

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2012**

Vice President Oke convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Members Present	Colleen Burton, Mark Johnson, Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell, Gregory Oke, Randy Roulier
Members Absent	Patrice Mang
Recognition of Teachers of the Year	<p>It was moved by Ms. Laura and supported by Ms. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions for 2012-2013 Teachers of the Year. Mary Christensen, Hoover Elementary; Ioanna (Joann) Tolios, Frost Middle School and David Bjorklund, Franklin High School</p> <p>Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Oke, Roulier Nays: None</p>
American Education Week	<p>It was moved by Ms. McDonnell and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District designate November 11-17, 2012, as the 91st annual observance of American Education Week.</p> <p>Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Oke, Roulier Nays: None</p>
Recess	It was moved by Ms. Burton and unanimously supported by Ms. Laura that the Board take a brief recess at 7:46 p.m. to visit with guests.
Reconvene	Vice President Oke reconvened the Board meeting at 7:55 p.m.
Written Communication	None
Audience Communication	<p>Terry Roeder, 1451 Norris, addressed the Board regarding reported incidents involving preschool students at Webster.</p> <p>Brad Wolkan, 31648 Hees, addressed the Board regarding reported incidents involving preschool students at Webster and the potential bond issue.</p>

Mr. Hurula, 45685 Greenridge Dr., addressed the Board regarding reported incidents involving preschool students at Webster and support in the current Webster kindergarten class.

Brandon Bennett, 33010 W. Chicago; **Carl Chen**, 1242 Bass Dr., **Austin Ludwiczak**, 34850 Standish; **Jason Panek**, 35546 Orangelawn; **Leslie Martin**, 33101 Barkley St.; **Jon Martin**, 33101 Barkley St.; and **James McKernan**, 8120 Perrin, addressed the Board to ask that the ROTC program at Churchill High School be preserved.

John Grzebik, 11301 Hubbell, addressed the Board to thank the community for the support he received when he ran for a seat on the Board and stated that he will continue his activities with the district.

**Response to Prior
Audience
Communication**

None

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Ms. 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 October 15, 2012
- IV.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 22, 2012
- IV.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of October 22, 2012
- IV.D. Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 5, 2012
- IV.E. Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 13, 2012
- VI.A. Bills for Payment—November 20, 2012

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Oke, Roulier

Nays: None

**Expulsion of
Secondary
Student**

It was moved by Ms. McDonnell and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District expel one Emerson Middle School student, grade 8, for serious violations of Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education policies.

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Oke, Roulier

Nays: None

**Formal
Acceptance of the
2011-12 Audit
Report**

It was moved by Ms. Laura and supported by Ms. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the 2011-2012 audit report as presented by the audit firm of Plante Moran.

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Oke, Roulier

Nays: None

Approve of Owner's Representative

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Ms. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the resolution appointing Plante Moran CRESA as the District's Owner's Representative under the conditions outlined in the resolution.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools, Wayne County, Michigan (the "School District"), held at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154 on the 19th day of November, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: MEMBERS: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____.

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2012 the School District issued a Request For Proposal for Owner's Representative Services for 2012 Bond Projects ("RFP");

WHEREAS, the School District received proposals from seven (7) prospective Owner's Representatives;

WHEREAS, after a thorough analysis of all proposals and prospective Owner's Representatives, the School District is desirous of hiring and appointing _____, to act as the School District's Owner's Representative for the Projects outlined in the RFP;

WHEREAS, the School District is desirous of authorizing the Superintendent of the School District, Dr. Randy Liepa, or his designee, to negotiate the terms and conditions of the contract with _____, on terms substantially similar to the terms and conditions contained in the RFP, in the Owner's Representative's Response to the RFP and subject to the review and approval by the School District's legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, as part of the negotiations with the Owner's Representative, the School District desires that the contract only allow the Owner's Representative to initially perform Pre-Bond Services and that compensation for any other services to be performed by the Owner's Representative be expressly contingent upon the Board of Education authorizing the Bond Issue process to commence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School District hereby appoints _____, to act as the School District's Owner's Representative for the Projects outlined in the RFP.
2. The Superintendent of the School District, Dr. Randy Liepa, or his designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate a contract with _____, on terms substantially similar to the terms and conditions contained in the RFP, in the Owner's Representative's Response to the RFP and subject to the review and approval by the School District's legal counsel.
3. The Superintendent of the School District, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the resulting contract with _____, as well as any and all documents necessary and incidental to said contract, on behalf of the School District; provided that the contract only allow the Owner's Representative to initially perform Pre-Bond Services and that compensation for any other services to be performed by the Owner's Representative be expressly contingent upon the Board of Education authorizing the Bond Issue process to commence.

YEAS: MEMBERS: _____

NAYS: MEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN: MEMBERS: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Secretary, Board of Education

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of November, 2012 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Secretary, Board of Education

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, Oke, Roulier

Nays: McDonnell

Approval of Teacher

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Ms. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2012-13 school year to the following teacher: **Jacqueline Zisler**.

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Oke, Roulier

Nays: None

Recall of Teacher

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Ms. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to the following teacher: **Wendy Kwiatkowski**

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Oke, Roulier

Nays: None

Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Ms. Burton 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:

Heidi Barrow	December 3, 2012	Child care leave
David Hebestreit	November 12, 2012	Personal leave
Mary Murphy	October 22, 2012	Personal leave

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Oke, Roulier

Nays: None

Resignation

The Board was informed, per information included in the November 19, 2012 meeting packet, of the resignation of **Kimberly Moser**, effective November 16, 2012.

Retirements

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

Joanne Donnelley, who retired from the district on October 31, 2012, and devoted 15.1 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a bus driver for the Transportation Department.

Karen Fields, who retired from the district on October 31, 2012, and devoted 10.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a bus driver for the Transportation Department.

First Reading of Board Policies

IDDE
IDDF
JG

It was reported by Mr. Oke, Chair of the Policy Committee, that the Policy Committee reviewed the proposed revisions for Board policies: IDDE – Postsecondary Credit Opportunities; IDDF – Online Learning; and JG – Suicidal Behavior. These policies were provided to the Board for their review and possible adoption at the next regular Board meeting.

Second Reading and Approval and Board Policy IHF – Graduation Requirements

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Ms. Laura that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt language, as shown below, for Board Policy IHF – Graduation Requirements.

BOARD POLICY INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

IHF - Section #1
November 19, 2012

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

1. **Number of Classes:** Each student shall be registered as a full time student for a minimum of eight (8) semesters. Exceptions for the second semester of the senior year for which special schedule arrangements are necessary may be approved by the principals.
2. **Credit Requirements:** A minimum of 23 units of credit (one unit equals one credit) must be successfully earned.
3. **Credit Earned Prior to High School:** A student who, prior to entering high school, successfully completes a course at a Michigan public school that is aligned with the high school course content expectations will earn credit toward fulfilling the graduation requirements. A list of courses for which this applies will be maintained by the Office of Instruction. Grades for these courses will not be used in the calculation of the student's high school grade point average.
4. **Common Learnings:** Each student is required to earn a minimum of 16 credits in the area of common learnings outlined below:
A minimum of sixteen (16) units of credit must be earned in the following areas:

A. Language Arts (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12)	4.0 units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit Language Arts 9 • 1 unit Language Arts 10 • 1 unit Language Arts 11 electives • 1 unit Language Arts 12 electives 	
B. Mathematics	4.0 units
4 units of mathematics which must include at least Geometry, Algebra I and Algebra II (or an equivalent) with a math or math-related class in the final year.	
C. Science	3.0 units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit Biology • 1 unit Chemistry • 1 unit Physics/Physical Science 	
D. Social Studies	3.0 units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit World History • 1 unit U.S. History • 0.5 unit American Government • 0.5 unit-Economics 	
E. Physical Education	0 unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5 unit Personal Fitness • 0.5 unit Health 	
F. Visual, Performing, and/or Applied Arts	1.0 unit

TOTAL

16 units

5. **Electives:** Of the 23 units required for graduation, 7 units of credit may be electives.
6. **Online Learning Experience:** Students are required to experience twenty (20) hours of online learning. The requirement will be met through online experiences provided in high school core required courses.
7. **Personal Curriculum Plan:** A personal curriculum plan may be developed for a student in which graduation requirements are modified in accordance with the state mandated Michigan Merit Curriculum.
8. **Testing Out:** A student will receive credit for a Michigan Merit curriculum course in which the student earns a qualifying score on the test out that measures a student's understanding of the subject area content expectations that apply to the credit. Test out scores will not be used to calculate grade point average. Testing out is not a credit recovery option.
9. **Required Testing:** As a requirement for graduation, a high school student must participate in all state or federal academic testing programs which the School District is required to administer, unless otherwise indicated in an Individualized Education Program (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or similar program of services. A high school student's failure to meet this requirement will render him/her ineligible for a high school diploma, and will preclude that student's participation in graduation commencement exercises. Any deviation from this requirement must be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
10. **Early Graduation:** If a student meets all other requirements, approval for early graduation may be granted at the end of seven (7) semesters. To apply for early graduation, the Application for Early Graduation and a letter to the principal must be completed by the end of the first card marking of the student's senior year. Approval for early graduation will be contingent upon educational experiences or training in high school which have afforded the student early entry into college or an advanced training program, a concrete job offer utilizing these educational experiences, or family financial need. Diplomas will be issued in June. An exception to this section may be granted with approval of the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the superintendent.

**BOARD POLICY
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**IHF - Section #2
November 19, 2012**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (2016 and beyond)

1. **Number of Classes:** Each student shall be registered as a full time student for a minimum of eight (8) semesters. Exceptions for the second semester of the senior year for which special schedule arrangements are necessary may be approved by the principals.
2. **Credit Requirements:** A minimum of 23 units of credit (one unit equals one credit) must be successfully earned.
3. **Credit Earned Prior to High School:** A student who, prior to entering high school, successfully completes a course at a Michigan public school that is aligned with the high school course content expectations will earn credit toward fulfilling the graduation requirements. A list of courses for which this applies will be maintained by the Office of Instruction. Grades for these courses will not be used in the calculation of the student's high school grade point average.
4. **Common Learnings:** Each student is required to earn a minimum of 18 credits in the area of common learnings outlined below:
A minimum of eighteen (18) units of credit must be earned in the following areas:

A. Language Arts (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12)	4.0 units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit Language Arts 9 • 1 unit Language Arts 10 • 1 unit Language Arts 11 electives • 1 unit Language Arts 12 electives 	
B. Mathematics	4.0 units
4 units of mathematics which must include at least Geometry, Algebra I and Algebra II (or an equivalent) with a math or math-related class in the final year.	
C. Science	3.0 units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit Biology • 1 unit Chemistry • 1 unit Physics/Physical Science 	
D. Social Studies	3.0 units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit World History • 1 unit U.S. History • 0.5 unit American Government • 0.5 unit Economics 	
E. Physical Education	1.0 unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5 unit Personal Fitness • 0.5 unit Health 	
F. Visual, Performing, and/or Applied Arts	1.0 unit
G. World Languages	2.0 units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 units of the same World Language 	

TOTAL **18 units**

5. **Electives:** Of the 23 units required for graduation, 5 units of credit may be electives.
6. **Online Learning Experience:** Students are required to experience twenty (20) hours of online learning. The requirement will be met through online experiences provided in high school core required courses.
7. **Personal Curriculum Plan:** A personal curriculum plan may be developed for a student in which graduation requirements are modified in accordance with the state mandated Michigan Merit Curriculum.
8. **Testing Out:** A student will receive credit for a Michigan Merit curriculum course in which the student earns a qualifying score on the test out that measures a student's understanding of the subject area content expectations that apply to the credit. Test out scores will not be used to calculate grade point average. Testing out is not a credit recovery option.
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Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Oke, Roulier

Nays: None

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Ms. McDonnell that the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2012, be adjourned.

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell, Oke, Roulier

Nays: None

Vice President Oke adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

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