

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2015**

President Burton convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Members Present

Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Members Absent

None

Introduction of Interim Superintendent Andrea Oquist

President Burton introduced Mrs. Andrea Oquist as the Interim Superintendent and thanked her for her willingness to fill this role during the ongoing search process for a permanent replacement. Mrs. Oquist expressed her commitment to serving as the Interim Superintendent, her pride in Livonia Public Schools, and her appreciation for the staff who work with her to make it all possible.

Recess

The Board recessed at 7:06 p.m. to visit with guests and reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Written Communication

None

Audience Communication

Dawn Cummins addressed the Board regarding the new athletic trainer services contract with St. Mary Mercy.

Jody White addressed the Board about concerns she had regarding incidents at Churchill High School.

Response to Prior Audience Communication

None

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Laura 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 July 27, 2015
- V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 27, 2015
- V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of July 27, 2015
- VII.A. Bills for Payment—August 18, 2015
- VII.B. Approval of 2015-2016 Tuition Rate (\$9,899/non-resident student)

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

Summer Academic Program Update

Mrs. Sheila Alles, Chief Academic Officer, presented an overview of academic programs that were offered to students over the summer: Camp Emerson, Camp Frost, Franklin Focus, and Students Helping Students Literacy Program.

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

Approval of Bid Results for Traffic Signal & Wheelchair Lift for Franklin High School – 2013 Bond

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from the Owner’s Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, to approve the Franklin High School traffic signal and wheelchair lift project in the amount of \$193,200, and a revised project total of \$20,804,273, and authorize the Interim Superintendent or her designee to execute final contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools’ Board of Education.

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

Approval of Interim Superintendent as Authorized Signee with Fifth Third Bank

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve adding Interim Superintendent Andrea Oquist as an authorized signee for Livonia Public Schools’ accounts with the banking institution Fifth Third Bank.

BOARD RESOLUTION

I, _____, Secretary of Livonia Public Schools School District Board of Education, a Michigan school district duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan hereby certify that the following is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the governing body of this entity at a meeting held on _____ and that such resolution is now in full force and effect, and is pursuant to the By-Laws.

RESOLVED:

That any _____ (one or two) of the following individuals of the entity is authorized and directed to enter into, complete, and execute, on behalf of the college, any and all documents necessary to entering into an agreement with Fifth Third Bank for trust, agency, or custodial services.

Signature

Andrea Oquist, Interim Superintendent
Name/Title

Signature

Lisa Abbey, Asst. Supt. of Business Services
Name/Title

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That any _____ (one or two) of the following individuals of the entity are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carrying out the provisions of any such agreement including, but not limited to, transferring, selling, and assigning stock and transmitting instructions to Fifth Third Bank regarding the investment and/or distribution of funds.

Signature Andrea Oquist, Interim Superintendent
Name/Title

Signature Lisa Abbey, Asst. Supt. of Business Services
Name/Title

Signature _____
Board of Education Secretary

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

Teachers for Recall

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to district employment as teachers for the 2015-16 school year the teachers listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Jenna Larabell	(1.0) (grade to be determined)/Randolph Elementary
Rachel Licavoli	(.6) Art/Johnson Upper Elementary
Mary Murphy	(.6) Psychology/(.4) Stevenson High School & (.2) Franklin High School
Kari Parnell	(1.0) Teacher of Speech & Language/Student Services
Rachel Robertson	(1.0) (grade to be determined)/ Rosedale Elementary
Laura Scheel	(.9) Science/Stevenson High School (recalled from 6/2/14)
Diane Terreault	(.6) English/Language Arts/Emerson Middle School
Sara Williams	(1.0) (grade o be determined)/Randolph Elementary
Nicolena Wojciechowski	(.6) Science/Holmes Middle School
Michael Woods	(1.0) Resource Teacher/Franklin High School
Nicole Young	(1.0) Social Studies/(.8) Franklin High School & (.2) Churchill High School

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

Resignations

The Board was informed that resignations were accepted by the director of human resources for: **John Hicks** and **Amanda Raupp**, effective June 30, 2015.

Leave of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence for **Matt Sokol**, effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

Second Reading of Board Policy KA – Public Relations Program

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language for the following:

**BOARD POLICY
GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS
PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM**

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It is the desire of the Board of Education that communication be maintained at all times between the School District and the stakeholders of the School District. The Board of Education will continuously attempt to maintain schools of the highest caliber and will do its best to keep stakeholders informed of the activities of the School District. Positive and constructive public relations are the responsibility of every employee of the School District.

Community Forums

The Board of Education, through its intent to have strong channels of communication with the community and staff, will, at times, offer opportunities to hear from individuals or groups. These events will be outside the normal opportunities provided to individuals to address the Board during the audience communication portion of Board meetings.

These opportunities could be structured as an open meeting of the entire Board and would, therefore, follow normal Board Operating Procedures and the Open Meetings Act.

They could also be structured in a manner that would provide a more in-depth opportunity for conversation, such as a meeting whereby individual Board members or groups of Board members smaller than a quorum would facilitate conversation with community members and/or staff. The Board will not meet during this time to discuss or deliberate Board business. This structure is not deemed a public meeting of the Board of Education under the Open Meetings Act. During such meetings, the Board wishes to create a comfortable environment for community members and staff to facilitate conversation; thus, the Board may decide not to allow audio or video recording so that all stakeholders feel free to share their thoughts. If there is an informational portion of the meeting when a majority of the Board is present, Board members will only observe the discussion, without participation, to respect the letter and spirit of the Open Meetings Act.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura
Nays: McDonnell

**Second
Reading of
Board Policy
KN – Public
Complaints**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language for the following:

BOARD POLICY

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PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

The Board of Education believes that complaints, including those concerning instructional matters and employees, are best handled and resolved as close to their origin as possible.

The Board acts as a source of final appeal concerning complaints where specifically required by law or outlined in Board policy.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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