

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
September 28, 2020**

President Johnson convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Members Absent

None

Recognition of Board Members for MASB Awards

Mrs. Stacy Jenkins, administrator of communications, recognized Board members for achieving Honor Board status (all seven members are MASB certified) – one of only six school boards in the State of Michigan to achieve this. She also recognized the following Board members for individual MASB awards: President Johnson – Master Board; Vice President Burton – Master Diamond; and Board trustee Frank – Award of Merit.

Written Communication

None

Audience Communication

Carl Goines shared his concerns regarding students not being able to adequately social distance during sports and in-person instruction.

Mike Testa shared information regarding the Wayne County Enhancement Millage and the Candidate Forum for individuals running for a seat on the LPS Board of Education.

Response to Prior Audience Communication

None

District Update from the Superintendent

Superintendent Oquist:

- Announced that Webster Elementary received National Blue Ribbon School status for their overall academic excellence.
- Extended her appreciation to the many volunteers who put together printed packets for students (containing their emergency card, student handbook, etc.). Student packets are now completely online, thanks to Daniel Willenborg and the IT Department. Information on emergency cards can now be updated instantly through Parent Connect.

**Consent
Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Centers 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 17, 2020
- VII.B. Approval to Purchase Bulk Salt
Detroit Salt Company for a total cost of \$75,030
- VII.C. Approval of Waste Removal Contract Extension
Detroit Disposal and Recycling with a 2% cost increase
- VII.D. Approval to Purchase Pizza for School Meal Program
Pizza Hut, in the amount of \$120,000.
- VII.E. Approval to Purchase Dairy Products for School Meal
Program
Cedar Crest Dairy Inc., in the amount of \$160,000.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Approval of
Extended
Continuity of
Learning Plan**

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 *Extended Continuity of Learning Plan* for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. This plan includes a gradual return to in-person instruction, beginning on Monday, October 5, 2020.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Purchase of
i-Ready
Instructional
Licenses**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of the online adaptive instruction and assessment program, i-Ready Diagnostic Assessments for Math and Reading, from Curriculum Associates, for a total of \$302,221.00. This total includes free professional development, for a savings of \$55,635.00.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Purchase of
Program
Supplies – State
Grant**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Frank that that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of supplies for a multisensory approach to reading instruction from the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education, for a total amount of \$95,167.50.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Resolution for
Bond
Refinancing**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve a resolution to ratify the refunding of the 2013 Bonds, Series I and 2014 Refunding Bonds.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**School Meal
Program
Vendor**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation of Van Eerden Foodservice Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, to supply the district with food items and non-food products for the 2020-2021 school year in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.00.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Technology for
School Meal
Program**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of computers, monitors and scanners for the Food and Nutrition Service Department from CDW-G, Vernon Hills, Illinois in the amount of \$75,809.00.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Thermal
Monitoring and
Control
Systems**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of Thermal Monitoring and Control Systems from Global Office Solutions, Novi, Michigan, for a total cost of \$37,485.00.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Purchase of
Plexiglass**

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 purchase of Personal Protective Equipment, in the form of single panel plexiglass protection barriers, in the amount of \$34,465.00 from School Specialty, Chicago, Illinois.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Purchase of
Folding Chairs
& Storage
Dollies – 2013
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 folding chairs and folding chair dollies from School Specialty, Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$50,769.43.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Purchase of
Choral Risers –
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 choral risers from School Specialty, Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$81,166.59.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

**Approval of
Teachers**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2020-21 school year to the following teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Abel, Macy	1.0 Riley Upper Elementary	8/31/20
Adams, Kristy	1.0 Johnson Upper Elementary	8/31/20
Bagian, Peggy	1.0 Cooper Upper Elementary	8/31/20
Berman, Madison	1.0 Cooper Upper Elementary	8/31/20
Birchmeier, Chelsea	1.0 Churchill High School	9/3/20
Bixler, Olivia	1.0 Webster Elementary	8/31/20
Bone, Casey	1.0 Cleveland Elementary	8/31/20
Brown, Brittany	1.0 Buchanan Elementary	8/31/20
Brown, Kelly	1.0 Johnson Upper Elementary	9/2/20
Cadotte, Elizabeth	1.0 Frost Middle School	8/31/20
Ciuffetelli, Thomas	1.0 Frost Middle School	8/31/20
Cleveland, Eleanor	1.0 Johnson Upper Elementary	8/31/20
Collins, Nicole	1.0 Churchill High School	8/31/20
Conley, Tracy	1.0 Riley Upper Elementary	9/2/20
Culp, Jaclynn	1.0 Roosevelt Elementary	8/31/20
Currie, Sara	1.0 Roosevelt Elementary	8/31/20
Drolet, Angela	1.0 Buchanan Elementary	8/31/20
Duffy, Alicia	1.0 Student Services	9/8/20
Durand, Amanda	1.0 Student Services	8/31/20
Elwood, Rebecca	1.0 Randolph Elementary	8/31/20
Field, Heather	1.0 Randolph Elementary	8/31/20
Filiatraut, Janice	1.0 Hoover Elementary	8/31/20
Flannigan, Melissa	1.0 Franklin High School	9/3/20
Gallagher, Kristin	1.0 Rosedale Elementary	8/31/20
Genord, Haylie	1.0 Randolph Elementary	8/31/20
Griffith, Kimberly	1.0 Frost Middle School	8/31/20
Held, Heather	1.0 Cooper Elementary	8/31/20

Kernan, Kristine	1.0 Livonia Career Tech Center	8/31/20
Kummerl, Zada	1.0 Cooper Upper Elementary	8/31/20
Lovett, Sydney	1.0 Riley Upper Elementary	8/31/20
Marshall, Brenna	1.0 Coolidge Elementary	8/31/20
Mifsud, Lindsey	1.0 Coolidge Elementary	8/31/20
Miller, Hannah	1.0 Holmes Middle School	8/31/20
Misenar, Jillian	1.0 Webster Elementary	8/31/20
Mulville, Jill	1.0 Jackson Early Childhood	9/2/20
Nelson, Levi	.43 Shared Time	9/2/20
O'Brien, Allison	1.0 Coolidge Elementary	8/31/20
Olson, Amanda	1.0 Grant Elementary	8/31/20
Osborne, Whitney	1.0 Stevenson High School	9/2/20
Pilaftsidis, Maria	1.0 Franklin High School	9/3/20
Richardson, Lindsay	1.0 Cleveland Elementary	8/31/20
Ronayne, Kennedy	1.0 Riley Upper Elementary	8/31/20
Rosner, Stacy	1.0 Holmes Middle School	9/3/20
Salvia, Kathryn	1.0 Stevenson High School	8/31/20
Schroeder, Katelyn	1.0 Riley Upper Elementary	8/31/20
Smith, Kiley	0.5 Emerson Middle School	9/3/20
	0.5 Franklin High School	
Smith, Mackenzie	1.0 Hoover Elementary	8/31/20
Spagnolo, Juliana	1.0 Kennedy Elementary	9/2/20
Sparrow, Sarah	1.0 Buchanan Elementary	8/31/20
Straub, Ashley	1.0 Kennedy Elementary	8/31/20
Vanek, Kathryn	1.0 Grant Elementary	8/31/20
Ware, Martha	1.0 Stevenson High School	9/2/20
Warnick, Melissa	1.0 Churchill High School	9/14/20
Widner, Lillian	1.0 Coolidge Elementary	8/31/20
Woodhall, Kaila	1.0 Cooper Upper Elementary	9/2/20
Wurster, Anna	1.0 Kennedy Elementary	8/31/20
Yost, Haley	1.0 Buchanan Elementary	8/31/20
Young, Paige	1.0 Webster Elementary	8/31/20

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
 Nays: None

Teachers for Tenure

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford 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 the following teachers, effective on the respective date:

Jeffrey Backus	August 31, 2020	Shelby Longworth	August 31, 2020
Lauren Bauer	August 28, 2020	Brittany Matties	August 31, 2020
Mark Bryden	August 28, 2020	Aaron Moran	September 6, 2020
Kay Campbell	August 7, 2020	Elizabeth Napier	August 31, 2020
Nicole Dennis	September 3, 2020	Stacie Oke	August 28, 2020
Joy Dunn	August 17, 2020	Steven Pascoe	August 31, 2020
Benjamin Edwards	September 24, 2020	Elizabeth Peers	September 4, 2020
Amanda Feheley	August 31, 2020	Alicia Robinson	August 31, 2020
Lindsey Freitag	August 31, 2020	Brian Rodgers	August 31, 2020
Nicole Geverink	September 19, 2020	Lisa Salowich	August 28, 2020
Ali Garrett	August 31, 2020	Laura Stevens	August 28, 2020
Melissa Haapala	August 31, 2020	Alex Tedesco	August 31, 2020
Miki Higa	August 7, 2020	Michelle Vanesley	August 28, 2020

Sarah Jacobsen	September 4, 2020	Andrew Wahl	August 31, 2020
Elizabeth Kilpatrick	August 31, 2020	Natalie Wahl	August 31, 2020
William Kramer	August 31, 2020		

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for leave of absence as listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Brenda Kleinow	FMLA to Child Care Leave 2020-21
Abigail Mencotti	FMLA to Child Care Leave 2020-21
Brittany Stall	Child Care Leave 2020-21
Laura Steele	FMLA to Child Care Leave 2020-21

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Resignations

The Board was informed that a resignation was accepted for:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Charlotte Collins (Shared Time)	August 27, 2020
Jessica Gibson (Shared Time)	August 21, 2020
Katherine Nihem	August 20, 2020
Missina Ormsby	September 4, 2020
Caitlin Schreuder (Great Start Readiness)	September 9, 2020
Nicholas Storey	August 31, 2020
Sheila Wofford-Glenn (Shared Time)	August 19, 2020

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 resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by:

Katherine Barnes, who retired from the district on August 28, 2020, and devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cleveland Elementary, Rosedale Elementary, Cass Elementary and Webster Elementary as a teacher.

Steven DiMarco, who retired from the district on June 20, 2020, and devoted 20 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School, Holmes Middle School, Churchill High School and Cooper Upper Elementary as a teacher.

Lynne Feathers, who retired from the district on June 12, 2020, and devoted 14 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a special education paraprofessional at Cleveland Elementary, Riley Upper Elementary, Johnson Upper Elementary and Webster Elementary.

Linda Gould, who retired from the district on August 26, 2020, and devoted 13.3 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a bus driver in the Transportation Department.

Anthony Grech, who retired from the district on August 31, 2020, and devoted 21 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Dickinson Center and bus driver in the Transportation Department.

Cynthia Ignash, who retired from the district on June 30, 2020, and devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at McKinley Elementary, Coolidge Elementary, Marshall Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Washington Elementary, Hull Elementary, Cass Elementary, Perrinville Early Childhood Center and Randolph Elementary.

Fatino Kincaide, who will retire from the district on October 30, 2020, and will have devoted 33.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cleveland Elementary, Coolidge Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Taylor Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Cass Elementary, Hayes Elementary, Kennedy Elementary and Cooper Upper Elementary as a teacher.

Mary Beth Klawender, who retired from the district on June 30, 2020, and devoted 25.3 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School as a teacher.

Kevin Leja, who retired from the district on August 31, 2020, and devoted 31.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian at Churchill High School, Stevenson High School and Kennedy Elementary.

Anthony Mazzella, who retired from the district on August 31, 2020, and devoted 34 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian and building supervisor at Adams Elementary, Garfield Elementary, Hayes Elementary, Stevenson High School, Franklin High School and Hoover Elementary.

Susan Sutton, who retired from the district on July 3, 2020, and devoted 26 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Tyler Elementary and Grant Elementary as a teacher.

Terese Wesley, who retired from the district on August 28, 2020, and has devoted 17.1 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of McKinley Elementary, Coolidge Elementary, Riley Elementary, Coolidge Elementary, Buchanan Elementary and Grant Elementary as a special education paraprofessional and teacher.

Deborah Wutka, who retired from the district on June 15, 2020, and has devoted 27.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to students throughout the district as a school psychologist.

Julie Wyett, who retired from the district on June 20, 2020, and has devoted 29 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cleveland Elementary as a literacy coach and teacher.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

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