

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2016**

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

Members Present Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Members Absent None

Summer 2016 Bond Renovation Update Mrs. Stacy Jenkins, Administrator of Communications, presented an overview of the Summer 2016 Phase III bond renovations that took place at Grant, Hoover, and Randolph Elementary Schools; Johnson Upper Elementary School; Holmes Middle School; the completion of Franklin High School; and the initial renovations of the performing arts center at Stevenson High School.

Recognition of Lisa Abbey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services President Burton expressed the appreciation of the entire Board for Lisa Abbey's 13 plus years of dedicated service to Livonia Public Schools. She presented Lisa with a plaque, in recognition of her many talents, and wished her well in her new position. Superintendent Oquist also acknowledged and thanked Lisa for the many roles she held with the district and her commitment to LPS.

Written Communication None

Audience Communication Marilee Olsen addressed the Board to thank them for approving the pianos that were purchased for schools.

Jody White addressed the Board regarding concerns she has about the district and Churchill High School.

Response to Prior Audience Communication None

Consent Agenda It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Laura 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 August 15, 2016
- V.B. Minutes of the Closed Session of August 15, 2016
- V.C. Bills for Payment—September 20, 2016

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Summer 2016 Professional Development Program

Mrs. Sheila Alles, Chief Academic Officer, presented to the Board an overview of the district's professional development programs and sessions that were held during the summer.

Quarterly Report for 2013 Bond – Plante Moran CRESA

Paul Theriault , Plante Moran CRESA, presented the quarterly report for the 2013 bond. He gave a slide presentation and answered questions from Board members.

Approval of Bid Results for Four Replacement Tractors – 2013 Bond

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of four replacement John Deere tractors from Bader and Sons, South Lyon, Michigan for a total cost of \$192,334.36.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Approval of Lease Agreement for Gymnastics Program

Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve a lease agreement for the gymnastics program with the City of Livonia, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, for a total amount of \$66,271.00.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Abstain: Johnson (chair of Livonia Parks & Recreation Commission)

Appointment of Director of Finance

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and employ Alison Smith for the position of Director of Finance beginning September 20, 2016.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
 Nays: None

Teachers for Approval

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2016-17 school year to the teachers listed below:

Megan Bach	1.0 English Teacher, Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary
Christina Borrego	1.0 Grade 1 Teacher, Randolph Elementary
Charlotte Collins	.29 Music Teacher, Shared Time Program
Kelly Darke	.32 Art Teacher, Shared Time Program
Emily Goslow	1.0 Student Assistance Provider, Emerson M.S. & Franklin H.S.
Masako Green	1.0 Japanese Teacher, Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary
Olivia Hornshaw	.58 Spanish Teacher, Shared Time Program
Adriel Lechner	.4 Social Worker, Student Services
Nellie Maltby	.88 Art Teacher, Shared Time Program
Stephanie Manske	.6 Family & Consumer Science Teacher, Holmes M.S. & Franklin H.S.
Kimberly Mikonczyk	1.0 Kindergarten Teacher, Coolidge Elementary
Amy Neville	1.0 Grade 1 Teacher, Cass Elementary
Jennifer Reichow	.32 Computer Teacher, Shared Time Program
Stacy Rosner	.13 Spanish Instructor, Shared Time Program
Tracie Surma	1.0 Special Education Early Childhood Teacher, Roosevelt Elementary
Amanda Williams	1.0 Grade 1 Teacher, Cass Elementary

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
 Nays: None

Teachers for Recall

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to district employment as teachers for the 2016-17 school year the persons listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Ann Connors	0.4 Art: / (.3) Cooper Upper Elementary & (.1) Riley Upper Elementary
Christa Hinderliter	0.9: (.6) Physical Education/Franklin High School & (.3) Health/Stevenson High School
Carol Klun	0.5 Occupational Therapist/Student Services
Brian Rodgers	1.0: (.6) Social Studies & (.4) Title 1/Emerson Middle School
Paul Salisbury	1.0: (.9) Math/Livonia Career Center & (.1) Astronomy/Stevenson High School
Alexandra Starr	1.0 Science / (.8) Churchill High School & (.2) Stevenson High School
April Wholihan	0.6 English - Language Arts/Emerson Middle School

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

Teachers for Tenure

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 recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to the following teachers, effective on the respective dates:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ann Marie Connors	September 8, 2016
Megan Bruestle	September 19, 2016
Leeann Kuchta	August 30, 2016
Kimberly Mabie	September 22, 2016
Jennifer Penny	September 9, 2016
Rachel Robertson	September 15, 2016
Laura Shaffer	August 31, 2016
Laura Shannon	September 22, 2016
Patricia Smith	September 8, 2016
Claire Walker	September 19, 2016
Jennifer Warrick	August 25, 2016

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the requests for leaves of absence as listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Tracey Crews	2016-2017 school year
Jadie Kieft	September 19, 2016
Courtney Younan	2016-2017 school year

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

Resignations

The Board was informed that, as authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 20, 2016, resignations have been accepted by the director of human resources for

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Lisa Abbey	September 19, 2016
Dena Gryebet	September 2, 2016
Franklin Howard	June 30, 2016

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura,
McDonnell
Nays: None

Retirements

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

Sharon Belcher will retire from the district on September 30, 2016, and will have devoted 37.3 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a keypunch operator and secretary with Data Management Services, Purchasing Department, Warehouse, and the IT Department.

Veronica Blank retired from the district on August 10, 2016, and has devoted 13.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to Livonia Public Schools as a special education paraprofessional at Churchill High School and Western Wayne Skill Center.

Phyllis Spoutz will retire from the district on November 1, 2016, and will have devoted 12.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a transportation paraprofessional in the Transportation Department.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura,
McDonnell
Nays: None

**Approval of
Contract - LEA**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education enter into a one-year contract with the Livonia Education Association, whose agreement has been ratified by LEA members. Said contract shall continue until August 15, 2017

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura,
McDonnell
Nays: None

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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