

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting - Virtual  
February 22, 2021**

President Burton convened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**Members  
Present**

Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson

**Members  
Absent**

None

**Principals'  
Week  
Resolution**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution establishing the week of February 22, 2021, as Principals' Week in Livonia Public Schools.

**PRINCIPALS' WEEK  
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Principals' Week is dedicated to recognizing the significant contributions of Livonia Public Schools school principals and the commitment to providing quality educational experiences and guidance for their students; and,

WHEREAS, energetic and inspiring school leadership is essential if schools, teachers, and support staff are to implement college and career-ready standards and assessments; and,

WHEREAS, school principals play a vital role in the success of students, and act as the liaison between the school and the community it serves; and,

WHEREAS, we join with educators, parents and students to raise awareness of the importance of educational leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the trustees of the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education recognize the week of February 22, 2021 as

**SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' WEEK**

and encourage all citizens to thank and support the efforts of school principals in our community.

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

**School Board  
Recognition  
Month**

Board members were recognized and thanked for their commitment to the LPS students, staff, and community. All seven Board members are MASB certified, making them an Honor Board. A

resolution from the Wayne County Board of Education was read by Mrs. Jenkins, administrator of communications. Mrs. Jenkins also noted that a Certificate of Proclamation was received from Governor Whitmer and included in Board materials.

**District Update  
from the  
Superintendent**

Superintendent Oquist shared highlights about LPS staff and students, via a slideshow presentation. Of special note:

- Through a partnership with St. Mary Mercy – Livonia, the Wayne County Health Department, and Wayne County RESA, all LPS staff were provided access to the COVID-19 vaccination.
- Beginning March 1, breakfast and lunch will be available free of charge to all students through the end of the school year, with funds from a federal grant.
- Virtual information sessions regarding the 2021 bond proposal will be available at 6:30 p.m. on March 10, March 16, and April 14.

**Written  
Communication**

None

**Audience  
Communication**

None

**Response to  
Prior Audience  
Communication**

President Burton responded to a February 15, 2021, audience communication regarding the request to provide remote participation in Board meetings after meetings return to being held in person.

**Consent  
Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Johnson 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 January 25, 2021
- V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 25, 2021

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

**Reconfirmation  
of the Extended  
Continuity of  
Learning Plan**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District reconfirm the Continuity of Learning Plan that was approved on September 28, 2020. The plan recommends that students continue to receive instruction either through Livonia Virtual or in person at our schools.

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

**Frost Middle  
School Roof  
Replacement**

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 of the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran CRESA, to award the contract for roofing replacement at Frost Middle School to Lutz Roofing Company, Inc., Shelby Township, Michigan, in the amount of \$2,282,000.00 plus an additional \$136,920.00 of contingency added to the total summer 2021 roofing projects, for a total approved amount of \$2,418,920.00, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts.

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

**Central Office  
Administration  
Building  
Abatement**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve awarding the contract for asbestos abatement at the Central Office Complex's Administration Building to Global Green Services Group, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, in the amount of \$70,060.00, plus 3% contingency on the total project in the amount of \$2,100.00, for a total approved project amount of \$72,160.00 and authorize the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contracts.

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

**Boiler  
Replacement at  
Eight Buildings**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase and installation of new boilers at Cooper Upper Elementary School, Garfield Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, the Central Office Complex's Administration Building, the Central Office Complex's Maintenance Building, and the Central Office Complex's ArmCo Building from SysTemp Corporation, Rochester Hills, Michigan for a cost of \$869,000.00 and at Rosedale Elementary School and Webster Elementary School from Engineered Comfort Systems Inc., Taylor, Michigan for a cost of \$257,951.90, plus 8% contingency on the total project in the amount of \$90,156.10 for a total approved amount of \$1,217,108.00.

Ayes: Acosta, Bonifield, Bradford, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson  
 Nays: None  
 Abstain: Burton (Abstained due to conflict of interest; her family's company bid to one of the company's listed on the bid tabulation)

### Approval of Teachers

It was moved by Mr. Centers 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 2020-21 school year to the following teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
<b>Drutchas, Gillian</b>	<b>.5 Stevenson High School</b>	<b>01/29/21</b>
<b>Gowman, Jeffrey</b>	<b>1.0 Stevenson High School</b>	<b>02/04/21</b>
<b>Morrison, Courtney</b>	<b>1.0 Student Services</b>	<b>01/29/21</b>

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

### Leave of Absence

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
<b>Brittany Cornellier</b>	<b>April 5, 2021</b>

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

### Resignation

As authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 15, 2020, a resignation was accepted by the superintendent for:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
<b>Jonathan Kantor</b>	<b>February 12, 2021</b>

### Retirements

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

**Carol Carignan**, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2021, and will have devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students in the Perrinville Early Childhood Center and Jackson Early Childhood Center as a teacher and a student services coordinator in the Student Services Department.

**Laura Clarey**, who will retire from the district on February 26, 2021, and has devoted 10.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional in the Transportation Department.

**Lori Kenney**, who will retire from the district on June 16, 2021, and will have devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a special education paraprofessional at Perrinville Early Childhood Center and Jackson Early Childhood Center.

**Steven Mato**, who retired from the district on January 29, 2021, and devoted 21.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Emerson Middle School, Cleveland Elementary, Riley Elementary School, Franklin High School and Frost Middle School as a teacher.

**Catherine Rais**, who will retire from the district on February 26, 2021, and has devoted 22.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a clerk, cashier and secretary at Coolidge Elementary, Tyler Elementary, Kennedy Elementary, Nankin Mills Elementary, Hayes Elementary, Rosedale Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Food Service and Emerson Middle School.

**Margaret Streffon**, who will retire from the district on March 26, 2021, and has devoted 38.9 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a driver and transportation supervisor in the Transportation Department.

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

**Sympathy Resolution for Family of Angela Hillman, Teacher and CAPA Director**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a sympathy resolution for the family of Angela Hillman, teacher and CAPA director at Churchill High School.

**Sympathy Resolution  
Angela Hillman**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education was deeply saddened to learn of the untimely death of Angela (Angie) Hillman; and,

WHEREAS, Angie was a valued, caring, and highly respected staff member in the Livonia Public Schools School District; a teacher of English and theatre director at Franklin High School, CAPA director and English teacher at Churchill High School; and,

WHEREAS, She consistently demonstrated her outstanding dedication, care, and commitment to students, parents, and colleagues; and will be greatly missed by all; and,

WHEREAS, Angie will always be remembered with great fondness and with a profound sense of gratitude for the immeasurable contributions she made to our school district, to the students she served, and to the colleagues with whom she worked; and,

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

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

**Selection of Candidate for MASB Board of Directors**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District designate Gina Walker as the Region 8 candidate for the MASB Board of Directors and direct the Executive Assistant of the Board of Education to cast the vote accordingly.

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

**Superintendent  
Evaluation**

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the evaluation of Superintendent Andrea Oquist, completed on February 22, 2021, via the MASB superintendent evaluation tool, for which she received a rating of highly effective.

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

**Adjournment**

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

**Off/Supt/jw**