

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2025**

President Bradford convened the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Members Present: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Members Absent: None

Official Nomination of Candidate – 2025 MASB Board of Directors, Region 8	It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District designate Roderick Means as the Region 8 candidate for the MASB Board of Directors and direct the Executive Assistant of the Board of Education to cast the vote accordingly.
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Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

Principals’ Recognition Week	It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution establishing the week of February 24, 2025, as Principals’ Week in Livonia Public Schools
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Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

District Update from the Superintendent	Superintendent Oquist shared highlights of activities and events happening around the District as well as many District points of pride.
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Written Communications	None
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Response to Prior Audience Communication	None
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**Audience
Communications**

Prior to Regular meeting, the Webelo's Cub Scouts den from Hayes Elementary worked on earning a badge by interviewing President Bradford. During the Regular meeting, The Webelos den led the Pledge of Allegiance and shared information about projects they are working on.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following Consent Agenda item, as recommended by the Superintendent.

V.A. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1/27/25

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

**Approval of Purchase
of LMC Furniture**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint, and approve the Phase Four purchase of furniture for the Library Media Centers at Buchanan Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, Johnson Upper Elementary School, and Churchill High School from NBS Commercial Interiors, Troy, MI in an amount not to exceed \$1,345,000.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

**Approval of Contract
for Installation of Field
Lights**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation to award the installation of LED Retrofit Lighting for Churchill High School, Franklin High School and Stevenson High School to Airport Lighting, Luther, Michigan for a total cost of \$192,850, which includes a 6% contingency.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

**Approval of Purchase
of Dust Collectors for
LCTC**

It was moved by Mr. MacFarland and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation to

award the purchase and installation of a dust collecting system for the Construction Trades classroom at the LCTC to Allied Building Service Company, Detroit, MI for a total cost of \$114,000 which includes a 5% contingency.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

**Approval of Purchase
of Hydration Stations**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of 40 hydration stations for various buildings in the district from Ferguson Facilities Supply, Newport News, VA for a total cost of \$61,776.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

**Approval of Limited
Schools of Choice
(105/105c) 2025-2026**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to participate in Limited Schools of Choice under Section 105/105c for the 2025-2026 school year, with a minimum of 50 seats limited to grades K-6 as well as Niji-Iro and Webster ACAT which have testing requirements.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

**Approval of LCTC
Engineering Lab
Furniture and
Technology Purchase**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of new furniture from Interior Environments in Novi, MI for \$55,786 and technology from CDW-G in Chicago, IL for \$57,476, totaling \$113,262 for the Engineering Lab at the LCTC.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

Teacher for Approval

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the

Superintendent and offer employment for the 2024-2025 school year to:

Megan McGarry (1.0 FTE) Rosedale Elementary

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

Teacher for Tenure

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Burton 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:

Jacquelyn McPherson, effective 8/26/24

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

Leave of Absence

It was moved by Mr. MacFarland and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence for:

Kay Campbell, effective 3/10/25

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

Resignations

The Board was informed of the following resignations:

Clare Campagna-Fraley, effective 3/7/25

Mackenzie Simpson, effective 2/18/25

Retirements

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

Sydney Canterbury

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Sydney Canterbury will retire from the district on June 12, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Sydnie Canterbury has devoted 27 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Hoover Elementary, Marshall Elementary, Kennedy Elementary, Cass Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, Buchanan Elementary, Webster Elementary, Rosedale Elementary, Hayes Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary and Cooper Upper Elementary as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Sydnie Canterbury on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Patricia Fitzer

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Patricia Fitzer will retire from the district on April 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Patricia Fitzer has devoted 19.8 of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Western Wayne Skill Center; and,

WHEREAS, She has given conscientious, careful, and loyal service to the students, staff, and community during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby express its deep appreciation to Patricia Fitzer for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Jill McGlinch

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Jill McGlinch will retire from the district on June 6, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Jill McGlinch has devoted 27.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Kennedy Elementary as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Jill McGlinch on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson,
MacFarland
Nays: None

**Second Reading
Board Policy IB -
Goals and Objectives**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson 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 the Board Policy language for Board Policy IB – Goals and Objectives:

BOARD POLICY
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

IB
FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Our instruction programming is rooted in providing students with the skills, characteristics and qualities to be successful in the world beyond our doors. Beginning with preschool through post-secondary our students will be provided with the educational experiences to:

- Meet or exceed the state standards for each grade and content area to pursue their educational or career pathway.
- Understand the timeless values and universal principles of our Community with Character so that they develop the life skills and habits of mind that they need to thrive academically, socially and personally, now and in the future.
- Read, write, and think at high levels, feel confident working with others and have a sense of purpose in themselves.
- Have access to learning that is engaging, flexible, thoughtful, critical and collaborative, and supports their individualized needs.
- Be empowered to utilize a variety of tools to build their understanding and demonstrate their achievement.
- Contribute to their communities through active citizenship.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

**Second Reading
Board Policy IC –
Curriculum
Development**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt the Board Policy language for Board Policy IC – Curriculum Development:

BOARD POLICY	IC
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM	
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	FEBRUARY 18, 2025

The district curriculum is a carefully planned sequence of instruction, designed to achieve specific learning goals based on State of Michigan standards. It outlines the subjects, skills, and knowledge that students are expected to acquire at each grade level. The District will provide teachers with the necessary time, resources, and professional development opportunities to: conduct curriculum research and evaluation, pilot and implement new instructional strategies and programs, and continuously improve the curriculum based on student needs and best practices, within the allocated budget approved by the Board of Education.

LEGAL REF.: MCL 380.1277; 380.1282

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nays: None

**Second Reading
Board Policy IG –
Counseling and
Student Assistance**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank 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 the Board Policy language for Board Policy IG – Counseling and Student Assistance:

BOARD POLICY	IG
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM	
COUNSELING AND STUDENT ASSISTANCE	FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Students will have access to school-based guidance and counseling services to support their academic and social-emotional well-being. These services will focus on identifying individual student needs, coordinating and providing the appropriate resources that address and support the personal and social emotional challenges that affect learning.

LEGAL REF.: R380.1233 *et seq.*

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson,
MacFarland
Nays: None

First Reading Board Policy IDAA – Career Technical Education

The Policy Committee has reviewed the following changes:

BOARD POLICY	IDAA
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM	JUNE 20, 1988
VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	Reviewed 5/2014
CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION	

~~The School district shall operate a vocational educational program.~~
The school district shall offer high school students opportunities to take Career Technical Education (CTE) courses. Career Technical courses provide students with the skills and knowledge they need for postsecondary education and careers. CTE programs will be offered at each high school and at the Livonia Career Technical Center. All CTE courses shall be organized in accordance with Michigan Department of Education Career and Technical Education Standards and Perkins Core Performance Areas.

LEGAL REF.: MCL, 388,684; 380.1277; 380.1288; *et seq*

First Reading Board Policy DG – Deposit of Funds

The Policy Committee has reviewed the following changes:

BOARD POLICY	DG
FISCAL MANAGEMENT	JUNE 20, 1988
DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS	Reviewed 2/2014
DEPOSIT OF FUNDS	

The treasurer of the Board of Education shall deposit the ~~district~~ funds of the district in a depository ~~financial institution~~ determined ~~approved~~ by the Board.

LEGAL REF.: MCL 129.11 *et seq*; 380.1221; 380.1222; 380.1223

First Reading Board Policy DH – Bonded Employees

The Policy Committee has reviewed the following changes:

BOARD POLICY	DH
FISCAL MANAGEMENT	JUNE 20, 1988
BONDED EMPLOYEES	Reviewed 2/2014

~~All persons connected with the administration of district funds shall be bonded in accordance with the law.~~

The District shall purchase an individual bond or blanket bond that covers district employees involved in managing district funds.

First Reading Board Policy DL – Safeguarding District Assets

The Policy Committee has reviewed the following changes:

BOARD POLICY	DL
FISCAL MANAGEMENT	JUNE 20, 1988
CASH IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS	
SAFEGUARDING DISTRICT ASSETS	

The superintendent or designee shall ~~be responsible to see that~~ ensure the implementation and

~~enforcement of administrative regulations procedures are established and carried out so that all monies and equipment within all of the district's facilities are safeguarded. to safeguard all funds, equipment, and property throughout the district.~~

~~CROSS REF.: EC—Equipment and Supplies Management~~

Hearing from Board Members

In honor of Principals' Week next week, Mr. Johnson shared thanks and praise for LPS Principals' hard work and dedication. Mr. Johnson extended those words of thanks to all employees of the District acknowledging that every role and every person is essential for the success of the District.

Meeting Adjourned

President Bradford adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Supt.' AO/tg
C: Board