

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
Regular Meeting
November 28, 2022**

President Burton convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent None

**2022-2023
Educators and
Support Staff of
the Year** It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions for the 2022-2023 Educators and Support Staff of the Year

ELIZABETH WRIGHT

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Wright, a fourth-grade teacher at Grant Elementary School, and a six-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished herself by being named Elementary Educator of the Year for 2022-2023 by a district-wide committee; and

WHEREAS, In achieving that recognition, it is evident that she is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of her duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has shown a deep dedication to educating her students through a lens of relationship-building and skillfully meeting her students' academic, social and emotional needs, while partnering with her students' families along the journey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Elizabeth Wright for being named Elementary Educator of the Year for 2022-2023 and for the dedication and loyal service she has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, her students, and the community.

ANGELA ALLEN

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and

WHEREAS, Angela Allen, a science teacher at Frost Middle School, and a 24-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished herself by being named Secondary Educator of the Year for 2022-2023 by a district-wide committee; and

WHEREAS, In achieving that recognition, it is evident that she is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of her duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and

WHEREAS, Angela has shown a deep dedication to educating her students in the Middle School Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (MACAT) program by providing a challenging academic environment that also serves as a safe space for her students to be inquisitive, creative and community-minded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Angela Allen for being named Secondary Educator of the Year for 2022-2023 and for the dedication and loyal service she has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, her students, and the community.

MARILEE OLSEN

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and

WHEREAS, Marilee Olsen, a vocal music teacher at Franklin High School, and a 23-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished herself by being named Secondary Educator of the Year for 2022-2023 by a district-wide committee; and

WHEREAS, In achieving that recognition, it is evident that she is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of her duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and

WHEREAS, Marilee has shown a deep dedication to educating her students in the art of vocal music, while serving as a role model, a supporter, a listener and a steady trusted adult for scores of students who learn and grow as a family in her high school choirs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Marilee Olsen for being named Secondary Educator of the Year for 2022-2023 and for the dedication and loyal service she has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, her students, and the community.

APRIL ADAMS

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and

WHEREAS, April Adams, a paraprofessional at Cleveland Elementary School, and a six-year employee of Livonia Public Schools, has distinguished herself by being named Support Staff of the Year for 2022-2023 by a district-wide committee; and

WHEREAS, In achieving that recognition, it is evident that she is an exceptional employee of Livonia Public Schools, going far beyond the expected range of her duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents, and others; and

WHEREAS, April has shown a deep dedication to supporting her students by working one-on-one with them to ensure they are gaining the most they can

throughout every aspect of their school day and doing so in a friendly, caring and professional manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate April Adams for being named Support Staff of the Year for 2022-2023 and for the dedication and loyal service she has rendered to Livonia Public Schools, her students, and the community.

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

American Education Week

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District designate November 14-18, 2022, as the 101st annual observance of American Education Week.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, public education employees work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, schools unite entire communities, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common purpose

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District do hereby proclaim November 14 - 18, 2022 as the 101st annual observance of

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

And urge all citizens to make a commitment to public education and to the future of our children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education take this special occasion to thank Livonia Public Schools employees, parents and community volunteers for the work they do to educate and support the children of our School District.

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

District Update from the Superintendent

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

Written Communications

None

Response to Prior Audience Communications

President Burton relayed (for the benefit of parents who had inquired about safety plans at an elementary school), that the school principal, director of elementary, and director of special education are all involved in this matter.

Audience Communications

Two individuals addressed the Board regarding behavior issues with an elementary student and concerns for the safety of the students.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Johnson 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 October 17, 2022

V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 7, 2022

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

Approval of Garfield Greenhouse Site Work

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mr. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of the required site work necessary for the Garfield Greenhouse to Simone Companies, Shelby Township, Michigan, in the amount of \$238,245 which includes contingency.

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

Approval of Resolution for Stormwater Management

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the attached resolution for the School District's Stormwater Management Plan.

Resolution in Support of Stormwater Management Plan

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools owns and operates facilities within the boundaries of the "Detroit" urbanized area which discharges stormwater through a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) to surface waters of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy maintains oversight and regulatory authority for compliance with the terms and conditions of the NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System discharge permit; and

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools has applied for and received permit coverage to discharge stormwater from Livonia Public Schools facilities to the MS4; and

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools agrees to comply with the NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System discharge permit requirements, and

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools has developed a Stormwater Management

Program Plan (SWMP) outlining the policies, procedures, and best management practices to be employed by the district to comply with the permit requirements, and

WHEREAS, the conditions of the NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System discharge permit require Livonia Public Schools to develop policies and procedures that prohibit illicit discharges to their stormwater system and to implement appropriate enforcement procedures and actions to detect and eliminate such illicit discharges, and

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools agrees to prohibit the discharge of non-stormwater discharges into the storm drain system, including but not limited to pollutants or waters containing any pollutants, and

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools agrees to eliminate illicit discharges and illicit connections, and

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools agrees to prohibit the construction, use, maintenance or continued existence of illicit connections to the storm drain system. This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, illicit connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection, and

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools agrees to obtain a Part 91 permit from the appropriate state, county, or local governmental soil erosion permitting agency for new development and redevelopment projects that disturb one or more acres, and

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools agrees to obtain a construction site permit from the local municipality or other governing unit for new development and redevelopment projects that disturb one or more acres, and

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools agrees to inspect, operate, and maintain structural controls for the purpose of reducing pollutant contribution, control runoff, and decrease or eliminate stream bank erosion due to stormwater runoff, and

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools agrees to comply with the requirements of the State of Michigan Permit (Rule 323.2190) for stormwater discharge from construction activity.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education is highly committed to practicing sound environmental principals including the reduction of pollutants to surface waters through discharges of stormwater. The Board hereby approves and instructs the district Superintendent to enforce the above listed policies and procedures for illicit discharge elimination, control of stormwater runoff and long-term operation and maintenance of structural controls as part of the overall Livonia Public Schools Stormwater Management Program Plan.

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

Teachers for Approval

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

Barczuk, Allison 1.0 Teacher of Autistic Students Garfield Community

Brown, Melissa	1.0 Behavior Intervention Specialist	Student Services
Detweiler, Morgan	.45 Shared Time Computer Tech Teacher	
Herron, Chelsea	1.0 Upper Elementary Teacher	Cooper
Hoffman, Amy	1.0 Social Studies Teacher	.4 Frost
		.6 Emerson
Kocina, David	1.0 Resource Room Teacher	Stevenson
Schreiber, Tyler	.45 Shared Time Music Teacher	
Thompson, Cari	1.0 Speech Language Therapist	Coolidge

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

Teachers for Tenure

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mr. Johnson 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:

Angela Drolet	8/31/22
Jennifer Harvey	11/2/22

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

Leaves of Absence

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

Chelsea Inglis	11/30/22
Lisa Kaiser	11/28/22
Jessica Kandaloft	10/24/22

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

Resignations

The Board was informed of the following resignations:

Peggy Bagian	11/11/22
Kitty Hjelmroth	11/4/22
Kathryn Michalski	11/2/22
Brian Rodgers	11/18/22
Laura Williams	11/23/22

Retirement

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

Michelle Hruska Munie, who will retire from the District on December 16, 2022, and has devoted 24.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School as a teacher.

Frederick Strick, who will retire from the District on January 9, 2023, and has devoted 34.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public

Schools as a custodian at Churchill High School, Franklin High School, Hayes Elementary, Holmes Middle School, and Stevenson High School; a

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

**Sympathy
Resolution**

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a sympathy resolution for the family of Kathleen Grant, paraprofessional in the Transportation Department.

**SYMPATHY
RESOLUTION**

Kathleen Grant

WHEREAS, The Board of Education was deeply saddened to hear of the untimely death of Kathleen Grant; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen was a valued, caring, and highly respected staff member in the Livonia Public Schools School District; a paraprofessional in the Transportation Department; 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, Kathleen Grant 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 Kathleen Grant.

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

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

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