

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
Regular Meeting
September 27, 2021**

President Burton convened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

None

Points of Pride – Livonia PTSA Council Awarded PTA Council of the Year

Stacy Jenkins, administrator of communications, recognized members of the Livonia PTSA Council for being awarded *2021 Council of the Year* for the state of Michigan by the Michigan PTA. Mandy Gerstenbrand, the president of the PTSA Council, shared information about the work of the Council and their advocacy for children – *Every Child. One Voice.*

District Update from the Superintendent

Superintendent Oquist shared Back-to-School highlights from across the district.

Written Communication

None

Audience Communication

One individual addressed the Board regarding COVID-19 and the mask mandate in our schools. Another individual addressed the Board regarding concerns about her child’s counselor.

Response to Prior Audience Communication

None

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis 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 August 23, 2021

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

**Appointment of
Elementary
Intervention &
Federal
Programs
Coordinator**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and support by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Elizabeth Biddle as elementary intervention and federal programs coordinator.

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

**Appointment of
Secondary
Intervention &
Student
Success
Coordinator**

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 appoint DeAnn Urso as secondary intervention and student success coordinator.

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

**Teachers for
Approval**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2021-22 school year to the following teachers:

Andrews, Kelly	1.0 Speech & Language	Student Services
Bakken, Lindsay	1.0 3 rd Grade	Rosedale - Virtual
Baldwin, Erin	1.0 Occupational Therapist	Student Services
Beavers, Sarah	1.0 Social Worker	Student Services
Biga, Kevin	1.0 Physical Education	Cooper
Bolton, Susan	1.0 School Psychologist	Student Services
Campagna-Fraleay, Clare	1.0 VI Teacher Consultant	Student Services
Chambers, Kristina	1.0 1 st Grade Teacher	Hoover
Chiasson, Kristin	.7 Counselor	.6 Stevenson; .1 Franklin
Giacoma, Keith	1.0 ASD Coach	Student Services
Gibbons, Caroline	Part-time Computer Tech	Shared Time
Gibbons, Melissa	1.0 Social Worker	Jackson Center
Good, Adam	.68 Music Teacher	Shared Time
Gordon, Courtney	1.0 Elem Literacy Coach	Academic Services
Hartman, Jillian	1.0 Secondary Math	Churchill
Huff, Rebecca	1.0 6 th Grade Teacher	Riley
Javor, Jennifer	1.0 Secondary ELA	Emerson
Johnson, Quintanya	.58 Art Teacher	Shared Time
Jorgensen, Ashley	1.0 4 th Grade Teacher	Grant
Kerpet, Kaeleigh	1.0 4 th Grade Teacher	Hoover
Klaas, Kaleigh	1.0 5 th Grade – Virtual	Johnson
Kozlowski, Daniel	1.0 Social Studies	Frost
Lammers, Kimberly	1.0 RCR teacher	Roosevelt
Larges, Kelly	1.0 Counselor	Stevenson
Lonick, Cindi	1.0 Psychologist	Student Services
McDougall, Jordan	1.0 Art Teacher	.6 Grant; .4 Cleveland

Mimnaugh, Trevor	.5 PE Teacher	.3 Kennedy .2 Rosedale - Virtual
Monette, Emily	1.0 RCR Teacher	Johnson
Nicholl, Nikki	.5 Family 2 Teacher	Webster
Ottenbreit, Sienna	1.0 Elementary Music	.4 Kennedy; .3 Hoover .3 Rosedale - Virtual
Paulus, Allison	1.0 4 th Grade Teacher	Rosedale - Virtual
Putnam, Douglas	1.0 RCR Teacher	Franklin
Ritter, Jessica	1.0 RCR Teacher	Stevenson
Rosin, Laura	1.0 Kindergarten Teacher	Cleveland
Sauborn, Amy	1.0 MOCI Teacher	Webster
Schwartz, Lisa	1.0 Social Worker	Jackson Center
Sims, Marissa	1.0 3 rd Grade Teacher	Buchanan
Skebo, Jeffrey	1.0 Music Teacher	.8 Coolidge; .2 Buchanan
Smith, Summer	1.0 4 th Grade Teacher	Cleveland
Venable, Kimberly	1.0 3 rd Grade Teacher	Roosevelt
White, Katharine	1.0 Student Assist. Provider	Holmes
Wolowski, Robert	1.0 6 th Grade Teacher	Johnson

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

Teachers for Tenure

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Centers 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, effective on the respective date:

Cassie Acker	8/26/21	Jennifer Montes- Little	8/26/21
Christina Borrego	9/6/21	Becky Nelson	8/26/21
Jeff Doran	9/30/21	Amy Neville	9/6/21
Amanda Hochkins	9/6/21	Ann O'Harris	8/26/21
Mary Kefallinos	8/26/21	Emily Piechota	9/19/21
Brooke Kwiecinski	8/26/21	Julie Serazio	8/29/21
Stephanie Manske	9/6/21	Emma Simor	8/26/21
Daniel McIlhenney	8/26/21	Alisyn Swayze-Sweet	8/30/21
Holly McGuigan	9/27/21	Amy West	8/30/21
Kimberly Mikonczyk	9/6/21	Latisha Wojnar	8/30/21

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

Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Centers 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 listed below:

Meghan Carroll	October 18, 2021
Teresa Ciriha	August 30, 2021
Kimberly Mabie	August 30, 2021

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

Resignation

The Board was informed of the following resignation:

Aimee Pacheco 8/19/21

Retirements

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

Sandra Anselm, who retired from the district on June 30, 2021, and devoted 29 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin High School, Stevenson High School and Churchill High School as a teacher.

Janet Forbes, who retired from the district on June 18, 2021, and devoted 27 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at the Livonia Career Technical Center, Western Wayne Skill Center and in the Livonia Transition Program at Schoolcraft College.

Rene Gentile, who retired from the district on September 15, 2021, and devoted 22.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian at Johnson Elementary, Franklin High School, Ford Skill Center, Cooper Elementary and Churchill High School.

Judith Glatfelter, who will retire from the district on September 30, 2021, and devoted 24.3 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional and technical support specialist at Churchill High School and in the Information Technology Department.

Misty Hoyer, who will retire from the district on September 30, 2021, and devoted 22 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a lawn crew member in the Operations Department.

Melissa Wegener, who will retire from the district on August 29, 2021, and devoted 17 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional in the Transportation Department.

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

**A/V Tech
Equipment for
H.S.
Collaboration
Rooms**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of technology equipment from InaCOMP Technical Services Group, Southfield, Michigan in the amount of \$36,095.00.

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

**Mobile Devices
for
Administrators**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of Microsoft Surface Book 3's, docking

stations, monitors, and related accessories and services for District administrators from CDW-G, Chicago, Illinois, for a total cost of \$73,131.49.

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

Maintenance Vehicles

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of four F-550 trucks, model year 2022, from Gorno Ford, Woodhaven, Michigan, for a total cost of \$286,202.00.

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

Emerson LMC Air Conditioning System

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 purchase and installation of an air conditioning unit from CSM Mechanical, LLC, Milford, Michigan for a total cost of \$123,750.00.

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

First Reading of Board Bylaws:

The proposed new language for the Board Bylaws listed below was previously reviewed by the Board and will be brought to the October 18 regular meeting for a second reading and potential approval:

BCBF – Rules of Order

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
BOARD OPERATIONS
RULES OF ORDER

BCBF
~~JUNE 20, 1988~~
Reviewed 11/2013

BCBFA – Quorum

The Board of Education shall observe **Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, (most current version)** where such procedure does not conflict with the Board's bylaws and/or laws governing the operation of a board of education.

BCBG – Voting Methods at Meetings

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
BOARD OPERATIONS
QUORUM

BCBFA
~~JUNE 20, 1988~~
Reviewed 11/2013

A majority of the members ~~of the Board of Education~~ **electd or appointed to and serving on the Board is required to** shall constitute a quorum. ~~A majority of the total members presently serving on the Board~~ **The same majority** is required to approve a motion.

BCBH – Minutes of Board Meetings

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
BOARD OPERATIONS
VOTING METHOD AT MEETINGS

BCBG
~~JUNE 20, 1988~~
Reviewed 11/2013

Voting shall be by voice roll call. All roll call votes shall be recorded **by the Board secretary** and included in the minutes of the meetings.

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
BOARD OPERATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS**

**BCBH
JUNE 20, 1988
Reviewed 11/2013**

The **Board** secretary shall keep a proper record of **Board of Education** proceedings. In the absence of the **Board** secretary, the president shall appoint a secretary pro tempore.

The minutes shall include the date, time, place, members present, members absent, all decisions made at open meetings and the purpose or purposes for which closed sessions are called, and all roll call votes. Proposed and approved minutes of the Board are public records open to public inspection. Copies shall be provided upon request to members of the public in accordance with law.

The minutes shall be signed by the **Board** secretary or by the secretary pro tempore.

Proposed minutes of the Board will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, not more than eight business days after the meeting to which the minutes refer, and approved minutes of each meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same location not more than five business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved.

**Selection of
Voting
Delegates for
2021 MASB
Delegate
Assembly,
Annual
Leadership
Conference
Attendance and
Classes**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve Madeline Acosta, Colleen Burton, Karen Bradford, and Mark Johnson as voting delegates and Tammy Bonifield, Dan Centers, and Liz Jarvis as alternates for the November 2021 MASB Delegate Assembly in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Also move that Madeline Acosta, Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Karen Bradford, Liz Jarvis, and Mark Johnson attend the Annual Leadership Conference, with overnight accommodations, and take CBA classes during the conference for a total cost of approximately \$4,633.

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

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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