

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
Regular Meeting  
November 20, 2023**

Vice President Bradford convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present** Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson (Johnson arrived at 8:07 p.m. and assumed leadership of the meeting at 8:13 p.m.)

**Members Absent** None

**2023-2024 Educators and Support Staff of the Year** It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools District adopt resolutions for the 2023-2024 Educators and Support Staff of the Year.

**AMY CHAPMAN-PINTA**

**WHEREAS**, *The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Amy Chapman-Pinta, an Elementary Support Teacher at Grant Elementary School, and a 24-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished herself by being named Elementary Educator of the Year for 2023-2024 by a district-wide committee; and*

**WHEREAS**, *In achieving that recognition, it is evident that she is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of her duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Amy has shown a deep dedication to supporting students' academic, social-emotional and medical needs as required throughout the school day, and doing so in a loving and consistent manner.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, *that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Amy Chapman-Pinta for being named Elementary Educator of the Year for 2023-2024 and for the dedication and loyal service she has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, her students, and the community.*

**TERRI BENNETT**

**WHEREAS**, *The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Terri Bennett, a math teacher at Franklin High School, and a 32-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished herself by being named Secondary Educator of the Year for 2023-2024 by a district-wide committee; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in achieving that recognition, it is evident that she is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of her duties to meet the needs of students,*

colleagues, parents, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, Terri has shown a deep dedication to educating her students in mathematics by providing a challenging academic environment while establishing and maintaining relationships with her students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Terri Bennett for being named Secondary Educator of the Year for 2023-2024 and for the dedication and loyal service she has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, her students, and the community.

#### **KRYSTAL REID**

**WHEREAS**, The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and

**WHEREAS**, Krystal Reid, a paraprofessional at Garfield Community School, and a 6-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished herself by being named Support Staff of the Year for 2023-2024 by a district-wide committee; and

**WHEREAS**, in achieving that recognition, it is evident that she is an exceptional employee of Livonia Public Schools, going far beyond the expected range of her duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, Krystal has shown a deep dedication to students in the Western Wayne Skill Center Program by supporting their various needs each and every day, and doing so in a naturally empathetic and caring manner.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Krystal Reid for being named Support Staff of the Year for 2023-2024 and for the dedication and loyal service she has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, her students, and the community.

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

Nays: None

#### **American Education Week**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District designate November 13-17, 2023, as the 102nd annual observance of American Education Week.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

**WHEREAS**, public education employees work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

**WHEREAS**, schools unite entire communities, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common purpose

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Trustees of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District do hereby proclaim November 13-17 as the 102nd annual observance of

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

*And urge all citizens to make a commitment to public education and to the future of our children.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Trustees of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education take this special occasion to thank Livonia Public Schools employees, parents, and community volunteers for the work they do to educate and support the children of our School District.

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

Nays: None

**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**

Three individuals addressed the Board regarding fighting, bullying, vaping, protocols for incident reporting and alleged misleading information about virtual learning options on the LPS website.

**Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis 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 October 23, 2023

V.B. Minutes of the Closed Meeting of November 13, 2023

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

Nays: None

**Approval of Owner's Representative Amendment**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the Plante Moran Realpoint amended agreement and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts with Plante Moran Realpoint on behalf of the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of Bid Results for**

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

**Summer 2024  
Bond Contractors**

recommendation from its Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint and its Construction Manager, Clark Construction Company, to approve the contractors identified and the construction project budgets for Phase 3, Bid Package #2 for 2024 renovations at Hayes Elementary, Hoover Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Holmes Middle School, Stevenson High School (including pool room), Franklin pool room, and Churchill pool room in the total amount of \$9,480,612, which includes costs for hard construction, fees and contingency and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of the Board of Education with the awarded contractors.

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

**Approval to  
Purchase ECC  
Furniture**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools District approve the recommendation from its Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint and its Design Firm, TMP Architecture, to purchase furniture from Interior Environments, Novi, Michigan; Krueger International, Green Bay, Wisconsin; Lakeshore Learning, Sterling Heights, Michigan; NBS Commercial Interiors, Troy, Michigan; Demco, Madison, Wisconsin, Great Lakes Furniture Supply, Holland, Michigan; School Health Corporation, Rolling Meadows, Illinois; and Kaplan Early Learning Company, Lewisville, North Carolina, in the total amount not to exceed \$616,500, which includes a 5% contingency.

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

**Approval to  
Purchase ECC  
Playground  
Equipment**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools District approve the recommendation from its Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint and its Design Firm, TMP Architecture, to purchase playground equipment from Kennedy Recreation, Clinton Township, Michigan, in the amount of \$790,095, which includes contingency.

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

**Approval to  
Purchase ECC  
Technology**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools District approve the recommendation from its Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint and its Technology Consultant, IDS, to purchase technology infrastructure and audio/visual equipment from VSC Inc, Novi, Michigan in an amount not to exceed \$485,716, including contingency.

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

**Approval to  
Purchase  
Bleachers for  
Franklin Tennis**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools District approve the purchase of bleach for the Franklin tennis courts from GT Grandstands, Plant City, Florida, in the amount of \$43,690 which includes materials, delivery and installation.

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

**Approval to  
Purchase  
Modular Wall  
System for  
Randolph**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools District approve the purchase and installation of two modular wall systems from Interior Environments, Novi, Michigan, in the amount of \$35,793.66 for Randolph Elementary.

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

**Teachers for  
Approval**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank 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:

<b>Farrugia, Lindsay</b>	<b>1.0 Upper Elementary Teacher</b>	<b>Niji-Iro</b>
<b>Hong, Rie</b>	<b>0.5 Elementary Teacher</b>	<b>Niji-Iro</b>

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

**Teachers for  
Tenure**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bradford 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 on the respective date:

<b>Sarah Erickson</b>	<b>11/01/23</b>
<b>Teresa Marlatt</b>	<b>11/25/19 (first public recognition of tenure previously granted)</b>
<b>Aimee Price</b>	<b>11/29/23</b>

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

**Leaves of  
Absence**

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

Anna Stack-Peer                      12/21/23

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

**Resignations**

The Board was informed of the following resignations:

Angela Doelker                      11/24/23  
Kelsey Ebert                         11/30/23  
Tara Haddad                        10/25/23  
Anne Kennell                        11/01/23  
Nafia Khan                          11/16/23  
Tyler Schreiber                      11/03/23

**Retirement**

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

**Cathleen Burr**

***WHEREAS**, it has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Cathleen Burr will retire from the district on December 31, 2023; and,*

***WHEREAS**, Cathleen Burr has devoted 26.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Riley Elementary, Holmes Middle School and Frost Middle School as a teacher and as a program specialist in the Student Services Department; and,*

***WHEREAS**, she has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Cathleen Burr on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.*

**Joan Livingston**

***WHEREAS**, it has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Joan Livingston will retire from the district on December 22, 2023; and,*

***WHEREAS**, Joan Livingston has devoted 12.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students at Riley Upper Elementary, Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary, Johnson Upper Elementary and Rosedale Elementary as a teacher; and as a facilitator in the Academic Services Department, and*

***WHEREAS**, she has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Joan Livingston on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.*

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

**Adjournment**

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

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