

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
November 21, 2011**

President Scheel convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Members Present	Colleen Burton, Mark Johnson, Robert Freeman, Patrice Mang, Gregory Oke, Randy Roulier, Lynda Scheel
Members Absent	None
2011-2012 Teachers of the Year	It was moved by Mr. Freeman and unanimously supported by the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that the Board adopt resolutions for 2011-2012 Teachers of the Year: Christine Wojcik, Buchanan Elementary; Carim Calkins, Frost Middle School; and Kelly Eddy, Churchill High School.
American Education Week	<p>It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District designate November 13-19, 2011, as the 90th annual observance of American Education Week.</p> <p>Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel Nays: None</p>
Recess	<p>It was moved by Mr. Oke and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education recess at 7:47 p.m. to visit with guests.</p> <p>Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel Nays: None</p>
Reconvene	The Board reconvened at 8:01 p.m.
Written Communication	None
Audience Communication	<p>Loyd Romick, 33437 Michele Ct., addressed the Board regarding current and upcoming Board members.</p> <p>Ron Riggio, 37204 Bretton; John Moran, 36757 Sherwood; and Kim Garbey, 14094 Woodside, addressed the Board regarding the Schoolcraft program for special education students that was discontinued by Wayne County.</p>

Patty Riggio, 37204 Bretton, addressed the Board regarding information that was shared at the October 24 committee meeting about special education services.

John Grzebik, 11301 Hubbell, addressed the Board regarding millages and bonds.

**Response to
Prior Audience
Communication**

None

**Consent
Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Freeman and supported by Ms. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent:

IV.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2011

V.A. Bills for Payment – November 22, 2011

VI.A. Approval of Cooperative Agreement with Northville Public Schools for Special Education Students

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel

Nays: None

**Approval of
2010-2011
Audit Report**

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the 2010-2011 audit report as presented by the audit firm of Yeo & Yeo.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel

Nays: None

**Approval of
Resolution
Regarding
Financial Best
Practices**

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Oke that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution below for the Financial Best Practice Incentive grant that is offered by the State of Michigan for the 2011-2012 school year.

Best Practices Incentive School Board Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 22f of the State School Aid Act provides \$100 per pupil one-time grants to districts that satisfy at least 4 of 5 best practices criteria not later than June 1, 2012 [MCL 388.1622f].

WHEREAS, the board of education of Livonia Public Schools School District desires to receive the \$100 per pupil incentive payment.

WHEREAS, the Livonia Public Schools School District has satisfied at least 4 of 5 best practices criteria.

WHEREAS, eligibility for the incentive payment is contingent upon adopting a resolution that states the district has complied with at least 4 of 5 of the best practice criteria.

Now, therefore, be it resolved as follows:

1. The board of education of Livonia Public Schools School District certifies that the district has complied with the following requirements:
 - The district is the designated policy holder for medical benefit plan(s) pursuant to Section 22f(1)(b).
 - The district will develop and/or continue to implement a Service Consolidation Plan pursuant to Section 22f(1)(c). A copy of the school board signed resolution agreeing to develop a service consolidation plan was sent to the Michigan Department of Education on January 19, 2010. We agree to send the Michigan Department of Education a status report on the development/implementation of the plan by February 1st each year.
 - The district has obtained a competitive bid on non-instructional services pursuant to Section 22f(1)(d).
 - The district will provide a link on the district's home page to the url for the MI School Data Portal which will contain the required dashboard indicators pursuant to Section 22f(1)(e). If certain data elements for our district are unavailable from State data collections, we agree to provide those data in the form and manner determined by Michigan Department of Education.
2. The board of education of Livonia Public Schools School District authorizes and directs its secretary to file this resolution with the State Aid and School Finance Office of the Michigan Department of Education.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Resolved this 21st day of November, 2011.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel

Nays: None

Recall of Teacher

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to district employment as a teacher for the 2011-12 school year:

Catherine Phillips .5 Social Worker

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel

Nays: None

Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Ms. Mang and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve a request for a personal leave of absence for the 2011-2012 school year for **Amy Dimmer** and **Deanna Lee**, effective November 29, 2011.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel
Nays: None

Retirements

It was moved by Mr. Oke and supported by Ms. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the following resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by:

Margaret Flower will retire from the district on December 1, 2011, and has devoted many years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a controller with the finance department.

Sharon Smith will retire from the district on June 30, 2012, and has devoted 22 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of McKinley Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, and Johnson Upper Elementary School as a teacher.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel
Nays: None

Sympathy Resolutions

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and unanimously supported by the Board that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt sympathy resolutions for the families of Nancy Ellis (Boerner) and Jennice Owen.

Second Reading of Board Policy IFAD – Student Internet Safety

It was moved by Mr. Oke and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt Board Policy language as shown below for Board Policy IFAD – Student Internet Safety.

BOARD POLICY IFAD**STUDENT INTERNET SAFETY POLICY****NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

In accordance with all federal and state regulations relating to technology use in schools, measures will continue to be implemented to block and/or filter access via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communication to obscenity, pornography, and other material which is harmful to minors.

Pursuant to Board Policy IFA and Administrative Procedures IFA(1), before being permitted access to the Internet, students will be instructed in the appropriate and ethical use of the Internet, and students and parents will sign authorization forms, which further inform these individuals of the appropriate and ethical use of the Internet, and the consequences for failing to adhere to such use.

School administration will provide instruction for students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response. School Administration will provide reasonable supervision of students' use of the Internet, which will include monitoring the online activities of minors. To the extent practical, steps will be enacted to promote safety and security of users by preventing unauthorized access; other unlawful activities; and unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

LEGAL REG.: Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) of 2000

Broadband Data Improvement Act of 2008

Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act of 2008

Federal Communications Commission Report and Order of August 2011

CROSS REF.: IFA

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel
Nays: None

**Resolution to
Protect School
Aid Fund
Revenue**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Ms. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution below, addressing concerns to state policy makers about the elimination of personal property taxes currently under consideration:

**Livonia Public Schools School District
Resolution to Protect School Aid Fund Revenue**

WHEREAS, education is the cornerstone of a successful economic turnaround and investment in education is the key to a new Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the children of Michigan deserve educational opportunities that allow them to compete on a national and international basis; and

WHEREAS, the long-term economic health of our state and opportunity for our citizens is conditioned on meaningful structural reform to provide stable and fair funding for education; and

WHEREAS, the personal property tax repeal called for by SB 34 would amend the General Property Tax to exempt all personal property from the collection of taxes levied after December 31, 2011, and

WHEREAS, SB 34 would reduce by over \$550 million the available funding to schools statewide, or a reduction of approximately \$350 per student statewide.

WHEREAS, the impact to Livonia Public Schools' debt/sinking fund would be \$1.5 million.

WHEREAS, SB 34 would increase the tax burden on homeowners because of the loss of personal property tax debt millage,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District encourages the Governor and legislature to fully replace the revenues lost through proposed cuts to the personal property tax, and

BE IT FURTHER REVOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District encourages the Governor and legislature to meet their constitutional responsibility to the children of this state and focus on the perennial and structural deficit that plagues school finance in Michigan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs its secretary to send copies of this resolution to the Governor and State Legislators representing this school district, as well as the Speaker of the House and Senate Majority Leader.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District at a meeting thereof held on the 21st day of November, 2011, by the following vote of the trustees thereof:

AYES, AND IN FAVOR THEREOF:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel
Nays: None

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2011 be adjourned.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel

Nays: None

President Scheel adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

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