

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
Regular Meeting
August 21, 2023**

President Johnson convened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present

Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson

Members Absent

Frank

**District Update
from the
Superintendent**

Superintendent Oquist presented highlights of recent activities taking place across the District, as well as upcoming events.

**Written
Communications**

None

**Response to Prior
Audience
Communications**

None

**Audience
Communications**

An individual addressed the Board with a question regarding a Niji-Iro teacher and busing for Niji-Iro students. Another individual addressed the Board regarding the anti-bullying policy and the enforcement of that policy.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Burton 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 Public Hearing of June 19, 2023
- V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 19, 2023
- V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of June 19, 2023
- V.D. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2023
- V.E. Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 31, 2023
- V.F. Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 3, 2023
- VI.A. Tuition Rate for 2023-24
- VI.B. Purchase of Copy Paper
- VI.C. Food Service Purchases
- VII.A. Purchase of i-Ready Instructional and Diagnostic Licenses

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Adoption of
2023-24 Bylaws to
Establish Meeting
Dates and Other
Procedures**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt bylaws to establish 2023-2024 Board meeting dates, procedures for the calling and posting of Board meetings, and authorization to sign contracts and legal documents for the Board.

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023-2024**

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District shall be held at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- August 21, 2023
- September 25, 2023
- October 23, 2023
- November 20, 2023
- December 18, 2023
- January 29, 2024
- February 26, 2024
- March 18, 2024
- April 22, 2024
- May 20, 2024
- June 17, 2024

The Board regularly holds Committee and Study Session meetings throughout the year. Additional Special meetings and/or Board Workshops may also be scheduled as needed.

Special meetings of the Board of Education may be called by the President of the Board, or any three members of the Board, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, place, and purpose of such meetings. Such notice shall be in accordance with law.

The Secretary of the Board shall cause public notice to be given of all meetings of the Board of Education in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

The President and/or Secretary of the Board shall be authorized to sign all contracts and legal documents on behalf of the Board of Education following approval by resolution of the Board, unless the Board specifically designates other members of the Board or administration in its resolution to approve the contract or legal document.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

**Designation of
2023-24 Bank
Depositories**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District designate JPMorgan Chase Bank and Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus as depositories for the School District during the 2023-24 school year.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

Appointment of Investment Officer

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District appoint the Treasurer, Ms. Alison Smith, as the Investment Officer in conjunction with the District's Investment Policy for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Appointment of Staff Member to be in Charge of Elections

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District acknowledge the appointment of Phillip Francis as the staff member in charge of school elections for the 2023-2024 school year. This appointment is made by the Board Secretary with formal acknowledgment by the Board of Education.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Appointment of Staff Member to be Responsible for Posting Board Meeting Notices

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District acknowledge the appointment of the Superintendent as the administrator in charge of posting meeting notices. This appointment is made by the Board Secretary with formal acknowledgment by the Board of Education.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Purchase of Buses – 2021 Bond

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of school buses from Holland Bus Company, Holland, Michigan for a cost of \$459,035.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Purchase of Bus Cameras

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase and installation of bus cameras from REI, Omaha, Nebraska, for a total amount of \$438,000, which includes contingency.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Purchase of
Doors and
Hardware – 2021
Bond**

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 from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, and approve the purchase of doors and hardware replacement from Wally Kosorski Co. LLC, Clinton Twp, Michigan, in the amount not to exceed \$811,971, which includes hard construction, fees, and contingency.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Purchase of
Apple
Technology
Products for
Student Services**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of iPads, iPad cases, software and warranties from Apple for our ASD programs in the amount of \$21,285.20 and our MOCI program in the amount of \$10,059.00; for a total amount of \$31,344.20.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Grades 5-6 Social
Studies Textbook
Adoption**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of six years of digital access and classroom textbooks: *Social Studies Alive! America's Past* for fifth grade and *Geography Alive! Regions and People* for sixth grade, from TCI, for a total cost of \$230,233.50.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Purchase of
Social Emotional
Learning
Curriculum**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of Social Emotional Learning Curriculum from Center for the Collaborative Classroom, for K-6 classrooms, in the amount of \$36,400.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Purchase of
Project Lead the
Way Materials**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of materials from Project Lead the Way for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year, for a cost of \$380,256 plus contingency.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
 Nays: None

Teachers for Approval

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford 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 2023-24 school year to the following teachers:

Megan Bartenslager	1.0 School Social Worker	Student Services
Jessica Beauvais	1.0 Kindergarten Teacher	Coolidge
Kelli Bishop	1.0 Art Teacher	Riley
Shannon Boardman	1.0 Special Education Teacher	.6 Buchanan .4 Kennedy
Rebecca Burger	1.0 Teacher ASD	Student Services
Gwendolyn Carey	1.0 Teacher FCS/ELA	Franklin
Samantha Caswell	1.0 Resource Room Teacher	Hayes
Linsey Childress	1.0 First Grade Teacher	Roosevelt
Lindsay Dorosz	1.0 Third Grade Teacher	Kennedy
Angela Frank	1.0 Student Assistance Provider	Franklin
Bethany Garbutt	1.0 Title 1 Learning Interventionist	Roosevelt
Meagan Grammatico	1.0 Music Teacher	Roosevelt
Jacquelyn Green	1.0 Second Grade Teacher	Kennedy
Tara Haddad	1.0 Science Teacher	Franklin
Jillian Hartman	1.0 Math Teacher	Stevenson
Marie Honicker	1.0 Art Teacher	Cleveland
Jessi Howard	1.0 Teacher	Johnson
Kelly Johnson	1.0 Special Education Teacher	Garfield
Meghan Kelley	1.0 GSRP Lead Teacher	Garfield
Michael Krcatovich	1.0 Math Teacher	Churchill
Jason Lang	1.0 Teacher of Speech & Language	Student Services
Cindy Long	1.0 Student Assistance Provider	Cooper
Dominic Martin	1.0 Spanish Teacher	Stevenson
Stephen Martinez	1.0 Music Teacher	Cleveland
Yvette Mays	1.0 GSRP Lead Teacher	Garfield
Carrie McCabe	1.0 Fourth Grade Teacher	Buchanan
Julie McConnell	1.0 Fourth Grade Teacher	Mallory McLean
	1.0 School Social Worker	Student Services
Katherine Miller	1.0 Resource Room Teacher	Emerson
David Morrow	1.0 Teacher	Roosevelt
Faith Padron	1.0 Math Teacher	.6 Emerson .4 Frost
Sarah Petrie	1.0 Fourth Grade Teacher	Roosevelt
Danielle Rachuy	1.0 Resource Room Teacher	Student Services
Chloe Ramsay	1.0 Teacher	Johnson
Lauren Robisch	1.0 French Teacher	.8 Churchill .2 Frost
Kelly Rose	1.0 Teacher	Johnson
Alaina Scheidel	1.0 Teacher of Speech & Language	Student Services
Andrea Simons	1.0 Kindergarten Teacher	Roosevelt
Vanesa Skocelas-Johnson	1.0 Art Teacher	Roosevelt
Jodi Steimei	1.0 ELL Teacher	Academic Services
Lori Thome	1.0 Sixth Grade Teacher	Johnson
Jack Tolen	1.0 Teacher of Cognitively Impaired	Student Services
Olivia Urdiales	1.0 School Social Worker	Student Services

Kayla Verble	1.0 Teacher	Riley
Leslie Walsh	1.0 School Psychologist	Student Services
Amy Wood	1.0 School Social Worker	Student Services
Stephanie Yassine	1.0 School Social Worker	Student Services

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

Teacher for Recall

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to the district employment as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year:

Breanna James	Niji-Iro	1.0 FTE
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Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

Teachers for Tenure

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Acosta 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 teacher, effective on the respective date:

Brandon Aaron	8/28/23
Mary Anton	8/29/23
Jennifer Bachakes	8/28/23
Anna Burris	8/28/23
Emily Butler	8/28/23
Pamela Cabble	8/13/23
Lisa Cervantes	8/29/23
Kristin Chiasson	8/30/23
Melissa Condevaux	8/28/23
Alyssa Daoust	8/28/23
Kristina Gedvilas	8/28/23
Madonna Jaghab	8/28/23
Michael Juncaj	8/28/23
Allyson King	8/28/23
Jennifer Mitchell	8/28/23
Bridget Mitchem	8/28/23
Kelsey Morris	8/28/23
Sarah Pinto	8/28/23
Laura Rea	8/28/23
Ashley Seelbach	8/13/23
Jessica Thimm	8/28/23
Meghan Traub	8/28/23
Matthew Van Ham	8/30/23
Jennifer Vertin	8/28/23
Robert Wolowski	8/30/23

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the request for leaves of absence for the 2023-24 school year, as listed:

Jody Stowell
Faith Turnbull
Erin Winslow

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
 Nays: None

Resignations

The Board was informed of the following resignations:

Amanda Belczak	August 8, 2023
Amy Bengala	August 21, 2023
Briana Bertera-Morrison	August 10, 2023
Melissa Blanchard	August 18, 2023
Lyndsay Crane	July 27, 2023
Morgan Detweiler	August 15, 2023
Kevin English	July 25, 2023
Lindsay Hess	August 9, 2023
Alyse McDermott	August 7, 2023
Claire Matthews	August 22, 2023
Hannah Miller	August 11, 2023
Elise Mindick	August 8, 2023
Courtney Morrison	August 22, 2023
Rebecca Parise	August 18, 2023
Mary Rogowski	August 18, 2023
Taylor Raymond	July 31, 2023
Sarah Renner	August 10, 2023
Jessica Ritter	August 11, 2023
Ariana Salisbury	August 7, 2023
Zachary Seasock	July 5, 2023
Mackenzie Smith	August 4, 2023
Jennifer Weaver	August 12, 2023

Retirements

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

Julie Hamrick, who retired from the District on August 4, 2023, and devoted 27 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School as a teacher.

Dawn Lentz, who retired from the District on June 30, 2023, and devoted 26.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a driver in the Transportation Department.

Carol Secco, who retired from the District on June 14, 2023, and devoted 10.7 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Hayes Elementary School.

Jill Wozniak, who will retire from the District on September 29, 2023, and will have devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a bookkeeper at the Livonia Career Technical Center; a secretary in the

Adult Education Program at Dickinson Center, Jackson Early Childhood Center, and Central Office; and an executive assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Board Members
to Take MASB
Classes and
Attend Annual
Leadership
Conference**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve that Board Trustees may participate in the November 9-12, 2023, MASB Annual Leadership Conference in Lansing, Michigan, and take MASB classes for a total cost of approximately \$8,000.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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