

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2018**

President Johnson convened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Members Present

Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Johnson

Members Absent

Jarvis

Items Removed from Agenda due to Power Outage

The following items under Communications were removed from the agenda, due to the power outage at the central office complex, and will be covered at the next regular Board meeting:

- Recognition of Gymnastics State Champion
- Golden Apple Award – Ron Caperton
- LPS Points of Pride – Hoover Eco-Action Efforts
- Recognition of Board Members - MASB Awards
- Nomination of Parents to Wayne RESA PAC

District Update from the Superintendent

Superintendent Oquist shared the following:

- Fine Art Festival opened last week at Livonia Civic Center Library. Artwork created by LPS students, K-12, will be on display through the end of April.
- Current testing for students: M-Step for 5th and 8th graders -- ELA Math, Science, Social Studies; MI-Access testing for special needs students; SAT and PSAT for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders.
- Franklin Players will be hosting a dinner theatre in their new Performing Arts Center on May 10-11, 7:00 p.m.
- The Central Office complex experienced a power outage over the weekend and power has not yet been restored, so tonight's meeting is being run via a backup generator. This power outage prohibited the District from operating the transportation system, which in turn caused them to close schools. The communication system the District utilizes to send out robo calls and email blasts to students, families, and staff (Edulink), experienced significant issues that prevented it from running. Many other districts were also impacted by this. The issues have since been cleared up and the District will be open tomorrow, regardless of whether or not power is restored to Central Office.

**Audience
Communication**

The following robotics students updated the Board on their season report: Livonia Warriors Team -- Iris Derry, FHS Senior Captain; Miko Parkinson, CHS Senior Captain; and Sean Endress, SHS Junior Captain. Team Tyros – CHS students Yajvan Ravan, Drive Team Vanguard and Pranav Sundararajan, Drive Team Vanguard. CHS student Erin Robinson, award and communications member of the robotics team, presented Superintendent Oquist with additional yard sign stickers. The students also relayed that they qualified for Robotics World Championship 2018.

**Written
Communication**

None

**Response to
Prior Audience
Communication**

None

**Consent
Agenda**

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 following consent agenda items, as recommended by the superintendent:

V.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2018

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

**Approval of Bid
Results for
Summer 2018
Roofing
Projects –
Sinking Fund**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation of the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to award the contracts for roofing replacements at Holmes Middle School to Lutz Roofing Company, Shelby Township, Michigan in the amount of \$2,243,400.00 and at Franklin High School, Central Office Warehouse Building, and Central Office Transportation Building to J.D. Candler Roofing Company, Livonia, Michigan in the amount of \$448,500.00, for a total project cost of \$2,907,252.00 including contingency in the amount of \$215,352.00, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contract.

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

**Approval of Bid
Results for
Phase III Paving
Projects –**

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 recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to approve Nagle Paving

Sinking Fund

Company, Novi, Michigan for paving projects at Frost Middle School and Grant Elementary in the amount of \$177,380.00, plus a contingency of \$26,607.00 for a total cost of \$203,987.00 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts.

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

Approval to Purchase Buses

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 purchase of nine 77-passenger school buses through the Michigan School Business Officials bus purchasing program, for a total cost of \$749,691.00.

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

Approval to Purchase Maintenance Department Vehicles

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of four 2018 Ford Transit T-150 Utility Vans, two 2018 Ford Transit Connect Vans, and three 2017 Ford F-250 pick-up trucks with plow and tow packages, from Gorno Ford, Woodhaven, Michigan, for a total cost of \$256,411.00.

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

Approval to Purchase Computers for LCTC

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of 31 Apple desktop computers from Apple/Macprofessionals for the LCTC Graphic Design class, for a total cost of \$47,554.

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

Approval to Purchase Chromebooks for LCTC

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of 90 Dell Chromebooks and three carts from Presidio for a total cost of \$32,703.

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

Approval to Purchase Flexible Furniture for

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of flexible furniture for Franklin High School from Interior Environments, in the amount for

Franklin High School

\$73,142.39.

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

Approval of Auditor for 2017-2018 Audit

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District appoint the firm of Plante Moran to audit and prepare the financial report for Livonia Public Schools School District for the 2017-2018 school year, at a total cost of \$47,500.00.

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

Teachers for Approval

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2017-18 school year to the teachers listed below:

Ashley Lee 1.0 School Psychologist, LPS District
Traci Lowes 1.0 Science Teacher, Churchill High School

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

Retirements

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

Keith Armstrong, who retired from the district on March 27, 2018, and devoted 19 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian, lawn crew member, building assistant supervisor and building supervisor at Taylor Elementary, Holmes Middle School, Hoover Elementary, Perrinville Early Childhood Center, Central Office, Riley Upper Elementary; and Cleveland Elementary.

Debra Dugan, who retired from the district on April 10, 2018, and devoted 18.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a special education paraprofessional at Perrinville Early Childhood Center and Jackson Center.

Lisa Friedman, who will retire from the district on June 18, 2018, and will have devoted 19.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Churchill High School, Cleveland Elementary, Coolidge Elementary, Holmes Middle School, and Western Wayne Skill Center as a special education teacher.

Timothy Hinchman, who will retire from the district on June 18, 2018, and will have devoted 28 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School and Stevenson High School as a teacher.

Kristi Jasin, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2018, and will have devoted 30 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Roosevelt Elementary, Tyler Elementary, Marshall Elementary, Webster

Elementary, Frost Middle School, Hayes Elementary, Nankin Mills Elementary and Franklin High School as a teacher.

Barbara Jones, who will retire from the district on June 22, 2018, and will have devoted 20 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Churchill High School as a counselor.

Lea Kluk, who will retire from the district on June 18, 2018, and will have devoted 23 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Webster Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Whittier Elementary, Garfield Elementary, Buchanan Elementary, Hayes Elementary, Nankin Mills Elementary, Taylor Elementary, Hull Elementary, Hoover Elementary, Rosedale Elementary, Grant Elementary, and Coolidge Elementary as a teacher.

Lori Nersesian, who will retire from the district on June 18, 2018, and will have devoted 32 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cleveland Elementary, Coolidge Elementary, Hayes Elementary, Buchanan Elementary, Webster Elementary, Riley Upper Elementary, Cooper Upper Elementary and Johnson Upper Elementary, and Roosevelt Elementary as a teacher.

Carol Whitefoot, who will retire from the district on June 15, 2018, and will have devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a special education paraprofessional at Churchill High School and Frost Middle School.

Connie Zucker-Brigolin, who will retire from the district on June 18, 2018, and will have devoted 31 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School, Franklin High School, Stevenson High School, Riley Elementary and Holmes Middle School as a teacher.

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

Resignations

As authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 26, 2017, resignations have been accepted by the superintendent for the persons listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Olivia Hornshaw	April 6, 2018
Dana Paluk	March 15, 2018

Sympathy Resolution for Aimee Vance

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 sympathy resolution for the family of Aimee Vance.

SYMPATHY RESOLUTION Aimee Vance

WHEREAS, The Board of Education was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Ms. Aimee Vance; and,

WHEREAS, She was employed by the Livonia Public Schools School District as a transportation driver from February 1996 through June 2017; and,

WHEREAS, she consistently demonstrated his outstanding dedication to students, parents, and staff; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Vance will be remembered with great fondness and with a profound sense of gratitude for the immeasurable contributions she made to our school district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District offers its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ms. Aimee Vance.

This motion and sympathy resolution received the Board's unanimous approval.

**First Reading of
Board Policy
BHA – Code of
Ethics**

The Policy Committee has reviewed the proposed language for the following policy and recommends it be on the agenda of the next regular Board meeting for a second reading and potential approval:

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
BOARD OPERATIONS
CODE OF ETHICS**

**BHA
MARCH 20, 2017**

As members of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, we shall promote the best interests of the school district as a whole, and will make decisions that place student learning and the success of all students first by adhering to the following educational and ethical standards:

As a Board member,

- I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children, and will seek to develop and maintain schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status, handicap or disability.
- I will be a personal advocate for the good work of the District.
- I will focus Board action on policy making, strategic planning, and designating and evaluating the Superintendent.
- I will recognize that the role of the Board is to govern and oversee the management of the District. I will delegate authority to the Superintendent for the day-to-day operations of the District and will not seek to participate in the day-to-day operations.
- I will review and evaluate all policies, bylaws, procedures, and processes **of the Board**, and will work to make desired changes so they will be current and relevant.
- I will follow established Board Operating Procedures.
- I will come to Board meetings prepared to discuss and take action on all agenda items. I will study the material in the Board packet **seeking clarification, if needed, prior to each Board meeting.** ~~and follow established Board Operating Procedures for additional information prior to each Board meeting.~~
- I will give the Superintendent or Board President notification of my concerns prior to the Board meetings, so that the concerns can be properly addressed.
- I will understand that I have not only the right, but the duty, to express my views and opinions and ask questions at the Board table, and will make a good faith effort to understand the views of others.
- I will recognize that the Board must make decisions as a whole in public. I will ~~render~~ **base** all decisions ~~based~~ on the available facts and my independent

judgment, and I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to individuals or special interest groups.

- I will avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and, if such a conflict is unavoidable, I will disclose such interest and abstain from voting on such matters.
- I will respect the consensus, and **support the** decisions of the Board and ~~support~~ their implementation.
- I will recognize that while I am free to express my personal views, the Board President is the spokesperson for the Board and the Superintendent is the spokesperson for the District.
- I will be respectful and listen to all ideas presented to the Board, be it from parents, staff, students, community members, other Board members, or other stakeholders. I will listen and then refer any person to appropriate personnel.
- I will communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expression of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
- I will exercise caution when communicating between and among Board members via electronic communication, and will abide by the Open Meetings Act.
- I will hold confidential all matters that, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals, schools, or the district. I will ~~respect the~~ **keep** confidentiality of all information that is privileged under applicable law, including closed session discussions.
- I will stay informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information; for example, those sponsored by my state and national school board associations.
- I will take no private action that will compromise the Board, the Administration, or District.
- I will refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain.
- I will support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as District sta
- I will support and protect District personnel in the proper performance of their dutie
- I will, along with my fellow Board members, review, revise and sign this Code of E annually at the beginning of each year.

As Board President,

- I will ensure that persons addressing the Board follow established guidelines as outl in Board policy.
- I will advise persons addressing the Board to do so in a respectful manner and not a rude and indecent behavior, profane or indecent discourse, to be directed to the Boa Superintendent, or others during Board meetings.
- I will ensure that all Board members are given an opportunity to express their views will work toward building consensus among all Board members.
- I will follow parliamentary procedure, to the extent that it does not conflict with Bo policy **or state law**.

**Second
Reading of
Board Policy
IDFA –
Interscholastic**

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 of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language for:

Athletics**BOARD POLICY
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS****IDFA
APRIL 16, 2018**

A program of interscholastic athletics shall be encouraged as an integral part of the total program of physical education. The interscholastic athletics program is designed for those students who have a particular interest, ability, and the desire to invest the time and energy required to participate in a Livonia Public Schools' athletic program.

The Board shall review and approve by resolution the school district's participation and membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). In conjunction with this review, the Board delegates to the superintendent or designee the responsibility for adherence to MHSAA's Constitution and By-Laws, as well as the supervision of MHSAA related activities in accordance with the Code of Conduct in the school's Student Handbook.

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

**Second
Reading of
Board Policy
JBD –
Homeless
Students**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Bradford 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:

**BOARD POLICY
STUDENTS
HOMELESS STUDENTS****JBD
APRIL 16, 2018**

Students who meet the definition of 'homeless children and youths' under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** will be provided a free and appropriate public education in the same manner as all other students of the District and will not be stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless. Students eligible under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** will be provided services and may participate in programs comparable to other students in the District. Board policy, administrative guidelines, and practices will not be interpreted or applied in such a way as to inhibit the enrollment, attendance, participation, or school success of eligible students.

The superintendent will appoint a liaison for homeless children, who will perform the duties as assigned by the superintendent. Additionally, the liaison will coordinate and collaborate with the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth as well as with community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to eligible homeless children and youths.

LEGAL REF.:

*McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

The term 'homeless children and youth'—

(A) Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and

(B) Includes--

(i) Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;

(ii) Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings

(iii) Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar

settings; and

(iv) Migratory children ... who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

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

Nays: None

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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