of Board meetings will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, not more than eight business days after the date of each meeting, and approved minutes of each meeting will be on the LPS Web site and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same location not more than five business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved.

The President and/or Secretary of the Board shall be authorized to sign all contracts and legal documents on behalf of the Board of Education following approval by resolution of the Board, unless the Board specifically designates other members of the Board or administration in its resolution to approve the contract or legal document.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel
Nays: None

Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Lessard and supported by Ms. Mang that the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2010 be adjourned.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel

Nays: None

President Scheel adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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