

**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  
Conditional  
Reinstatement**

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>
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

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:

Tammy Clayton	(1.0) Grade 6 / Johnson Upper Elementary
Ann Conners	(.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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