

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2011**

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, Patrice Mang, Gregory Oke, Randy Roulier, Lynda Scheel

Members Absent None

Gift to LPS Robotics Club It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous gifts of \$5,000 from Aisin Technical Center of America, \$5,000 from BAE Systems, and \$2,000 from ITT Technical Institute, for a total of \$12,000 to the Livonia Public Schools' Robotics Club.

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

Golden Apple Award to Lynn Neavill Trustee Oke presented the Golden Apple Award to Lynn Neavill, grandparent volunteer at Garfield Elementary School, and thanked her for the time and support she gives to Garfield staff and students.

Read Across America Resolution It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution below, recognizing the contribution made to children's literature by renowned author, Dr. Seuss, and the focus on reading to children during March, the month of his birthday.

**Read Across America
Resolution**

WHEREAS, citizens of the Livonia Public Schools School District, stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability compete in a global economy, and;

WHEREAS, "Read Across America," a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's 107th birthday on March 2, 2011, is sponsored by the Livonia Education Association, in cooperation with the National Educational Association, and promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District call upon their citizens to assure that every child is reading together with a caring adult throughout the month of March (celebrated today, March 21, with Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

Robert Freeman, Secretary
Livonia Board of Education

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

Recess

It was moved by Mr. Oke and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District recess the meeting at 7:34 p.m. to visit with guests.

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

Reconvene

President Scheel reconvened the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Written Communication

None

Audience Communication

Loyd Romick, 33437 Michele Ct., addressed the Board regarding rubber mulch and Board meetings.

Response to Prior Audience Communication

None

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Freeman and supported by Ms. Mang 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 February 7, 2011
- IV.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 23, 2011
- IV.C. Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 7, 2011
- VI.A. Bills for Payment—March 22, 2011
- VI.B. Approval of Lease Extension for Stymelski Park
Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the lease extension to June 30, 2016 for the City of Livonia at Stymelski Park.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO LEASE AGREEMENT
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED that the Lease Agreement, dated June 1, 2000, by and between the CITY OF LIVONIA, a Michigan municipal corporation, whose address is 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, the Lessee, and LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154, the Lessor, be reaffirmed as written and amended so that paragraphs 2 and 4 of the Lease shall read as follows:

2. **TERM.** The term of this Lease shall be for a period of years, commencing on June 1, 2000 and terminating on June 30, 2016, unless otherwise terminated, extended or renewed as hereinafter provided.

4. **REQUEST TO EXTEND OR RENEW LEASE.** If the Lessee is current in all its obligations to the Lessor and has otherwise performed as required hereunder, it may seek to extend or renew this Lease Agreement by sending written notice to Lessor no later than ninety (90) days in advance of the expiration of this Lease Agreement of its desire to extend, whereupon this Lease Agreement shall be extended or renewed for an additional five (5) year term which shall expire on June 30, 2021 unless Lessor shall have sent written notice to Lessee no later than sixty (60) days in advance of the expiration of this Lease Agreement that this Lease Agreement shall not be extended or renewed because of the Lessor's need to use and occupy the leased premises. Failure of Lessee to request an extension or renewal of this Lease Agreement in the manner and within the time specified shall preclude any automatic extension or renewal thereof. Any renewal or extension of this Agreement shall be subject to all the terms, conditions and obligations specified herein as well as any terms which may hereafter be specified as applicable to the extended or renewed term.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of
LCEA Contract**

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Oke that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District enter into a two-year contract with the AFSCME-LCEA union which was ratified on February 15, 2011 by AFSCME-LCEA members. Said contract is to commence July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2012.

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

Nays: None

CLASS

Sheila Alles, Director of Academic Services, gave a presentation on CLASS (Continuous Learning and Student Success), which showcased the implementation of the state's high school content expectations for one of the new twelfth grade English language arts classes, Humanities. The presentation highlighted the Humanities class at Churchill High School, with teacher Gail Mack.

**Resolution for
Seat Time
Waivers**

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution below to allow Livonia Public Schools to take advantage of the seat time waiver, which allows high school students to take online classes.

**SEAT TIME WAIVER
RESOLUTION**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District was held at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, in the Board Room of the administration building on the 21st day of March, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by _____

Present: _____

Absent: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by _____ and supported by _____:

WHEREAS, Section 5O of the Pupil Accounting Manual allows Michigan school districts to offer credit for up to two self-scheduled online classes per semester for high school students; and

WHEREAS, the school districts of Genesee County have received a seat time waiver from State Superintendent Mike Flanagan pursuant to the Michigan Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, this seat time waiver allows up to 10% of high school students in the service area to take up to a full schedule of online classes; and

WHEREAS, these classes are offered through GenNET (Genesee County's voice, video, and data network); and

WHEREAS, the courses offered by GenNET are taught by highly qualified instructors, as required; and

WHEREAS, these courses are aligned with the Michigan Merit Curriculum, as required; and

WHEREAS, State Superintendent Mike Flanagan will allow all districts that establish partnerships with their regional educational service agency and the Genesee Intermediate School District to take advantage of the seat time waiver, which allows high school students to take up to a full schedule of online classes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District will allow these online classes to be offered for high school graduation credit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and/or his designee has the opportunity to execute documents necessary to implement the above referenced GenNET Online Learning Program.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Resolution declared adopted.

Attested by:

Lynda L. Scheel, President
Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education

Robert J. Freeman, Secretary
Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education

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

Approval of Bids for Churchill Pool and Classroom Renovations

It was moved by Ms. Mang and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch & Company, authorize the Construction Manager to prepare the contracts between Livonia Public Schools School District and the following companies:

Proposal	Trade	Contractor	Bid
A	Selective Demolition	DKI, Inc.	\$ 15,700
B	Site Utilities	Service Construction, LLC.	\$ 27,600
C	Concrete Foundation & Flatwork	McCarthy Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 87,430
D	Masonry	Zimmerman Masonry Inc.	\$ 95,100
E	Structural Steel	Cass Erectors and Fabricators	\$ 25,580
F	Carpentry Doors, Frames & Hardware	North American Construction Enterprises, LLC	\$ 26,450
G	Frames, Doors, Hardware & Glazing	Glasco Corporation	\$ 25,424
H	Overhead Door	Overhead Door West	\$ 1,525
I	Roofing	Esko Roofing and Steel Metal, Inc.	\$ 33,300
J	Waterproofing & Joint Sealants	DC Byers Company	\$ 8,695
K	Acoustical Ceiling	Elkhorn Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 51,813
L	Resilient Flooring	Shock Brothers Floor Covering, Inc.	\$ 4,700
M	Painting and Epoxy Flooring	Seven Brothers Painting, Inc.	\$ 25,334
N	Swimming Pool	B & B Pool Services and Supply Company	\$ 294,479
O	Plumbing	Oakland Plumbing Co.	\$ 93,113
P	HVAC Mechanical	Delta Temp., Inc.	\$ 542,200
Q	Electrical	Gillis Electrical, Inc.	\$ 238,400

for a total of \$1,596,843. Also move that upon receipt of the contracts executed by the contractors and approved payment and performance bonds, Rodney J. Hosman, Director of Secondary Programs and Facilities, is authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education.

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

Approval of Bids for Franklin Gymnasium Improvements

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch & Company, authorize the Construction Manager to prepare the contracts between Livonia Public Schools School District and the following companies:

Proposal	Trade	Contractor	Bid
A	Selective Demolition	Blue Star, Inc.	\$ 20,245
B	Masonry	Zimmerman Masonry Inc.	\$ 5,800
C	Rough & Finish Carpentry	Elkhorn Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 50,237
D	Aluminum Frames & Glazing	Glasco Corporation	\$ 46,804
E	Acoustical Ceiling	R.E. Leggette Company	\$ 3,134
F	Resilient Flooring	Turner Brooks, Inc.	\$ 3,000
G	Gym Wood Floor Refinishing	Star School Flooring Corp.	\$ 20,400
H	Painting	Alpha and Omega Painting Contractors, Inc.	\$ 29,500
I	Lockers (Alt 1)	Steel Equipment Company	\$ 47,000
J	HVAC Mechanical	John E. Green Company	\$ 231,900
K	Electrical	Moote Electrical, Inc.	\$ 107,750

for a total of \$565,770. Also move that upon receipt of the contracts executed by the contractors and approved payment and performance bonds, Rodney J.

Hosman, Director of Secondary Programs and Facilities, is authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education.

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

Approval of Bids for Emerson BAS Upgrades Renovations

It was moved by Mr. Oke and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, based upon the recommendation of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch & Company, authorize the Construction Manager to prepare the contracts between Livonia Public Schools School District and the following companies:

Proposal	Trade	Contractor	Bid
A	HVAC Controls	Midwest Illumination, Inc.	\$ 77,297
B	Testing, Adjusting & Balancing	International Test and Balance, Inc.	\$ 7,100

for a total of \$84,397. Also move that upon receipt of the contracts executed by the contractors and approved payment and performance bonds, Rodney J. Hosman, Director of Secondary Programs and Facilities, is authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education.

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

Approval of Teachers

It was moved by Ms. Mang and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall the following teachers to district employment for the 2010-2011 school year: **Andrea Glomski** and **Brenda Howe**.

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

Teacher for Tenure

It was moved by Mr. Freeman and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to **Donald Stromberg**, effective 1/18/2011.

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

Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for personal leave of absence for **Debbie Clement and Jennifer Warrick**, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

**Resolution
Regarding
Governor's
Budget
Proposal**

It was moved by Mr. Freeman and supported by Ms. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution below in reference to Livonia Public Schools' position regarding Governor Snyder's proposed budget cuts and the negative impact they will have on K-12 schools.

**GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District is desirous of providing quality education for the students it serves; and

WHEREAS, The Governor has proposed drastic cuts to K-12 schools across the state; and

WHEREAS, The combined funding loss per student, including state mandated retirement cost increases, is over \$700 per student, which equates to over \$11 million; and

WHEREAS, The Livonia Public Schools School District has already reduced its budget by \$44 million this decade; and

WHEREAS, The Livonia Public Schools School District has been proactive in reducing costs, including closing schools, negotiating employee concessions, reducing administrative costs, implementing programs to reduce health care, general liability insurance and energy costs, among many other items; and

WHEREAS, The Livonia Public Schools School District has reduced costs by sharing services for food service, purchasing supplies and goods, teacher professional development, bus maintenance, and a variety of student programs, among many other things; and

WHEREAS, The Livonia Public Schools School District has reduced its support services budgets by over 30%; and

WHEREAS, The state of Michigan has increased retirement costs to local districts over the two years beginning in 2010-2011 by 44%; and

WHEREAS, The community in the Livonia Public Schools School District continues to support its schools through overwhelming millage approvals and parental support; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's proposed budget will put the Livonia Public Schools School District into deficit, causing a negative impact on programs for students; and

WHEREAS, A recent *Detroit Free Press* poll of Michigan citizens clearly indicates they do not support any additional funding cuts to their public schools; and

WHEREAS, If the Governor's budget proposal is approved, it will have a devastating impact on the remaining programs and services provided to students; so

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District implores legislators and the Governor to reject the current proposal from the Governor for school funding for the 2011-2012 school year, as it will have a significant negative impact on our community and the entire state of Michigan.

Robert J. Freeman, Secretary
Livonia Board of Education

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

**First Reading
of Board
Policy:**

It was reported by Ms. Mang that the Policy Committee has reviewed revised language for the proposed new policy listed below.

**JBD –
Homeless
Students**

**BOARD POLICY
STUDENTS
HOMELESS STUDENTS**

**JBD
DATE**

Students who meet the definition of “homeless children and youths” under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act* will be provided a free and appropriate public education in the same manner as all other students of the District and will not be stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless. Students eligible under the “Homeless Act” will be provided services and may participate in programs comparable to other students in the District. Board policy, administrative guidelines, and practices will not be interpreted or applied in such a way as to inhibit the enrollment, attendance, participation or school success of eligible students.

The Superintendent will appoint a Liaison for Homeless Children who will perform the duties as assigned by the Superintendent. Additionally, the Liaison will coordinate and collaborate with the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth as well as with community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to eligible homeless children and youths.

LEGAL REF.: 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.

*Subtitle B, SEC. 725 of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act states:

(2) The term ‘homeless children and youths’—

(A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 103(a)(1)); and

(B) includes--

(i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;

(ii) children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C));

(iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and

(iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

**Second
Reading &
Adoption of**

It was moved by Mr. Oke and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language per the document below:

**Board Policy
ABCC – Board
Member Term
of Office**

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
BOARD MEMBER TERM OF OFFICE**

**ABCC
MARCH 21, 2011**

Members of the Board of Education shall be elected to serve for a term of four years on a rotation basis. The terms shall commence on January 1 following the annual school election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and continue until their successors are elected/appointed and qualified.

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

Second Reading & Adoption of

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Oke that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language per the document below:

**Board Policy
BBAA – Method of Electing Board Officers**

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
BOARD OPERATIONS
METHOD OF ELECTING BOARD OFFICERS**

**BBAA
MARCH 21, 2011**

All officers shall be elected annually on or before the second Monday in January by the Board of Education and shall serve for one year.

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

Second Reading & Adoption of

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language per the document below:

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

**BOARD POLICY
DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

**EBA
MARCH 21, 2011**

The Board of Education believes that it is a fundamental interest of the Livonia Public Schools School District to preserve, maintain, and retain ownership of its lands and buildings. The primary covenant of this policy is that the sale and permanent dispossession of the real property of this district is disfavored. The Board will strictly scrutinize any unsolicited requests for the sale and permanent dispossession of its real property to determine whether there is a compelling interest for the district to sell or dispossess assets which substantially outweigh the Board's primary policy disfavoring such action.

In the event the Board of Education decides to exercise its property powers to sell real estate, the Board must authorize the conditions for sale. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all offers at its sole discretion. No property will be offered for sale until an independent appraisal is completed. Employees of the school district and members of the Board of Education shall be prohibited from purchasing directly or indirectly any real estate offered by the district.

The Board may authorize the administration to use qualified consultants who have expertise in land development matters on an hourly basis. The compensation paid to consultants can never be based upon percentage or commission formulas unless approved by the Board in which case the Board would seek a payment formula which allowed the district to opt for the lesser of either a fixed payment schedule or a percentage on a commission formula.

Proceeds derived from the sale of real estate will be held in trust in a special capital project fund account identified separately from any other capital project funds which shall be used for purchasing other real estate for the district and/or for renovating, replacing, or developing real estate, facilities, or capital equipment as authorized by the Board of Education

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

Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Ms. Mang that the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2011 be adjourned.

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

Nays: None

President Scheel adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Off/Supt/jw