

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
Regular Meeting
January 24, 2022**

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

Members Present Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson

Members Absent None

**Election of
Officers**

President:

Mrs. Jarvis nominated Mrs. Burton for the office of president.

Voting for Mrs. Burton:

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

Nayes: None

Vice President:

Mr. Centers nominated Mr. Johnson for the office of vice president.

Voting for Mr. Johnson

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

Nayes: None

Secretary:

Mrs. Bonifield nominated Mrs. Bradford for the office of secretary.

Voting for Mrs. Bradford

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

Nayes: None

Treasurer:

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that Alison Smith, Director of Finance, be appointed Treasurer of the Livonia Public Schools School District for 2022 and 2023 until the next annual election.

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

Nayes: None

**Points of Pride –
Livonia Robotics**

Students from the Livonia Robotics Tyros and Warriors teams shared some highlights of their season, as well as information about the businesses who provide funding for the robotics program.

**FIRST FTC
Robotics
Michigan State
Champs - Frost
Middle
School
RoboFalcons**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution recognizing the Frost Middle School RoboFalcons FIRST Robotics Team 10136 for capturing the first place title at the FIRST FTC Robotics Michigan State Championship.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education are desirous of publicly recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of students who distinguish themselves during the pursuit of their public education in the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Frost Middle School RoboFalcons FIRST Robotics team has distinguished itself by achieving the first place title in the 2021-2022 FIRST FTC Robotics Michigan State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Frost Middle School RoboFalcons Team 10136 captured this statewide title on December 18, 2021 in Macomb, Michigan ; and

WHEREAS, this title adds to the team's ongoing efforts and success throughout the year to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) through "Gracious Professionalism," which is a trademark of FIRST Robotics that encourages high quality work, emphasizes the value of others and respects individuals and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate the Frost Middle School RoboFalcons team for its outstanding accomplishments in robotics and wish each team member well in their future endeavors as they apply the discipline and perseverance needed to excel in robotics to all areas of their lives.

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

**MHSAA Division
1 State Champion
Swimmer –
McKenize Siroky,
Stevenson High
School**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution recognizing Stevenson High School swimmer McKenzie Siroky, for capturing the MHSAA Girls Division 1 Swimming State Championship title.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education are desirous of publicly recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of students who distinguish themselves during the pursuit of their public education in the school district; and

WHEREAS, McKenzie Siroky, a junior at Stevenson High School, has distinguished herself by achieving the 2021-2022 Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 Girls Swim & Dive State Champion title in the 100-yard

Breaststroke for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, McKenzie has achieved this honor with a Stevenson High School and state record-setting time of 1:00.48 seconds; and

WHEREAS, this adds to the outstanding accomplishments McKenzie has achieved during the 2021-2022 season, including setting a new school record in the 200-yard Medley Relay and the 50-yard Freestyle, a new pool record in the 50-yard Freestyle, and a new school and state record in the 100-yard Breaststroke, in addition to being designated as an All American Swimmer in the 100-yard Breaststroke and an All State Swimmer in the 200-yard Medley Relay, the 50-yard Freestyle and the 100-yard Breaststroke.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate McKenzie Siroky for her outstanding accomplishments in athletics and wish her well in her future endeavors as she applies the discipline and perseverance needed to excel in sports to all areas of her life.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson
Nayes: None

**School Board
Recognition
Month**

Superintendent Oquist thanked Board members for their hard work and dedication to the students, staff, and community they serve, as well as their continued growth as an MASB certified Board. Mr. Francis, Assistant Superintendent of District Services, read a resolution from the Wayne County Regionall Educational Service Agency on behalf of all Wayne County school boards.

**District Update
from the
Superintendent**

Superintendent Oquist shared a presentation of various activities taking place across the District.

**Written
Communications**

None

**Response to Prior
Audience
Communications**

President Burton stated that several individuals have continued to request that the District allow parental choice regarding students wearing masks in school, therefore she wanted to respond. Mrs. Burton relayed that LPS is required to abide by the Executive Order of the Wayne County Health Department (WCHD) on August 27, 2021, which mandates that masks be worn in all public and private schools. That order has the weight of law and the District would be in violation of law if they did not uphold the order. The WCHD is the institution that has the ability to lift the mask mandate and if anyone wishes to advocate for that, they should contact the WCHD.

**Audience
Communications**

None

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson 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 December 13, 2021

V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 13, 2021

V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of December 13, 2021

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

**Purchase of
Maintenance
Equipment**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of 12 John Deere X580 tractors with front blades and mowing decks from John Deere, for a total cost of \$88,553.12.

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

**Teacher for
Approval**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2021-22 school year to the following teacher:

Deren, Jeanne 1.0 Counselor Churchill High School

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, 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 teachers, effective on the respective date:

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| Haley Burns | 1/10/22 |
| Alaina Kennedy | 1/28/22 |
| Tara Pavlic | 1/27/22 |
| Tracie Surma | 1/15/22 |

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

**Leaves of
Absence**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford 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:

Alicia Duffy February 14, 2022
Brittany Matties February 7, 2022

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

Resignations

The Board was informed of the following resignations:

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| Orgela Kingbury (refused recall) | 1/18/22 |
| Samantha Raymond | 1/28/22 |
| Kennedy Ronayne | 2/25/22 |

Retirements

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

Michael Corliss, who will retire from the district on January 28, 2022, and has devoted 26.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School as a teacher.

Sherry Juncaj, who retired from the district on December 31, 2021, and devoted 25.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Coolidge Elementary and Riley Upper Elementary as a teacher and learning specialist.

Kathleen Price, who will retire from the district on March 11, 2022, and has devoted 24.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary at Randolph Elementary and as a secretary in the Instruction Department and Business Office at Central Office.

Lisa Sebok, who will retire from the district on January 31, 2022, and has devoted 24.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School and Stevenson High School as a teacher.

Candy Weldon, who retired from the district on January 10, 2022, and devoted 26.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional and secretary at Emerson Middle School and as a secretary in the Payroll Department at Central Office.

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

**First Reading of
Board Policy BCB
– General Order
of Business at
Regular Meetings**

The proposed new language for the Board policy below was previously reviewed by the Board and will be brought to the February 28, 2022 regular meeting for a second reading and potential approval:

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
BOARD OPERATIONS**

**BCB
JUNE 14, 2021**

GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT REGULAR MEETINGS

The order of business at regular meetings shall generally be as follows:

Call to Order
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Communications

Recognitions and Other Communications Items

District Update from the Superintendent

Written Communications

Response to Prior Audience Communications

Audience Communications (limited to a total of 15 minutes, with the remainder preceding Hearing from Board Members)

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Business Matters

Instructional Matters

Personnel Matters

Remainder of Audience Communications

Hearing from Board Members

Adjournment

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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