

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2014**

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

Members Present Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Dan Centers, Mark Johnson, Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell, Randy Roulier

Members Absent None

Phase I Bond Issue Presentation Stacy Jenkins, administrator of communications, gave a presentation of renovations taking place through the Phase I bond issue. The presentation included before and after pictures of elementary schools Cleveland, Coolidge, and Rosedale, as well as Cooper Upper Elementary and Frost Middle School.

Golden Apple Award – Cindy Gessler, Churchill High School Board vice president Colleen Burton presented the Golden Apple Award to Churchill attendance secretary Cindy Gessler, complimenting and thanking her for the outstanding job she does at Churchill.

Recess Mr. Johnson asked if Board members had any objection to taking a 5-10 minute recess to visit with guests. There were no objections, therefore the Board recessed at 7:23 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:32 p.m.

Written Communication Board President Mark Johnson shared with Board members a copy of a written communication from two Grant parents regarding their concern about class size, as well as signatures from other families in the district.

Mr. Johnson thanked the parents for communicating with the Board and stated that the Board shares their ideals for low class sizes and has been updated by the administration as administrators work to address the issues brought forward by the parents.

Audience Communication None

Response to Prior Audience Communication None

Consent Agenda It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Laura 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 August 18, 2014
- VI.A Bills for Payment—September 16, 2014

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

**Presentation of
2013-2014 Annual
Education Report**

Mrs. Sheila Alles, director of academic services, and Kathy Baldwin, supervisor of academic assessment, presented an overview of the district's 2013-2014 Annual Education Report.

**Conditional
Reinstatement of
Secondary
Student**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the administration's recommendation to conditionally reinstate a student who was expelled from Stevenson High School in June 2013. The student is to be reinstated effective with the start of the second semester.

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

**Approval of Bid
Results for Lunch
Pizza**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the Food Service pizza bid recommendation for the 2014-15 school year for Domino's Pizza, dependent upon volume sold, for an estimated total cost of \$81,000.

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

**Approval of Bid
Results for
Custodial
Supplies**

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the low bid for custodial supplies from HP Products, Indianapolis, Indiana, for the Just in Time delivery system of supplies for an estimated total cost of \$159,000.

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

**Approval of
Contract with
Coca-Cola**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, based upon the recommendation of Kristen Hennessey, Food Service Supervisor, authorize the preparation of the contracts with the Coca-Cola Company for an estimated total amount of \$312,435. Also move that upon receipt of the executed contracts, Lisa Abbey, Director of Business Services, is authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, Laura, Roulier
Nays: McDonnell

Approval of Budget Transfer for Bond Issue Project

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the attached recommendation for approving budget transfers for the 2013 bond issue project. (Transfer \$40,000 from Cleveland to Rosedale, to address potential future issues, if needed.)

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

Recall of Teachers

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to district employment as teachers for the 2014-15 school year the persons listed below:

- Joseph Bublitz (1.0) Success Strategies/Emerson Middle School
- Marion Killebrew-Sexton (1.0) Language Arts/Frost Middle School
- Catherine Noble (.6) Physical Therapist/Student Services
- Walter Power (1.0) Language Arts/Emerson Middle School
- Clare Walker (.6) Language Arts/Franklin High School & (.2) Health/Frost Middle School
- Nicole Young (1.0) Social Studies/Franklin High School

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

Approval of Teachers

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2014-15 school year to the following teachers:

- Thena Axiotis (1.0) World Language/Churchill High School
- Megan Barnard (.65) Music Teacher/Shared Time Program
- Sylvia Bautista (1.0) World Language Teacher/(.4) Franklin High School, (.6) Emerson Middle School
- Amanda Beauregard (1.0) Special Education Teacher/(.4) MOCI Program/Perrinville Early Childhood Center & (.4) Resource Room/Franklin High School
- Robert Buckley (.68) Music Teacher/Shared Time Program
- Laurisa Burke (1.0) Kindergarten Teacher/Coolidge Elementary
- Clare Campagna-Fraley (1.0) Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments/Student Services
- Leah Clark (1.0) Autism Spectrum Disorder Teacher/Ford ASD-Western Wayne Skill Center
- Ann Marie Connors (.4) Art Teacher (.2) Riley Upper Elementary & (.1) Cass Elementary
- Taylor Cummings (1.0) Special Education Teacher/Randolph Elementary
- Tara Gursky Richardson (.5) Elementary Student Assistance Provider & (.5) Social Worker/Webster Elementary
- Brandy Horvath (1.0) Grade 1 Teacher/Japanese Magnet School
- Jennifer Jacobs (1.0) Kindergarten Teacher/Japanese Magnet School

Sarah Lenhart	(.4) Music Teacher/Franklin High School
Rachel Licavoli	(1.0) Art Teacher/(.6) Johnson Upper Elementary & (.4) Roosevelt Elementary
Jonathan Lunneberg	(1.0) Music Teacher/(.6) Churchill High School & (.4) Frost Middle School
Dana Martin	(1.0) Special Education Resource Room Teacher/Coolidge Elementary
Nicole Nowotny	(1.0) Special Education Teacher/Grant Elementary
Maribeth Olsen	(.68) Music Teacher/Shared Time Program
Jennifer Penny	(1.0) Special Education Teacher/Ford ASD Program-Western Wayne Skill Center
Anna Petoskey	(1.0) Special Education Teacher/Cleveland Elementary
Rachel A. Robertson	(1.0) Kindergarten Teacher/Rosedale Elementary
Robert Sharp	(1.0) Grade 6 Teacher/Johnson Upper Elementary
Patricia Smith	(1.0) Visually Impaired Teacher/Perrinville Early Childhood Center
Catherine Trapp	(1.0) Elementary Student Assistance Provider/Riley Upper Elementary
Emily Trybus	(1.0) Elementary Teacher/Johnson Upper Elementary
Jennifer Beth Warrick	(1.0) Teacher of Speech & Language/Student Services
Amy West	(.4) Music Teacher/(.3) Webster Elementary & (.1) Cooper Upper Elementary

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

Leave of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell 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 request for a leave of absence for Eric Cassie, effective for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

Retirements

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

Christina Coletta, who retired from the district on June 30, 2014, and devoted 16 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Washington Elementary School, and Johnson Upper Elementary School as a teacher.

Alyssa Rothstein, who retired from the district on September 5, 2014, and devoted one year of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Coolidge Elementary School as a teacher.

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

Sympathy Resolution

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and unanimously supported by the Board that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a sympathy resolution for the family of Michele McMonagle.

First Reading of Board Policy GBD, Professional Personnel - Appointment: & IDF, Instruction Program – Interscholastic Activities

Dr. Liepa, superintendent, reported that the Policy Committee reviewed the proposed new language, as shown below, for Board Policy GBD, Professional Personnel–Appointment and Board Policy IDF, Instruction Program–Interscholastic Activities. These policies will be brought to the next regular Board meeting for a second reading and possible adoption.

**BOARD POLICY
PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENT**

**GBD
~~JUNE 20, 1988~~**

~~The comptroller and all certificated employees of the school district~~ All members of Cabinet, LEADS, and LEA shall be appointed only upon the recommendation of the superintendent and approval by the Board of Education. Should a nominee of the superintendent be rejected by the Board, it shall be the duty of the superintendent to make another nomination.

It shall be the duty of the superintendent or designee to see that persons recommended for employment shall meet all qualifications established by law, by contractual agreement, and by the Board for that type of position.

It shall be the duty of the superintendent or designee to hire all employees for positions which do not require certification.

**BOARD POLICY
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES**

**IDF
~~JUNE 20, 1988~~**

The Livonia Board of Education recognizes the need for and encourages student participation in extracurricular and interscholastic activities.

The Board further recognizes that participating in these activities carries with it the responsibility of good behavior in and out of the school. Failure on the part of any student to meet this responsibility is cause for suspension or removal from participation.

All interscholastic athletic activities shall be conducted in accordance with law.

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

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