

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Special Meeting
May 2, 2016**

President Burton convened the special meeting at 6:56 p.m. at the Administration Building, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia

Members Present Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Dan Centers, Liz Jarvis, Mark Johnson, Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell

Members Absent None

Audience Communications Jeffrey Backus, Doug Coates, and Jennifer Dallacqua addressed the Board regarding their concern about teacher investment in teachers.

Resolution in Support of the Senate PASSED Version of HB 4822 – 3rd Grade Reading It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution in support of the Senate PASSED Version of HB 4822 – Third Grade Reading.

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
SENATE PASSED VERSION OF HB4822
THIRD GRADE READING**

WHEREAS, reading is the foundation to student learning, educational achievement, and ultimately success in college and a career, and

WHEREAS, we must provide educators research-based resources and professional development in order to provide effective interventions needed to ensure students can read, and

WHEREAS, reading can break the cycle of poverty through research-based interventions to support low-income students in learning how to read, and

WHEREAS, research shows that student retention can have lifelong negative consequences, including but not limited to increased likelihood of dropping out and psychological harm to students, and

WHEREAS, mandatory retention will exacerbate challenges faced by students living in poverty, and

WHEREAS, professional educators and parents should have the ultimate say on something as important as whether a student should be retained in a particular grade, and

WHEREAS, the Senate version of the third grade reading bill establishes high standards for reading performance while giving parents and educators a say in deciding a student's future, and

WHEREAS, the Senate version of the third grade reading bill will give students, parents, and educators the tools they need to help students learn to read, not simply test and punish those children who are already struggling learners,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education supports the Senate version of the third grade reading bill because it establishes high standards for reading performance, gives parents a say in deciding their child's future, and can help break the cycle of poverty through supporting

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low-income students in learning how to read.

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

Adjournment

Mrs. Burton adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by

Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

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