

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
August 20, 2018**

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

**Members  
Present**

Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

**Members  
Absent**

Bradford

**District Update  
from the  
Superintendent**

Superintendent Oquist shared the following:

- Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary School opened last week; their Open House will be held this week.
- Our Bounce-Back-to-School event is this Thursday, August 23, 5-8 pm at Riley. Shuttles will be available at Central Office to take families to and from the event.
- Fall sports, marching bands, and other activities are underway and include many hours of preparation by students and staff. Good luck to all!
- Our most recent issue of the *Dialog* contains important information on start and end times, lunch times, transportation, Parent Connect, and more. The *Dialog* should have been delivered to residents in the LPS district, and is also accessible on the front page of our website.
- Registration continues for the new school year. K-6 students may register at our administration building through the second week in September. Registration for middle and high school students takes place at the school. Elementary class assignments will be available on Parent Connect on Wednesday, August 29. If students have health/medical concerns, please contact their school.
- All of our instructional staff will return next week and we are eager to welcome them! Our operations and maintenance teams have done a remarkable job preparing schools for our students and staff.

**Audience  
Communication**

Tim Hull and Mary Lou Marendia addressed the Board regarding the sale of the former Nankin Mills and Western Wayne Skill Center property.

**Written  
Communication**

None

**Response to  
Prior Audience  
Communication**

None

**Consent  
Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton 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 July 23, 2018

V.B. Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of July 23, 2018

V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of July 23, 2018

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

Nays: None

**Approval to  
Purchase  
Everyday  
Mathematics  
Student  
Journals**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of *Everyday Mathematics* student journals for first through fifth grade classes and sixth grade at Webster for the 2018-19 school year, from McGraw Hill Education for a total cost of \$117,704.89, which includes shipping and handling. This total cost includes \$4,515.24 in free student journals.

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

Nays: None

**Approval to  
Purchase  
Chromebooks  
and Carts**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education purchase 1,450 Chromebooks, 42 carts, and deployment services for the mobile devices from Presidio, for a total cost of \$517,312.

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

Nays: None

**Approval to  
Purchase  
i-Ready  
Diagnostic and  
Instructional  
Licenses**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to purchase the online, adaptive assessment program, i-Ready Diagnostic Assessments, for Math and Reading from Curriculum Associates for \$90,720; i-Ready Reading and Math Instruction for \$14,400; and three days of professional development for \$6,000. The total cost to purchase the Diagnostic Assessments, i-Ready Reading Instruction, and professional development is \$111,120.00.

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

Nays: None

**Approval to  
Purchase**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District

**Middle School  
Social Studies  
Textbooks**

purchase the following textbooks: *National Geographic World History: Great Civilizations*, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, 2016 for seventh grade social studies from Cengage Learning (\$109,083.00) and *U.S. History – American Stories, Beginnings to 1877 + National Geographic Explorer Visits*, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, 2018 for eighth grade social studies from Cengage Learning (\$101,705.50); for a total cost of \$210,788.50.

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

**Approval of Bid  
Results for  
Digital Signage**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, authorize the purchase of Digital Signage from Digital Age Technologies, Inc., Davison, Michigan, in the amount of \$77,600.36 plus contingency of \$7,760.00; for a total authorized amount of \$85,360.36.

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

**Approval of Bid  
Results for  
Demolition of  
Ford Skill  
Center**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the Superintendent, or her designee, to prepare the contract between Livonia Public Schools and Salenbien Trucking & Excavating, Dundee, Michigan, to demolish the building commonly known as the Ford Skill Center, 8075 Ritz, Westland, Michigan in the amount of \$550,000.00 plus contingency of \$66,000 for a total authorized amount of \$616,000.

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

**Approval of Bid  
Results for  
Stevenson High  
School Practice  
Field Project**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, authorize the Superintendent, or her designee, to prepare the contract between Livonia Public Schools and S & D Field Services, Westland, Michigan, to complete the renovation work at the Stevenson practice field in the amount of \$49,322.00 plus contingency of \$5,000 for a total authorized amount of \$54,322.00.

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

**Approval of  
2018-2019  
Lease  
Renewals**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve lease renewal agreements with Garfield Cooperative Preschool; Himawari Preschool; Life Church; Learning Tree, and Livonia Little Tots effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, for

a combined annual total amount of \$473,551.00.

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

Nays: None

**Appointment of  
Assistant  
Principal, Riley  
Upper  
Elementary  
School**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Sherri Mazzoni as upper elementary assistant principal at Riley Upper Elementary beginning August 27, 2018.

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

Nays: None

**Teachers for  
Approval**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2018-19 school year to the teachers listed below:

Cabble, Pamela	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Niji-Iro
Gertz, Sophie	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Building TBD
Hoag, Alexandria	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Niji-Iro
Jacobsen, Sarah	1.0 Behavior Intervention Specialist	Multiple Buildings
Juncaj, Michael	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Cooper
Kowalske, Linda	.6 Art Teacher	Holmes
Myslinski, Jennifer	.5 Early Childhood Special Educ. Teacher	Jackson Center
Oliver, Caitlin	1.0 Visually Impaired Teacher	Student Services
Patterson, Jamie	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Niji-Iro
Raymond, Samantha	1.0 Spanish Teacher	.8 Stevenson
		.2 Frost
Rea, Laura	.8 ELA Teacher	.4 Emerson
		.4 Franklin
Seelbach, Ashley	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Niji-Iro
Smith, Kristen	1.0 ELA Teacher	Franklin
Stall, Brittany	1.0 School Psychologist	Student Services
Stoltz, Tara	1.0 Elementary Teacher	Roosevelt
Stevens, Laura	1.0 Resource Room Teacher	Holmes
Traub, Megan	1.0 Upper Elementary Teacher	Riley
Traub, Thomas	1.0 Instructional Coach	Cooper
Van Esley, Michelle	1.0 Elementary Support Teacher	.6 Kennedy
		.4 Hoover
Wright, Bridget	1.0 Autism Spectrum Disorder	Roosevelt
Yoneyama, Yoshinori	1.0 Elementary Support Teacher	Niji-Iro

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

Nays: None

**Teachers for  
Tenure**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and acknowledge that tenure status has been granted to the following teachers, effective on the respective dates:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Maureen Bourdage	August 15, 2018
Victoria Haber	August 26, 2018
Nicole Miller	August 30, 2018

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

### Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and acknowledge that tenure status has been granted to the following teachers, effective on the respective dates:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Tracey Hammaren	2018-2019 School Year
Jennifer Nowell-Allen	2018-2019 School Year
Marlene Scott	2018-2019 School Year

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

### Resignations

As authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 4, 2018, resignations have been accepted by the superintendent for the persons listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Megan Bach	July 31, 2018
Tammy Denstaedt	July 26, 2018
Meris Hoppe	June 19, 2018
Amanda Inks	August 15, 2018
Dana Martin	August 13, 2018
Nicole Rosemary	August 14, 2018
Christina Sitek	August 13, 2018

### Retirement

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

**Barbara Ewing**, who retired from the district retired from the district on July 31, 2018; and has devoted 30.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a transportation driver and dispatcher for the transportation department.

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

### Approval for Board to Attend MASB Annual Leadership Conference and Take MASB Classes

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve that Board Trustees attend the November 2018 MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) Annual Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, take classes, and stay overnight, as shown below, for a total cost of \$2,732.

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Tammy Bonifield – Conf. Nov. 2 & 3, CBA Class	\$439
Karen Bradford – Conf. Nov. 2 & 3, CBA Class	\$439
Colleen Burton – Delegate Assembly Nov. 1, Conf. Nov. 2, CBA Class	\$270
Liz Jarvis – Conf. Nov. 3, CBA Classes (2)	\$519
Mark Johnson – Delegate Assembly Nov. 1, Conf. Nov. 2, CBA Class	\$270
Hotel Cost	\$795

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

**Adjournment**

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

**Off/Supt/jw**