

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
Regular Meeting  
January 30, 2023**

President Johnson convened the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

**Members Present** Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson

**Members Absent** Acosta

**District Update from the Superintendent** Superintendent Oquist presented highlights of recent activities taking place across the District, as well as upcoming events.

**Board Recognition Month** Ms. Stacy Jenkins, Administrator of Communications, recognized Board members for their status as an Honor Board and for all they do to support the District. Mr. Phillip Francis, Assistant Superintendent of District Services, read a Recognition Resolution for Board members from the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education. Superintendent Oquist also expressed her appreciation to the Board, on behalf of the District, for their outstanding work and dedication.

**Written Communications** None

**Response to Prior Audience Communications** None

**Audience Communications** An individual addressed the Board regarding the treatment of bus drivers and student misbehavior on the bus, stating that riding a bus is a privilege.

Ms. Isolina Carlini, Holmes Middle School teacher and LPS Robotics Coach/Coordinator, announced that there is a website dedicated to Livonia Public Schools' FIRST Robotics Programs. She noted that five elementary schools now have a Robotics team.

**Consent Agenda** It was moved by Mrs. Burton 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 December 12, 2022

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

Nays: None

**Approval to  
Purchase  
Furniture for  
LCTC & Robotics  
– 2021 Bond**

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 recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, to approve the purchase and installation of furniture for LCTC and Robotics from NBS Commercial Interiors, Troy, Michigan; Interior Office Source, Milford, Michigan; KI Direct, Green Bay, Wisconsin; DEW-EL, Holland, Michigan; Interior Environments, Novi, Michigan; and Wenger, Owantonna, Minnesota for a total amount not to exceed \$285,258, which includes contingency.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of IT Bid  
Results for LCTC  
& Robotics**

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 from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, to approve Digital Age Technology, Davison, Michigan, as the technology contractor for the renovation of LCTC and the new robotics center, in the amount of \$113,177, which includes contingency, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts with the recommended contractor.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of IT Bid  
Results for 2023  
Renovations –  
2021 Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, to approve Phase 2 of the Technology Contractor bid from AMcomm Telecommunications, Brighton, Michigan, in the amount of \$240,000, which includes contingency, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts with the recommended contractor.

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

Nays: None

**Approval of Bid  
Results for  
Security Cameras**

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 from the Owner's

Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, to approve the purchase and installation of security cameras, including licensing for ten years, from Sentinel Technologies, Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$1,890,542.66, which includes contingency.

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

**Approval of Bid  
Results for Early  
Childhood Center  
– 2021 Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation from its Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, and its Construction Manager, Clark Construction Company, to approve the contractors identified and the construction project budgets for the Early Childhood Center addition and renovations, in the total amount of \$27,668,021, which includes costs for hard construction, fees, and contingency, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of the Board of Education with the awarded contractors.

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson  
Abstain: Burton (a member of her family's business bid to one of the companies listed)  
Nays: None

**Approval of Bid  
Results for  
Franklin Tennis  
Courts**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation from its Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cresa, and its Designer, Foresite Design, Inc., to approve the contractors identified and the construction project budget for the Franklin High School Tennis Courts Project in the total amount of \$1,213,740, which includes costs for hard construction and contingency, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of the Board of Education with the awarded contractors.

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

**Approval of TMP  
Contract  
Amendment**

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 a contract amendment for TMP Architecture, Inc., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, in the amount of \$621,125.

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

**Approval to Purchase Playground Equipment for Webster RISE Program**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of elementary playground equipment for the Webster Elementary RISE Program from Kidstuff Playsystems, in care of Kennedy Recreation, Clinton Township, Michigan, in the amount of \$137,020, which includes contingency, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

**Approval to Purchase Furniture for Stevenson Community Room**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of furniture for the Stevenson High School Community Room from Interior Environments, Novi, Michigan, for a total amount of \$53,136.29.

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

**Recommend Expulsion for One Secondary Student**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District expel one high school student for violations of the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education policies.

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

**Teachers for Approval**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2022-23 school year to the following teachers:

<b>Dardini, McKenna</b>	<b>1.0 Teacher</b>	<b>Frost Middle School</b>
<b>Dunn, Allyson</b>	<b>1.0 Teacher</b>	<b>Cooper Elementary</b>
<b>Hurley, Thomas</b>	<b>1.0 Teacher, Social Studies</b>	<b>Franklin High School</b>
<b>Kefallinos, Yanni</b>	<b>1.0 Teacher, Social Studies</b>	<b>Stevenson .8</b>
		<b>Franklin .2</b>

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

**Teachers for Tenure**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and acknowledge that tenure status has been granted to the following teachers on the respective date:

**Kelly Billin** 11/23/22

(Note: The correct tenure date for Kelly Billin is 11/23/21. Therefore, this information will be amended at the next Regular meeting.)

**Alison Boike** 1/26/23

**Brittany Cornellier** 1/10/23

**Gillian Drutchas** 1/29/23

**Erin Horback** 1/29/23

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

**Leave of Absence**

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 recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence as listed below:

**Alison Frazier** 1/17/23

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

**Resignation**

The Board was informed of the following resignation:

**Kimberly Zarzycki** 1/20/23

**Retirements**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution of appreciation for:

**Janet Cronin**, who retired from the District on December 23, 2022, and devoted 15.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Western Wayne Skill Center, Webster Elementary, Livonia Career Technical Center, Grant Elementary, Churchill High School, and Frost Middle School.

**Joan McCloskey**, who retired from the District on January 13, 2023, and devoted 23.1 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a bus driver in the Transportation Department.

**Rossann Padgen**, who retired from the District on January 13, 2023, and devoted 33.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Jackson Early Childhood Center, Hoover Elementary, Coolidge Elementary, Grant Elementary, Perrinville Early Childhood Center, and Roosevelt Elementary.

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

**First Reading of**

Proposed changes to Bylaw BBABA were reviewed by the Board

**Board Bylaw  
BBABA – Duties  
of the President**

and will be on the agenda of the next Regular Board meeting for a second reading and potential approval.

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD  
BOARD OPERATIONS  
DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

**BBABA  
FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

The president of the Board shall preside at all regular meetings, special meetings, closed sessions, committee meetings, and study sessions; shall have the option to make and second motions, shall vote on all agenda items unless a conflict of interest exists; shall plan cooperatively with the superintendent the agendas for such meetings; shall represent and speak for the Board when requested to do so and only on action which the Board has already taken; shall sign documents as required by law and correspondence as authorized by the Board; shall appoint Board members as committee chairpersons and members as soon as feasible following the meeting of the election of officers; shall make other committee appointments; and shall perform such other duties as authorized by the Board.

**First Reading of  
Board Policy JI –  
Pledge of  
Allegiance**

The proposed new policy JI was reviewed by the Board and will be on the agenda of the next Regular Board meeting for a second reading and potential approval.

**BOARD POLICY  
STUDENTS  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**JI  
DATE**

In accordance with the Revised School Code, the opportunity to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States will be offered each school day to all students. A student will not be compelled, against the student’s objection or the objection of the student’s parent or legal guardian, to recite the pledge of allegiance. A student will not be subject to any penalty or retaliation at school for not reciting the pledge of allegiance.

**Second Reading  
of Board Policies:**

It was moved Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Burton 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 policies:

**IDDA – Special  
Education  
Programs**

**BOARD POLICY  
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM  
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**IDDA  
JANUARY 30, 2023**

The School District will provide eligible students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) programming and services to meet their needs. These programs and services will be coordinated by the Department of Student Services and its staff. The District will abide by all applicable laws, including State and Federal laws such as Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE) and Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA).

**IDDD – Programs  
for the  
Academically  
Talented**

**BOARD POLICY  
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM  
PROGRAMS FOR THE ACADEMICALLY TALENTED**

**IDDD  
JANUARY 30, 2023**

The School District will provide academically talented students access to learning opportunities both in general education classrooms and in magnet programs, to meet their needs. These programs and services will be coordinated by the directors of elementary and secondary education with the support of the Academic Services Department.

**II – Systemwide  
Assessment  
Program**

**IIA – Testing**

**Programs  
(Removal of  
Policy)**

Staff may conduct studies and research to ascertain appropriate curricular and instructional opportunities and programming for academically talented students.

**IIC – Use and  
Dissemination of  
Assessment  
Results**

**BOARD POLICY  
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM  
SYSTEMWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM** **II  
JANUARY 30, 2023**

The purpose of the systemwide assessment program is to plan appropriate instructional activities for each student in addition to providing the School District and each school essential information on the growth and achievement of our learners.

The School District will select and administer a series of aptitude, diagnostic and standardized achievement assessments, which provide information related to a student's learning potential as well as longitudinal achievement data on individual learners and cohorts of students in the District. Other appropriate assessments may be used for diagnostic purposes.

The School District shall assess learning based on the current standards and curriculum being used in classrooms across the District. This includes, but is not limited to, school improvement assessments, common course and grade level assessments, and unit tests. These assessments, along with standardized assessments, provide a broader picture of a student's abilities and attainment of standards. In addition, surveys and student focus groups provide a "picture" of students' thoughts, feelings and attitudes.

~~**BOARD POLICY  
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM  
TESTING PROGRAMS** **IIA  
JUNE 20, 1988**~~

~~The Board of Education expects the staff to select and administer a series of mental capacity tests and standardized achievement tests, particularly in the areas of the so-called basic skills and study skills, as one source of data indicating the nature of the students' potential and of their longitudinal achievement as they progress through the schools. Other appropriate tests may be used on an optional basis for diagnostic purposes.~~

~~Although it is the general attitude of this Board that reasonable limits should be placed on the administering of tests to students, it is permissible to administer selected so-called external tests to those students desiring to take the same for college entrance, scholarships, academic competition, and college placement.~~

~~The Board of Education encourages the staff to examine continually the values which reflect the objectives of the School System, the needs of students, and the circumstances in society which indicate the necessity for new or different educational experiences. As a result of such study and reexamination, the staff is further encouraged to seek better means for assessing learning in such areas as the cognitive abilities including inductive thinking, the process of inquiry, critical thinking, and the process of problem-solving. Also, it is expected that assessment means should be found or devised through which data may be gathered regarding learning in the so-called "affective domain," including such factors as feelings, attitudes, and appreciations.~~

**BOARD POLICY  
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM  
USE AND DISSEMINATION OF ASSESSMENT RESULTS** **IIC  
JANUARY 30, 2023**

The District will provide all parents/guardians and students who are over 18, full access to personal educational data. Student records will not be released to a third party without prior written consent of the parent/guardian or student (if over 18), with the exceptions

made for Livonia Public Schools staff, governmental educational agencies, or other persons, as provided by law.

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

**Approval for Board Members to Participate in MASB's Virtual Winter Institute and Take MASB Classes**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve that Board Trustees Madeline Acosta, Tammy Bonifield, Liz Jarvis, and Mark Johnson participate in MASB's Virtual Winter Institute February 24-26, 2023, and take MASB classes, for a total cost of \$2,178.

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

**Adjournment**

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

**Off/Supt/jw**