

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
April 17, 2017**

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

Members Present

Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Members Absent

None

Student Art Gallery – Holmes Middle School

Mrs. Jenkins, administrator of communications, introduced Holmes Middle School students who had their artwork on display in the Board Room. Students pointed out their artwork and were presented with a certificate. The following Holmes students had artwork on display: Kaily Brunette, Katie Coffell, Celeste Gosselin, Sofia Nava, and Emma Plozai.

Recognition of Gymnastics State Champion Jessica Weak, Stevenson High School

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution recognizing Stevenson High School senior Jessica Weak for achieving a 2017 Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 2 State Championship Title in the Uneven Bars event.

**Gymnastics State Champion
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Livonia Public Schools School District 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, Jessica Weak, a senior at Stevenson High School, has distinguished herself by achieving the 2017 Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 2 Gymnastics State Championship Title on the uneven bars; and

WHEREAS, in achieving this honor, Jessica captured this title with a score of 9.325; and

WHEREAS, this adds to the outstanding accomplishments Jessica has achieved as a Stevenson High School gymnast and senior captain of the Livonia Blue Gymnastics Team, including tying the school record with a 9.50 on the uneven bars; obtaining first place in regionals in the all-around competition and vault; achieving a personal best, career high, all-around score of 37.20; and being recognized as a scholar athlete and all-state gymnast.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Jessica Weak 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: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson
Nays: None

Gifts to Emerson Middle School and Franklin High School Food Pantries

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 generous monetary donations and food contributions to the Food Pantry Programs at Emerson Middle School and Franklin High School, totaling \$25,500 for the Emerson Food Pantry and \$10,880 for the Franklin Food Pantry.

- Livonia Kids and Families (\$22,000)
- Livonia AM Rotary (\$14,000)
- Total Vending (\$100)
- George and Eunice Bageris (\$100)
- Dr. Jennifer Taiariol (\$100)
- PM Rotary Club of Livonia (\$80)
- John Wojnar (food donation)

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

Recognition of Emerson for Lighthouse Designation

Board trustee Crystal Frank read and presented a resolution to Emerson principal Ann Owen, commending Emerson for being one of only two middle schools in the State of Michigan to attain the highly regarded Lighthouse Milestone.

Emerson Middle School Lighthouse Milestone RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, students, staff and administration at Emerson Middle School embarked on the Leader In Me journey four years ago, as an initiative to strengthen their school community and culture, and;

WHEREAS, The Leader In Me program instills the 7 Habits of Highly Successful Students, inspired and established by Stephen Covey’s 7 Habits of Highly Successful People, and;

WHEREAS, Emerson Middle School has attained the highly regarded Lighthouse Milestone standard by producing outstanding results in school and student outcomes by implementing the Leader In Me initiative with fidelity, and;

WHEREAS, in doing so, the school has reinforced this leadership model through a wide variety of implementations that include, but are not limited to, incorporating leadership language into the school curriculum and instruction; staff collaboration to build a culture of leadership; establishing meaningful student leadership roles and

creating a system for tracking school-wide, classroom, academic and personal goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, recognize the efforts and achievement of the students, staff and administration at Emerson Middle School for reaching the Lighthouse Milestone and for being one of just two middle schools in the State of Michigan to achieve this success.

**LPS Points of
Pride – Cooper
Upper
Elementary
Maker Space**

Mrs. Jenkins shared information regarding the Maker Space room at Cooper Upper Elementary School. Former LMC media specialist Judy Bowling talked about the development of the Maker Space. Cooper students Freddy Fitzgibbon and Evan Jenkins shared their personal experiences with Cooper's Maker Space.

**Board Member
Recognition for
MASB Awards**

Board president Mark Johnson recognized and commended Board members for their recent achievements related to their continued education through the Michigan Association of School Boards – Liz Jarvis, Level One Certification; Dan Centers, Award of Merit; and Colleen Burton, Master Board Member.

**District Update
from the
Superintendent**

Superintendent Oquist shared the following:

- LPS was recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation as one of the nation's Best Communities for Music Education. Researchers at The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas led the selection. Kudos to our music teachers!
- Multi-school Band-o-Rama will take place at Stevenson at 7:00 on Tuesday, April 18.
- Congratulations to Livonia Warriors Robotics Team. Students have had a remarkable season, led by advisor Isolina Carlini and assisted by many volunteers! Student captains shared information about their accomplishments this season:
 - FIRST in Pit Safety at Centerline
 - Winner of Centerline Competition
 - Chairman's Award Winner at Centerline
 - FIRST Safety Hard Hat Award at Livonia
 - Finalist of the Livonia Competition
 - FIRST Excellence in Engineering Award
 - State Championship Qualifying Team
 - FIRST in Pit Safety at State Championship
 - "Best Safety Culture" honorable mention
 - Semi-Finalists at State Championship
 - FIRST UL Industrial Safety Award at State Championship
 - World Championship Qualifying Team
- Livonia Career Technical Center students received honors in a Computer Game Design Contest at the University of

Michigan. Seniors Denise Neamtu and Carson Jonik won second place with their game and each received a \$1,500 scholarship.

- Alex Blauet, 7th grader at Frost Middle School, was named the 2017 student ambassador for Easter Seals.
- Cathryn McGowan, Churchill sophomore, and Rachel Teets, Stevenson sophomore, representing Harmony Theatre Company and the United States, will be competing in Theatre on Ice at the Nations Cup 2017.
- Students across the district enjoyed the combined Middle School Activity Nights held this year. Kudos to our middle school staff for putting on these events, which are well attended and so much fun for the students!
- High school students held remarkable performances – *Beauty & the Beast* at Franklin's new Performing Arts Center and *Annie* at Stevenson High School.
- Over 450 students in grades 6-12 had a very impressive performance at the district-wide String Fling on Sunday night at Stevenson.
- Culinary Arts students did an excellent job of preparing meals during an Iron Chef competition at Franklin's Patriot Inn last month, in preparation for their state-wide competition.

**Written
Communication**

None

**Audience
Communication**

Dana Whinnery addressed the Board to apologize for his misstatement (related to the LEA and bargaining) during the audience communication portion of the April 10 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Doug Coates, Priscilla David, Eric Longuski, and Ryan Tracy addressed the Board to respond to comments (related to the LEA and bargaining) made during the audience communication portion of the April 10 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Debbie McDermott addressed the Board regarding the use of therapy dogs at Livonia Public Schools.

**Response to
Prior Audience
Communication**

Theresa O'Brien, Chief Academic Officer, responded to a concern that was raised at a previous Board meeting about high school ELA textbooks. She acknowledged that we do have textbooks that are in need of replacement, including high school ELA textbooks, but due to budget cuts those replacements have not yet taken place. We are now beginning to address these needs.

Colleen Burton, Board President, responded to concerns that

were raised during the March 20 regular Board meeting related to teachers packing materials at their schools. She stated packing concerns will be addressed, but there were other items in the consolidation process that were time sensitive and needed to take place first.

**Consent
Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford 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 March 20, 2017
- VI.A. Bills for Payment—April 18, 2017
- VII.A. Approval of Cooperative Agreements for Livonia Career Technical Center
- VII.B. Approval of Cooperative Agreements for Livonia Transition Program

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

Nays: None

**Approval of
Holmes Middle
School Water
Main Project –
Sinking Fund**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis 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 water main replacement at Holmes Middle School in the amount of \$324,815.00, plus \$40,000.00 in contingency, for a total of \$364,815.00 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contract with the recommended contractor, Macomb Pipeline & Utilities, Sterling Heights, Michigan.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of
Painter for
Churchill High
School
Renovations –
2013 Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Johnson 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 painting at Churchill High School in the amount of \$296,823.00 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contract with the recommended contractor, Seven Brothers Painting Inc., Shelby Township, Michigan.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of
Construction
Manager for
Churchill High
School
Renovations –
2013 Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to appoint George W. Auch Company as construction manager for Churchill High School in the amount of \$2,337,616.00, which includes construction and staffing fees of \$810,940.00; construction manager fees of \$265,950.00; and contingency fees of \$1,260,726.00; and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contract with the recommended contractor.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of
Construction
Manager for
Summer and
Fall Projects –
2013 Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to appoint George W. Auch Company as construction manager for summer and fall projects in the amount of \$73,169.00 for the summer projects' staffing and reimbursable costs at Garfield Elementary, Randolph Elementary, Frost Middle School, Cooper Upper Elementary, and Buchanan Elementary Schools; fall projects' staffing and reimbursable costs at Garfield Elementary in the amount of \$106,727.00; plus construction manager fees for both projects in the amount of \$58,500.00; for a total amount of \$238,396.00 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contract with the recommended contractor.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of Bid
Results for Fire
Sprinkler
System at Grant
Elementary –
2013 Bond**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis 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 installation of the Fire Sprinkler System at Grant Elementary in the amount of \$28,580.00, plus a contingency amount of \$5,716.00 for a total of \$34,296.00 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute the final contract with the recommended contractor, Professional Sprinkler, Wixom, Michigan.

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

Nays: None

**Approval to
Purchase Point
of Sale (POS)
System for
Food Services
Department**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of the Point of Sale (POS) System from Horizon Software International, Duluth, Georgia for an annual amount of \$19,685.00 for the Solana software and on-line application, plus an initial training amount of \$3,795.00 and a one-time hardware cost of \$14,634.75 for a total of \$38,114.75.

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

Nays: None

**Approval to
Purchase
Furniture for
Elementary
Schools – 2013
Bond**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of elementary classroom student chairs and classroom activity tables from Interior Environment, Novi, Michigan for a cost of \$610,255.91; elementary student desks, stand-up desks and classroom tables from Staples Business Advantage, Livonia, Michigan for a cost of \$544,256.75; and Hokki Stools from Great Lakes Furniture Supply, Holland, Michigan for a cost of \$132,621.00; for a total cost of \$1,287,133.66.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of Bid
Results for
Science
Equipment –
2013 Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District purchase science equipment for use in all secondary science content areas: Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and middle school sciences. This purchase would be from several vendors, utilizing budgeted resources from the 2013 Bond, at a total cost of \$580,590.89.

Fisher Scientific	\$4,033.50
Parco Scientific	\$4,200.00
Pasco Scientific	\$133,453.59
School Specialty (Frey Scientific)	\$37,825.38
Vernier Software & Technology	\$173,720.52
Ward's Science	\$227,357.90

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

Nays: None

**Approval to
Purchase
Algebra
Textbooks**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District purchase the textbook *enVision Algebra 1, 2018* for secondary Algebra 1 courses from Pearson Education, Inc., at a total cost of \$141,046.07.

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

Nays: None

**Teachers for
Recall**

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2016-17 school year to the following teachers:

Patrick Daugherty (1.0) Physical Education/(.5) Cass Elementary &
(.5) Cleveland Elementary (Recalled from 2013-14
effective May 1, 2017)

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

Nays: None

**Leaves of
Absence**

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 approve the requests for a leave of absence as listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Judy Bowling	2017-2018 school year
Kimberly DuSablou	2017-2018 school year
Mary Kay Hussey	2017-2018 school year
Danielle Kearney	2017-2018 school year
Jadie Kieft	2017-2018 school year
Lindsay Obenour	2017-2018 school year
Marlene Scott	April 26, 2017

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

Nays: None

Resignations

As authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 20, 2016, resignations have been accepted by the director of human resources for the persons listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Tracey Crews	March 15, 2017
Angela K. Jenkins	March 15, 2017
Courtney Younan	June 30, 2017

Retirements

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions of appreciation for the services rendered by:

Beth Buffington will retire from the district on April 28, 2017, and will have devoted 21.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as an elementary clerk and secretary at Grant Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, and Hayes Elementary School.

Broc Butcher will retire from the district on June 16, 2017; and will have devoted 28 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian, assistant head custodian, head custodian, and building supervisor at Holmes Middle School, Nankin Mills Elementary School, Hayes Elementary School, and Riley Upper Elementary School.

Mary Clark will retire from the district on June 30, 2017, and will have devoted 30 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Riley Middle School and Stevenson High School as a teacher.

Judy Delgreco will retire from the district on June 23, 2017, and will have devoted 25.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary with the Maintenance Department, Emerson Middle School, Cooper Elementary School, Transportation Department, and Johnson Upper Elementary School.

Linda Dodd will retire from the district on June 30, 2017, and will have devoted 18.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary at Randolph Elementary School.

Kathy M. Fox will retire from the district on June 30, 2017, and will have devoted 23 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Riley Middle School and Holmes Middle School as a teacher.

Jody Harris will retire from the district on June 30, 2017, and will have devoted 30 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Tyler Elementary School and Riley Upper Elementary School as a teacher.

Bonnie Jagosz will retire from the district on April 30, 2017, and will have devoted 24.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a special education paraprofessional at Buchanan Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, Riley Middle School, and Emerson Middle School.

Tracy Lempke will retire from the district on June 30, 2017, and will have devoted 29.1 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cass Elementary School, Cleveland Elementary School, Jackson Center, Grant Elementary School, and Hoover Elementary School as a teacher.

Ernest McCall will retire from the district on July 7, 2017, and will have devoted 31 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian, assistant head custodian, head custodian, and building supervisor at Adams Elementary School, Riley Middle School, Frost Middle School, and Livonia Career Technical Center.

Melodie Provencher will retire from the district on June 19, 2017, and will have devoted 29 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Holmes Middle School, Hayes Elementary School, Coolidge Elementary School, Nankin Mills Elementary School, Cleveland Elementary School, Emerson Middle School, Randolph Elementary School, Kennedy Elementary School, Johnson Elementary School, Grant

Elementary School, Cooper Elementary School, Garfield Elementary School, Taylor Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, Rosedale Elementary School, Cooper Upper Elementary School, Riley Upper Elementary School, and the Secondary Programs Department as a teacher and teacher leader.

Elizabeth Roberge will retire from the district on June 16, 2017, and will have devoted 17 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School as a teacher.

Mary Rosner will retire from the district on June 30, 2017, and will have devoted 16 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Holmes Middle School and Franklin High School as a teacher.

Jacalyn Sanders will retire from the district on June 30, 2017, and will have devoted 19 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Emerson Middle School, Coolidge Elementary School, and Garfield Elementary School as a media specialist and teacher.

Tammy Spangler-Timm will retire from the district on August 31, 2017, and will have devoted 12 years of dedicated, loyal, and out-standing service to the students of Cooper Upper Elementary School, Rosedale Elementary School, and Randolph Elementary School as a principal.

Barbara Trzcinski will retire from the district on June 30, 2017, and will have devoted 22 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students throughout the District as a psychologist with the Student Services Department.

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

Nays: None

First Reading of Board Policy DJE - Purchasing

Alison Smith, Finance Director, reported that purchasing policies were attached proposed language for the following policy:

DJE – Purchasing

(Note: Policy DJE, DJED, and DJEG have been combined into one policy)

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

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