

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2015**

President Burton convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Members Present	Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Dan Centers, Liz Jarvis, Mark Johnson, Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell
Members Absent	None
Recognition of Board Members for School Board Recognition Month	Stacy Jenkins, administrator of communications, recognized Board members for their service to the students, staff, and community. She presented each of them with a certificate of appreciation and read a resolution from the Wayne RESA Board of Education acknowledging the service and dedication of Board members. Dr. Liepa thanked Board members for their many contributions to Livonia Public Schools.
Student Art Gallery – Franklin High School	Mrs. Jenkins introduced Franklin High School students whose artwork was displayed in the Board Room and presented each of them with a certificate of recognition. Franklin students Evelyn Edwards, Delaney Mackenzie, Danielle Marlett, Molly Modes, and Darian Pisano provided a brief description of their artwork.
Recess	The Board recessed from 7:21-7:32 p.m. to visit with guests.
Written Communication	None
Audience Communication	<p>Penny Crider, in-district manager for Senator Patrick Colbeck, introduced herself, shared her contact information, and encouraged the community to contact her if they had any questions or concerns.</p> <p>John Grzebik thanked Board members for their hard work and shared his opinion regarding the actions of the Board.</p>
Response to Prior Audience Communication	None
Consent Agenda	It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell 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:

- IV.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014
- IV.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 5, 2015
- VII.A Bills for Payment—January 13, 2015

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

**Focus School
Quarterly Report**

Mrs. Sheila Alles, director of academic services, presented an overview of the district's first Focus School Quarterly Report for the 2014-15 school year.

**Mobile Devices
for Elementary
Schools – 2013
Bond**

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District purchase mobile devices, management licenses, and storage/charging carts at a total cost of \$89,563.98 for the purpose of piloting these technology tools at the K-4 level.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

**Mobile Devices
for Emerson
Middle School –
Title I Funds**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District purchase mobile devices, management licenses, and storage/charging carts at a total cost of \$25,493.52 for Title 1 programs at Emerson Middle School.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

**Sympathy
Resolutions**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a sympathy resolution for the families of Penelope Larscheidt and Susan Schnettler.

WHEREAS, The Board of Education was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Penelope Larscheidt; and,

WHEREAS, She was employed by the Livonia Public Schools School District as a paraprofessional at Cooper Elementary School, McKinley Elementary School, Coolidge Elementary School, Franklin High School, Perrinville Early Childhood Center, and Western Wayne Skill Center from September 1997 to January 2015; and

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

WHEREAS, Penelope Larscheidt will be profoundly missed by her colleagues and the community;

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 Penelope Larscheidt.

WHEREAS, The Board of Education was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Susan Schnettler; and,

WHEREAS, She was employed by the Livonia Public Schools School District as a physical education teacher at Cooper Elementary School, Taylor Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, Cass Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, Johnson Elementary School, Hayes Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, Kennedy Elementary School, Tyler Elementary School, Garfield Elementary School, Coolidge Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, and Cooper Upper Elementary School from January 1988 to December 2014; and

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

WHEREAS, Susan Schnettler will be profoundly missed by her colleagues and the community;

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 Susan Schnettler.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

First Reading of Board Policy IHF – Graduation Requirements

Dr. Liepa relayed that changes were made to the law that necessitated revisions to graduation requirements. Mrs. Alles, director of academic services, and Mr. Archibald, director of secondary programs, relayed the specific details related to these changes. Policy IHF will be brought before the Board at the next regular Board meeting for a second reading and possible adoption.

**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:
 10. Language Arts (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12)4.0 units
 - 1 unit Language Arts 9
 - 1 unit Language Arts 10
 - 1 unit Language Arts 11 electives .5 Composition and .5 Literature
 - 1 unit Language Arts 12 electives Choice of 12th Grade Language Arts Classes

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| 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 or completes a CTE Program | |
| 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, or • 1 unit of the same World Language and 1 unit of Career and Technical Education (CTE), or • 1 unit of the same World Language and 1 unit of VPAA in addition to required VPAA credit | |

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. **For example, the VPAA requirement can be modified through a Personal Curriculum Plan for a student who takes additional credit(s) beyond the required credits in English Language Arts, Math, Science, or World Language or if the student completes a CTE program.**
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.

**Second Reading
of Board Policies:**

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 Policy Committee and language as shown below for the following Board policies:

**IFD – Library
Media Centers**

**BOARD POLICY
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS**

**~~IFBC IFD~~
~~JULY 21, 2014~~**

The ~~Board of Education~~ Livonia Public Schools School District has established library media centers to provide and promote the intellectual, cultural, social and ethical development of students and to provide ~~materials~~ resources which extend and deepen the experiences encompassed in the curriculum.

IFE – Field Trips**IFF – School
Volunteers**

**BOARD POLICY
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

**~~IFCD IFF~~
~~JUNE 20, 1988~~**

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**BOARD POLICY
STUDENTS
ATTENDANCE**

**~~JB~~
~~JUNE 20, 1988~~**

~~Regular and timely student attendance is vital to a student's success and will be a common and shared expectation of the schools, the parents, and the students.~~ Attendance in the elementary and secondary schools of the Livonia Public Schools School District shall be in accordance with the law.

~~Parents are responsible for contacting the school in all cases of student absence. All absences will be classified as excused, unexcused, or school business. An excused absence is defined as an absence beyond the control of the student (e.g. illness, family emergency) and reported to the school by the student's parent or guardian within the designated timeframe. An unexcused absence will result when the parent or guardian does not notify the school of the student's absence within the designated timeframe. A school business absence includes field trips, counselor appointments, or other instances when the student is legitimately absent from class, but is present in or involved with a school function. In cases of doubt, the administrator will make the final determination as to whether an absence is excused or unexcused.~~

~~More than three consecutive days of absence is considered to be an extended absence. A total of ten or more absences is considered to be excessive. Written documentation may be requested by the school administration for cases of extended or excessive absences.~~

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~~After approval by the Board of Education of the school calendar each year, it shall be made available to residents of the district prior to the opening of school. (See AEA)~~

Attendance Records

Attendance records shall be maintained in accordance with law.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell
Nays: None

Adjournment

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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