

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
September 21, 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

Gift from Japan Foundation to Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary School

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous donation of \$30,000 from the Japan Foundation to the Nij-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary School.

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

Gift from TRW Automotive to Livonia Public Schools

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous donation of \$3,500 from TRW Automotive to Livonia Public Schools.

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

Summer 2015 Bond Highlights

Mrs. Jenkins, administrator of communications, shared a presentation that highlighted renovations from the 2013 Bond that took place over the summer at Hayes, Kennedy, and Roosevelt Elementary School; Riley Upper Elementary School; Emerson Middle School; and Franklin High School.

Recess

The Board recessed at 7:33 p.m. to visit with guests and reconvened the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Written Communication

None

Audience Communication

Jennifer Andrzejczak addressed the Board regarding the Perrinville Program relocation, specifically the Early Childhood Program that is now located at Jackson Center.

Doug Coates and Elizabeth Hering addressed the Board regarding the auditorium at Churchill High School.

John Grzebik addressed the Board regarding the PTSA Council and their work with legislative issues.

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

**Response to
Prior Audience
Communication**

President Burton shared that in response to prior audience communications from Mrs. Jodi White, the incident that took place in fall 2014 has been investigated and reported upon by the school administration, as is appropriate. Since that time, the district has responded to FOIA requests, as required by law, and where we had the capacity to do so. Any information being requested from another agency, such as the police department, cannot be provided by Livonia Public Schools. At this time, there have been no subsequent incidents to investigate and no new information has come forward which would require the school district or district administration to reopen this case. All appropriate and necessary actions have been taken on numerous occasions.

**Consent
Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson 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, 2015
- V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 3, 2015
- V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of September 3, 2015
- V.D. Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 8, 2015
- V.E. Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 9, 2015
- V.F. Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 10, 2015
- VII.A. Bills for Payment—September 22, 2015

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

**Summer
Professional
Development
Presentation**

Mrs. Alles, Chief Academic Officer, presented an overview of the professional development opportunities that were offered to staff over the summer, highlighting the various sessions that took place across the District.

**Recommend
Conditional
Reinstatement
of Secondary
Student**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the the administration’s recommendation to conditionally reinstate a student who was expelled from Emerson Middle School in June 2014. The student is to be reinstated effective September 22, 2015.

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

**Recommend
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It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the administration’s recommendation to conditionally reinstate a student who

of Secondary Student

was expelled from Churchill High School in October 2014. The student is to be reinstated effective October 22, 2015.

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

Approval to Purchase Physical Education Equipment with PEP Grant Funds

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of physical education equipment through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance contract with U.S. Games, Dallas, Texas, for a total cost of \$25,107.96.

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

Approval of Bid Results for Replacement of Furnaces at Franklin and Stevenson Annex

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the lowest qualified bid for replacement furnaces at Franklin and Stevenson High School from Temperature Services, Inc., Livonia, Michigan for a total cost of \$34,448.00.

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

Approval of Bid Results for Livonia Career Technical Center Roof Air Handlers

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the lowest qualified bid for roof air handler replacement at the Livonia Career Technical Center from Temperature Services, Inc., Livonia, Michigan for a total cost of \$74,248.00.

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

Approval of Teachers

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2015-16 school year to the teachers listed below:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Assignment</u> |
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| Alicia Armstrong | (1.0) Grade 4 / Kennedy Elementary |
| Elizabeth Bara | (1.0) Kindergarten / Hayes Elementary |
| Jeffrey Backus | (1.0) Special Education / Churchill High School |
| Christine Broome | (1.0) Special Education / Johnson Upper Elementary |
| Natalie Cicchelli | (1.0) Grade 3-4 / Webster Elementary |
| Nicole Dennis | (1.0) Grade 2 / Garfield Elementary |
| Joy Dunn | (1.0) English Teacher, Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion |
| Brittany Dupree | (1.0) Grade 3 / Roosevelt Elementary |
| Lindsey Freitag | (1.0) Grade 4 / Roosevelt Elementary |
| Elizabeth Gamber | (1.0) English Language Learner / Academic Services |
| Ali Garrett | (1.0) Autism Spectrum Disorder / Student Services |
| Jennifer Gotts | (.6) Psychologist / Student Services |
| Melissa Haapala | (1.0) Grade 1 / Cass Elementary |

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| Kazumi Hasako | (.6) Japanese Support / Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion |
| Kristin Jones | (1.0) Grade 2 / Buchanan Elementary |
| Elizabeth Kilpatrick | (1.0) Grade 2 / Roosevelt Elementary |
| William Kramer | (1.0) Social Studies / Emerson Middle School |
| Erin Krause | (1.0) Psychologist / Student Services |
| Marie Lance | Computer / Shared Time Program |
| Shelby Longworth | (1.0) Special Education Teacher / Cass |
| Amanda Mabbott | (1.0) Social Studies / Stevenson High School |
| Kelly Nehs | (1.0) Grade 3 / Randolph Elementary |
| Steven Pascoe | (1.0) Grade 3-4 / Webster Elementary |
| Brian Rodgers | (.5) Social Studies / Holmes Middle School |
| Claudia Rushlow | (1.0) Fashion Merchandising / Livonia Career Tech Ctr. |
| Megan Salah | (1.0) Speech & Language / Student Services |
| Laura Shaffer | (1.0) Kindergarten / Randolph Elementary |
| Anna Stack | (1.0) Grade 2 / Hoover Elementary |
| Dawn Spinner | (1.0) Media Specialist / Webster Elementary |
| Alex Tedesco | (1.0) Grade 3 / Garfield Elementary |
| Katherine Valenti | (1.0) Kindergarten / Grant Elementary |
| Ashley Van Tiem | (1.0) Autism Spectrum Disorder / Student Services |
| Andrew Wahl | (1.0) Special Education / Churchill High School |
| Teresa Wallace | (.36) Elementary Info Tech / Cooper Upper Elementary |
| Cynthia Zervos | (1.0) Media Specialist / Kennedy |

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

Nays: None

Recall of Teachers

It was moved by Mr. Johnson 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:

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| Tammy Clayton | (1.0) Grade 6 / Johnson Upper Elementary |
| Ann Connors | (.4) Art / Roosevelt Elementary |
| Laura Derda | (1.0) English Language Arts / Frost Middle School |
| Rita Magdowski | (.5) Occupational Therapist / Student Services |
| Jeanine Lithgow | (.6) Physical Therapist / Student Services |

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

Nays: None

Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Laura 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 **Christine Jeter, Vita Lusk, Eric Schmidt, and Susan Sutherland**, effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

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: **Victoria Barbieri, Megan Barnard, Kimberly Daugherty, Tiffany Defibaugh, and Catherine Noble** effective June 30, 2015; and **Karen Ling** effective August 19, 2015.

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

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