

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
October 21, 2013**

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

Members Present Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Mark Johnson, Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell, Julie Robinson, Randy Roulier

Members Absent None

Student Art Gallery Recognition – Jackson & Perrinville Stacy Jenkins, administrator of communications, recognized the artistic talent of preschool students from Jackson and Perrinville Early Childhood Centers, and pointed out their creative artwork on display behind the Board table. Mrs. Jenkins presented Carol Carignan from Perrinville and Gayle Fedoronko from Jackson with plaques for their schools, in recognition and appreciation of the artwork from their students.

Recognition of Gift from TRW Automotive It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous gift of \$3,500 from TRW Automotive, to be used for literacy programs.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier
Nays: None

Recess It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board recess for five to ten minutes to visit with guests.

The meeting was recessed at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Written Communication None

Audience Communication Loyd Romick, 33437 Michelle Ct., addressed the Board regarding employee salaries and a FOIA request he submitted.

Response to Prior Audience Communication None

Consent Agenda It was moved by Mrs. Robinson and supported by Mrs. McDonnell 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 September 16, 2013
- IV.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 30, 2013

V.A. Approval of Adult and Continuing Education Program of Study
VI.A. Bills for Payment—October 22, 2013

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier
Nays: None

**Essential
Elements –
Standards for
Special
Education
Students**

Kathy Donagrandi, administrator of student services, presented to the Board *Essential Elements*, the new English language arts and mathematics curriculum that is now the standard for special education students. Mrs. Donagrandi gave a brief overview of the various levels of testing for the wide range of special education students and addressed questions from Board members.

**Conditional
Reinstatement of
Secondary
Student**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the administration's recommendation to conditionally reinstate a student who was expelled from Emerson Middle School in November 2012. The student (145502) is to be reinstated effective November 4, 2013.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier
Nays: None

**Conditional
Reinstatement of
Secondary
Student**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the administration's recommendation to conditionally reinstate a student who was expelled from Frost Middle School in October 2012. The student (240209) is to be reinstated effective January 27, 2014.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier
Nays: None

**Bid Results for
Purchase of Fuel**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of diesel and gasoline fuel for the Transportation Department from the low bidder RKA Petroleum Companies, Romulus, Michigan for the estimated cost of \$3.22 per gallon for diesel fuel and \$2.83 for gasoline.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier
Nays: None

**Approval of
Waste Removal
Agreement**

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the Superintendent, Randy Liepa, to enter into an agreement for waste removal services with Waste Management Company through June 30, 2014 at the rates provided in the September 17, 2013 bid proposal.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, Robinson, Roulier
Nays: McDonnell

Approval of Lease Renewal with Garfield Cooperative Preschool

It was moved by Mrs. Robinson and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve a lease agreement with Garfield Cooperative Preschool, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, for a total amount of \$9,599.00

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier
Nays: None

Approval of Lease Renewal with Sunflower Montessori School

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve a lease agreement with Sunflower Montessori, LLC, effective August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014, for a total amount of \$23,461.00

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier
Nays: None

Approval of Teachers

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2013-2014 school year to the following teachers:

Kristin Lee
Robert Hough
Lindsey Szurek

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier
Nays: None

Granting Tenure Status to Specified Teachers

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

Jacqueline Banner	November 9, 2013
Jeanne Fuller	November 9, 2013
Nicole Rosemary	October 26, 2013
Ashley Witherspoon	November 5, 2013

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier
Nays: None

Retirements

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

Linda Hall, who will retire from the district on December 31, 2013, and will have devoted 23.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a general helper and cook baker II at Emerson Middle School.

Ann Kalec, who will retire from the district on October 31, 2013, and will have devoted 24.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cooper Upper Elementary School as a principal, and Coolidge Elementary School as a teacher and principal.

Lynn Pensari, who will retire from the district on October 31, 2013, and will have devoted 20.2 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students throughout the District as a teacher of the visually impaired and a teacher consultant with the Student Services Department.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Robinson, Roulier
Nays: None

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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