

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
May 10, 2010**

President Scheel convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

<b>Members Present</b>	Colleen Burton, Robert Freeman, Steve King, Daniel Lessard, Patrice Mang, Gregory Oke, Lynda Scheel
<b>Members Absent</b>	None
<b>Recognition of LPS Foundation Corporate Partners</b>	Jim Cambridge, President of the LPS Foundation, recognized representatives from Alpha Stamping, Bright House, and Northwood University, the newest Corporate Partners of the Foundation. Mr. Cambridge thanked them for their donations to the LPS Foundation and their commitment to students in the LPS community.
<b>Recognition of National Merit Finalists</b>	Rod Hosman, Director of Secondary Programs & Facilities, recognized this year's National Merit Finalists: Stevenson student Calum Galt and Churchill students Holly Chiang, Cory Townes, Bryce Morgan, and Ziwen Deng.
<b>40 Year Resolutions</b>	<p>It was moved by Mr. Oke and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the proposed resolutions of appreciation for 40 years of full-time service with the district for the following employees:</p> <p><b>Ann Brady</b> completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on November 18, 2009, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a teacher at Madison Elementary School, Cooper Elementary School, and Coolidge Elementary School.</p> <p><b>Julie Collins</b> will have completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on September 1, 2010, and she has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a teacher at Cooper Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, Hayes Elementary School, Nankin Mills Elementary School, Johnson Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, Kennedy Elementary School, Tyler Elementary School, and Coolidge Elementary School.</p> <p><b>Bruce Dirette</b> completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on September 1, 2009, and has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as a teacher at Monroe Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, Emerson Middle School, Frost Middle School, Nankin Mills Elementary School, Cleveland Elementary School, Tyler Elementary School, and Riley Upper Elementary School.</p>

**Sheila Dobbie** completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on December 1, 2009, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a teacher at Grant Elementary School, Eisenhower Elementary School, Taylor Elementary School, Monroe Elementary School, Hayes Elementary School, Cass Elementary School, Marshall Elementary School, and Riley Upper Elementary School.

**Kathleen Donagrandi** completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on November 17, 2009, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a teacher of the visually impaired and coordinator in the Student Services Department.

**Patsyann Keith** completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on May 3, 2009, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a paraprofessional at Cooper Elementary School, Stark Elementary School, and Western Wayne Skill Center.

**Bette Knedgen** completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on September 2, 2009, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a teacher at Cass Elementary School, Hull Elementary School, and Kennedy Elementary School.

**Samuel Lamerato** completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on January 28, 2010, and has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as an English, social studies, and physical education teacher at schools throughout the district.

**Irwin Weisberg** completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on January 2, 2009, and has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as a teacher at Stevenson High School.

**Lawrence Winger** completed 40 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on February 18, 2010, and has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as a custodian at Franklin High School and Emerson Junior High School, warehouseman in the Food Service Department and the Central Warehouse, and head receiver.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, King, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
Nays: None

**Recess**

It was moved by Mr. Lessard and supported by Mr. Oke that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District have a short recess to visit with guests.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, King, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
Nays: None

The Board recessed at 7:31 p.m.

**Reconvene**

President Scheel reconvened the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

**Written  
Communication**

None

**Audience  
Communication**

**Loyd Romick**, 33437 Michele Ct., addressed the Board regarding the old Cooper site and Cabinet contracts.

**Heidy Nance**, 7266 Sorrel, addressed the Board regarding the Michigan PTSA Convention that was held in April and awards that were won by the Livonia PTSA Council and Livonia PTA/PTSA units.

**Response to  
Prior Audience  
Communication**

None

**Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Freeman and supported by Mr. Lessard 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 April 12, 2010

V.A. Bills for Payment—May 11, 2010

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, King, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel

Nays: None

**Bid Results for  
Security  
Equipment**

It was moved by Ms. Mang and supported by Mr. Oke that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the low bid to Security Designs in the amount of \$282,304 for security equipment and installation and authorize the Director of Secondary Programs and Facilities to enter into such agreements necessary to effect this work.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, King, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel

Nays: None

**Bid Results for  
Churchill HVAC /  
Classroom  
Renovations**

It was moved by Mr. Lessard and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, based upon the recommendation of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch & Company, authorize the Construction Manager to prepare the contracts between Livonia Public Schools School District and the following companies:

Proposal	Trade	Contractor	Bid
A	Selective Demolition	Blue Star, Inc.	\$ 31,500
B	Concrete	A Rea Construction	\$ 4,995
C	Masonry	Silverado Construction	\$ 33,350
D	Structural Steel	Cass Erectors	\$ 69,000
E	Carpentry	Elkhorn Construction	\$ 9,400
F	Roofing	Ann Arbor Roofing	\$ 39,000
H	Acoustical Ceilings	R.E. Leggette Company	\$ 82,940
I	Painting	Seven Brothers Painting	\$ 43,142
J	Plumbing	Oakland Plumbing Co.	\$ 24,368
K	HVAC Mechanical	Ecker Mechanical Contractors	\$1,503,000
L	Electrical	J and J Electric	\$ 308,000

for a total of \$2,148,695. Also move that upon receipt of the contracts executed by the contractors and approved payment and performance bonds, Rodney J. Hosman, Director of Secondary Programs and Facilities, is authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, King, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel

Nays: None

### 30 Year Resolutions

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the proposed resolutions of appreciation for 30 years of full-time service with the district for the following employees:

**Sandra Ahmet** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on March 30, 2010, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a paraprofessional at Churchill High School, Riley Junior High School, Tyler Center, Buchanan Center, Roosevelt Elementary School, Cooper-at-Whittier Elementary School, Hayes Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, Adams Elementary School and Buchanan Elementary School.

**Sharon Belcher** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on June 25, 2009, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a keypunch operator with Data Management Services, secretary in the Purchasing Department, Warehouse and IT Department.

**Robert Fillinger** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on January 28, 2010, and has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as a custodian at Frost Junior High School, Perrinville Elementary School, Building Services, and Central Office; and as a warehouse driver and head shipper with the Food Service Department.

**Stephen Hunter** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on July 30, 2009, and has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as a custodian and warehouseperson with Building Services and the Warehouse.

**Denise Johnson** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on September 6, 2009, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a paraprofessional at Western Wayne Skill Center.

**Patricia Kirksey** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on September 30, 2006, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a teacher and supervisor of the PREP Program at Jackson Center.

**Judy Lee** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on January 9, 2009, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a bus driver with the Transportation Department.

**Pamela Maraone** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on January 2, 2010, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a teacher for the visually impaired with the Student Services Department.

**Eugene Mininni** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on November 26, 2009, and has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as a custodian at Bentley High School, equipment operator at Churchill High School, head custodian at Taylor Elementary School, and building supervisor at Franklin High School and Churchill High School.

**Gheorghe Placinta** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on April 28, 2010, and has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as a custodian at Perrinville Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, Lowell Junior High School, and Cooper Elementary School; head custodian at Kennedy Elementary School and building supervisor at Churchill High School and Franklin High School.

**Gary Plank** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on March 10, 2010, and has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as a controls and HVAC technician with the Maintenance Department.

**Stephen Schleick** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on September 24, 2009, and has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as an AV repair technician and technology support technician with the IT Department.

**Carolane Schroeder** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on September 6, 2009, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a general helper, cook baker helper and cook baker I at Washington Elementary School, Churchill High School and Stevenson High School.

**Judith Shearer** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on December 17, 2009, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a general helper and kitchen manager at Cooper Elementary School.

**Bradley Shott** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on October 8, 2009, and has given of his talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling his many and varied responsibilities as a custodian, night leader and building supervisor at Holmes Junior High School and the Central Office Complex.

**Joyce Vandervennet** completed 30 years of full-time employment in the Livonia Public Schools on September 25, 2009, and has given of her talents, time, and efforts in fulfilling her many and varied responsibilities as a bus driver with the Transportation Department.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, King, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
Nays: None

## Teachers for Tenure

It was moved by Mr. King and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to the following teachers, effective on the respective dates:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Shelly Bales	August 30, 2010	Angela Krolkowski	August 30, 2010
Kevin Casey	August 30, 2010	Shannon Kroll	August 30, 2010
Elizabeth Conrad	August 30, 2010	Jennifer Lamb	August 30, 2010
David Currier	August 30, 2010	Kristina Lank	August 30, 2010

Michael DeMongey	August 30, 2010	Matthew Miga	August 30, 2010
Tammy Denstaedt	August 30, 2010	Thomas Morelli	August 30, 2010
Matthew Eckerman	April 1, 2010	Aaron Rieder	August 30, 2010
Nicole Geverink	August 30, 2010	Helga Rom	August 30, 2010
Benjamin Hillard	August 25, 2010	Ryan Tracy	August 30, 2010
Erik Hughes	August 30, 2010	Kathleen Urbanowicz	August 30, 2010
Lisa Kaiser	August 30, 2010	Katrina Wrzesinski	August 30, 2010
Dean Kowalski	August 30, 2010		

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, King, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
Nays: None

**Leave of Absence** It was moved by Ms. Mang and supported by Mr. Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for a **personal leave of absence** for **Rachel Pridemore**, effective August 31, 2010.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, King, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
Nays: None

**Retirements** It was moved by Mr. Lessard and unanimously supported by the Board that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by:

**Paulette Baker** will retire from the district on June 17, 2010, and has devoted 22.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Coolidge Elementary School, Hull Elementary School, and Churchill High School.

**Suzanne Brenton** will retire from the district on June 30, 2010, and has devoted 16.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Churchill High School, Cooper Elementary School, Nankin Mills Elementary School, Holmes Middle School, Garfield Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, Emerson Middle School, Riley Middle School, and Buchanan Elementary School.

**Edith Bryant** retired from the district on April 1, 2010, and has devoted 24.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a bus driver with the Transportation Department.

**Anita Cooper** will retire from the district on June 15, 2010, and has devoted 24.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a cook at Churchill High School and Stevenson High School.

**Georgette Czajkowski** will retire from the district on June 30, 2010, and has devoted 23 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Western Wayne Skill Center.

**Lorna Durand**, will retire from the district on June 30, 2010, and has devoted 36.3 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students at Buchanan Elementary School, Nankin Mills Elementary School, and Perrinville Elementary School as a learning specialist; Buchanan Elementary School as a resource classroom teacher; Adams Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, and Coolidge Elementary School as a

helping teacher consultant; Student Services Department as a homebound/teacher consultant; Taylor Elementary School as acting principal; Taylor Elementary School, Cooper Elementary School, and Webster Elementary School as principal; and Director of Student Services for the district.

**James Fineran** will retire from the district on May 31, 2010, and has devoted 23.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a bus driver with the Transportation Department.

**Tanas Gulin** will retire from the district on June 30, 2010, and has devoted 28.7 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian at Franklin High School, Kennedy Elementary School, Hull Elementary School, Holmes Middle School, and Dickinson Center.

**Barbara Haycox** will retire from the district on June 16, 2010, and has devoted 15.2 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a cook baker helper at Frost Middle School.

**Stephen Hunter** will retire from the district on May 31, 2010, and has devoted 31 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian and warehouseperson with Building Services and the Warehouse.

**Helen Kaneris** will retire from the district on June 3, 2010, and has devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a general helper at Central Kitchen and Churchill High School.

**Sheryl Lorenger** will retire from the district on June 30, 2010, and has devoted 20 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary at Stevenson High School, Livonia Career Technical Center, and Churchill High School.

**Paul Mitoraj** will retire from the district on June 30, 2010, and has devoted 29.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian, assistant building supervisor, and building supervisor at Perrinville Elementary School, Frost Junior High School, Stevenson High School, Roosevelt Elementary School, Franklin High School, and Holmes Middle School.

**Claudia Patrny** will retire from the district on June 15, 2010, and has devoted 24.7 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a cook at Emerson Middle School and Churchill High School.

**Carolane Schroeder** will retire from the district on June 18, 2010; and has devoted 31 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a cook at Washington Elementary School, Churchill High School, and Stevenson High School.

**Judith Shearer** will retire from the district on June 30, 2010, and has devoted 30.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a cook at Cooper Upper Elementary School.

**Charlotte Worthen** will retire from the district on June 30, 2010, and has devoted 37.2 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Hoover Elementary School, Eisenhower Elementary School, Cleveland Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, Nankin Mills Elementary School, Randolph Elementary School, Hull Elementary School, Cooper Elementary School, Hayes Elementary School, Johnson Elementary School, Adams Elementary School, Garfield Elementary School, and Cass Elementary School as a teacher; Washington Elementary School as principal; and, Director of Elementary and Special Programs for the district.

**Resignations**

Dorothy Chomicz, Director of Human Resources, informed the Board of Education that she accepted the **resignation** of: **Fred Campbell**, effective June 30, 2010, **Angela McKee**, effective June 30, 2010, and **Angela Strieff**, effective April 13, 2010.

**ALT Supervisor Separation Agreement**

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve provisions of the ALT Supervisor Separation Agreement.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
Nays: King

**Recess to Closed Session**

It was moved by Mr. Lessard and supported by Mr. Oke that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District recess to closed session for the purpose of the **Superintendent's Evaluation**.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, King, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
Nays: None

Board members recessed to closed session at 8:34 p.m.

**Reconvene**

President Scheel reconvened the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Mr. Lessard and supported by Ms. Mang that the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2010 be adjourned.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, King, Lessard, Mang, Oke, Scheel  
Nays: None

President Scheel adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

**Off/Supt/jw**