

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting
January 25, 2021 - 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting**

AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL: Madeline Acosta, Tammy Bonifield, Karen Bradford, Colleen Burton, Dan Centers, Liz Jarvis, Mark Johnson	
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A. District Update from the Superintendent	
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**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 25, 2021**

TOPIC: **Consent Agenda**

RECOMMENDATION:

Move 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 December 14, 2020

RATIONALE:

The agenda for the Board of Education meeting has certain items designated and identified by an asterisk *. These items, identified in advance with concurrence of the Board President, will be acted upon in a single motion.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

None

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Andrea L. Oquist, Superintendent

EXHIBITS:

Attached
Off/Supt/jw

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Regular Meeting - Virtual
December 14, 2020**

President Johnson convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Members Absent

None

District Update from the Superintendent

Superintendent Oquist shared highlights about LPS staff and students, the Foundation's *Bridging the Digital Divide* fundraising campaign for students, and the Goodfellows food and toy drive taking place across the district.

Recognition of Board Trustee Crystal Frank

Board members recognized and thanked Crystal Frank for four years of dedicated service to the students and staff of Livonia Public Schools.

Written Communication

Vice President Burton shared a communication regarding the recent passing of Mike Hutto, who orchestrated the *You Be the Chemist* competitions for many years.

Audience Communication

Communications were received from three individuals regarding the timeline for returning to face-to-face instruction.

Response to Prior Audience Communication

None

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford 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 November 23, 2020
- V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 9, 2020
- V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of December 9, 2020

Ayes: Bonifield, Bradford, Burton, Centers, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson

Nays: None

Reconfirmation of Extended COVID-19 Continuity of Learning Plan

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

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

Approval of Hanover Research Agreement

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation to purchase Hanover Research services at a cost of \$47,000.00 per year for three years, with a clause to opt out in June of 2022 if the research project is complete.

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

Adoption of 2020-2021 First Budget Amendments

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the first amended budgets for the 2020-2021 school year: General Fund, Funded Projects Fund, Special Education Fund, Capital Project Funds: Old Sinking Fund, Technology Fund, 2013 Bond Fund; Sinking Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Debt Retirement Funds: 2013 Bond Series I, 2013 Bond Series II, 2014 Refunding Bond; Food Services Fund, Health and Welfare Fund, Scholarship Fund and School Activities Fund.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



2020-21 First Amended General Fund and District Budgets

December 2020

**RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET ADOPTION
BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

RESOLVED, that the general appropriation for Livonia Public Schools for revenues for the fiscal year 2020-21 General Fund be amended as follows:

	2019-20 ACTUAL	2020-21 ADOPTED	2020-21 1ST AMENDED
REVENUE			
Local	\$ 36,132,958	\$ 36,555,269	\$ 35,727,789
State	115,011,561	105,721,059	116,303,246
Federal	30,099	1,037,107	5,917,402
Other Financing Sources	<u>7,150,188</u>	<u>8,759,205</u>	<u>5,980,205</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 158,324,806	\$ 152,072,640	\$ 163,928,642
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ <u>30,898,513</u>	\$ <u>26,042,416</u>	\$ <u>33,751,184</u>
REVENUE PLUS BEGINNING FUND BALANCE (TOTAL AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE)	\$ 189,223,319	\$ 178,115,056	\$ 197,679,826

RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET ADOPTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RESOLVED, that the general appropriation for Livonia Public Schools for expenditures for the fiscal year 2020-21 General Fund be amended as follows:

	2019-20 ACTUAL	2020-21 ADOPTED	2020-21 1ST AMENDED
EXPENDITURES			
INSTRUCTION			
Basic Programs	\$ 76,567,886	\$ 77,903,351	\$ 82,689,145
Added Needs	18,302,099	18,771,246	19,056,681
Total Instruction	\$ 94,869,985	\$ 96,674,597	\$ 101,745,826
SUPPORTING SERVICES			
Pupil Support	\$ 8,605,737	\$ 8,674,224	\$ 9,134,756
Instructional Staff Support	6,956,255	6,966,076	7,246,835
General Administration	727,457	873,396	810,498
School Administration	9,687,543	9,897,964	10,111,763
Business Services	2,036,044	2,056,028	2,124,949
Operations and Maintenance	15,530,417	16,221,320	18,393,207
Transportation	8,053,842	8,842,875	8,702,541
Other Central Support	3,873,610	3,794,937	4,226,114
Athletics	2,204,123	2,110,229	2,121,739
Total Supporting Services	\$ 57,675,027	\$ 59,437,049	\$ 62,872,402
COMMUNITY SERVICES			
Community Recreation	\$ 124,978	\$ 87,100	\$ 75,745
Custody & Child Care	2,783,236	2,742,227	2,788,511
Total Community Services	\$ 2,908,213	\$ 2,829,327	\$ 2,864,256
OTHER FINANCING USES			
Transfers to Other Funds	18,910	20,000	420,000
Total Other Financing Uses	\$ 18,910	\$ 20,000	\$ 420,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 155,472,135	\$ 158,960,973	\$ 167,902,484
TOTAL AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURES (FISCAL YEAR ENDING FUND BALANCE)	\$ 33,751,184	\$ 19,154,083	\$ 29,777,342
FUND BALANCE AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES	21.7%	12.0%	17.7%

* The Funded Projects Fund is reported in the General Fund on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

	2019-20 ACTUAL	2020-21 ADOPTED	2020-21 1ST AMENDED
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE			
REVENUES			
Local	\$ 47,099	\$ 52,935	\$ 215,785
State	1,937,855	2,108,348	3,111,191
Federal	6,447,105	6,640,870	6,700,183
Transfers from Other Funds	18,910	25,215	11,694
Total Revenue	\$ 8,450,968	\$ 8,827,368	\$ 10,038,853
EXPENDITURES			
Instructional	\$ 4,945,351	\$ 6,460,437	\$ 5,742,032
Support	3,211,926	4,510,253	3,954,796
Community Services	132,805	181,389	214,097
Transfers to Other Funds	160,885	177,104	127,928
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,450,968	\$11,329,183	\$ 10,038,853
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUE DETAIL			
LOCAL SOURCES			
Business Partnerships	\$ -	\$ 12,935	\$ 12,935
Dunning Foundation	\$ 9,168	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000
Community Foundation of SE Michigan	125	-	-
Hometown Grant	517	-	-
LPS Foundation	25,338	-	44,701
Miscellaneous Sources	11,951	-	19,997
Wayne RESA	-	-	108,152
Total Local Sources	\$ 47,099	\$ 52,935	\$ 215,785
STATE SOURCES			
Section 32d Great School Readiness	\$ 568,400	\$ 568,400	\$ 568,400
Section 61a Vocational Education	477,880	615,878	573,620
Section 61c CTE Equipment	34,467	34,467	-
Section 99h FIRST Robotics	20,200	20,200	-
Section 102d Financial Analytic Tools	-	-	-
Section 104d Computer Adaptive Tests	47,634	72,512	24,878
Section 107 Adult Education	465,023	498,521	452,741
Section 41 Bilingual Education	56,109	80,353	94,898
Section 22i Technology	-	10,870	10,871
Section 35A(5) Early Literacy	180,047	207,147	223,541
Section 35A(9) Summer Reading	-	-	44,716
Section 35C(C) Multisensory	26,860	-	273,140
VW Settlement	-	844,386	844,386
Competitive School Safety	61,235	-	-
Total State Sources	\$ 1,937,855	\$ 2,952,734	\$ 3,111,191
FEDERAL SOURCES			
Title I	\$ 1,248,958	\$ 1,150,433	\$ 1,283,346
Title II Part A	383,041	629,886	439,165
Title II Part A Teacher and Leader Inst Support	62,144	105,273	-
Title III Limited English	65,167	68,578	48,482
Title III Immigrant	1,562	22,912	16,546
Title IV, Part A SSAE	80,310	89,634	76,284
Vocational Perkins	256,108	258,292	286,560
IDEA Flow-Through	3,339,840	3,339,840	3,327,613
IDEA Preschool Incentive	227,449	227,449	226,721
IDEA Low-Incidence Center Program Expansion	620,000	620,000	582,636
Clean Diesel Grant	71,441	71,441	-
Section 103(2) Dist Covid Costs	-	-	174,011
Esser/Cares Act	-	-	63,819
ABE Family Literacy	91,084	197,780	175,000
Total Federal Sources	\$ 6,447,105	\$ 6,781,518	\$ 6,700,183
TRANSFERS			
G Fund to Section 32d Great School	\$ 18,910	\$ 25,215	\$ 11,694
Total Transfer Sources	\$ 18,910	\$ 25,215	\$ 11,694

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

	2019-20 ACTUAL		2020-21 ADOPTED		2020-21 1ST AMEND	
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$	956,376	\$	979,716	\$	2,095,514
 REVENUES						
Local	\$	10,499,356	\$	10,230,494	\$	9,695,000
State		<u>5,810,427</u>		<u>5,185,751</u>		<u>5,936,414</u>
Total Revenue	\$	16,309,783	\$	15,416,245	\$	15,631,414
 EXPENDITURES						
Instructional	\$	8,939,308	\$	9,605,156	\$	9,483,719
Support		4,731,336		4,502,298		5,072,008
Transfers to Other Funds		<u>1,500,000</u>		<u>1,800,000</u>		<u>2,000,000</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	15,170,644	\$	15,907,454	\$	16,555,727
 ENDING FUND BALANCE	 \$	 2,095,514	 \$	 488,507	 \$	 1,171,201
 EXPENDITURE DETAIL						
Moderate Cognitive Impairment Program	\$	2,814,945	\$	3,115,565	\$	3,001,801
Visually Impaired Program		1,232,526		1,253,743		1,243,244
Skill Center Program		3,868,631		4,453,387		3,928,575
Autistic Program		5,754,543		5,284,760		5,951,663
Additional Expenditures (3%)		-		-		430,444
Transfer to Other Funds		<u>1,500,000</u>		<u>1,800,000</u>		<u>2,000,000</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	15,170,644	\$	15,907,454	\$	16,555,727

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

	2019-20 ACTUAL		2020-21 ADOPTED		2020-21 1ST AMENDED
OLD SINKING FUND (RESTRICTED)					
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 6,753,535	\$	1,000,000	\$	2,410,269
REVENUES					
Tax Revenue	\$ 5,079,951	\$	-	\$	-
Interest Income	93,255		-		-
Total Revenue	\$ 5,173,207	\$	-	\$	-
EXPENDITURES					
Repairs	9,392,986		1,000,000		2,410,269
Other	123,487		-		-
Total Expenditures	\$ 9,516,473	\$	1,000,000	\$	2,410,269
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,410,269	\$	-	\$	-
TECHNOLOGY FUND (RESTRICTED)					
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 666,447	\$	343,447	\$	437,544
REVENUES					
Tax Revenue					
Interest Income	7,030		5,000		-
Total Revenue	\$ 7,030	\$	5,000	\$	-
EXPENDITURES					
Technology Equipment	\$ 219,246	\$	325,000	\$	437,544
Technology Services	16,686		23,447		-
Other	-		-		-
Total Expenditures	\$ 235,932	\$	348,447	\$	437,544
ENDING FUND BALANCE	437,544		-		-
2013 BOND (RESTRICTED)					
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 11,741,187	\$	10,212,150	\$	8,212,150
REVENUES					
Local	\$ 503,562	\$	40,000	\$	40,000
Transfer from Other Funds	-		-		-
Total Revenue	\$ 503,562	\$	40,000	\$	40,000
EXPENDITURES					
Capital Outlay	\$ 4,032,598	\$	2,494,143	\$	8,252,150
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 8,212,150	\$	7,758,007	\$	-

2020 SINKING FUND (RESTRICTED)

		2019-20 ACTUAL		2020-21 ADOPTED		2020-21 1ST AMENDED
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
REVENUES						
Local	\$	-	\$	7,250,000	\$	7,250,000
Transfer from Other Funds		-		50,000		50,000
Total Revenue	\$	-	\$	7,300,000	\$	7,300,000
EXPENDITURES						
Capital Outlays		-		6,000,000		6,000,000
Other		-		1,300,000		1,300,000
	\$	-	\$	7,300,000	\$	7,300,000
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$	1,185,164	\$	1,515,164	\$	1,676,852
REVENUES						
Proceeds from Sale of Property	\$	580,469	\$	-	\$	2,562,000
Transfer from Other Funds		-		-		-
Total Revenue	\$	580,469	\$	-	\$	2,562,000
EXPENDITURES						
Transfer to General Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Other		88,781		100,000		1,000,000
Total Expenditures	\$	88,781	\$	100,000	\$	1,000,000
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$	1,676,852	\$	1,415,164	\$	3,238,852

DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDS

(RESTRICTED)

	2019-20 ACTUAL		2020-21 ADOPTED		2020-21 1ST AMENDED
2013 BOND SERIES I					
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 793,784	\$	1,001,865	\$	\$ 1,191,067
REVENUES					
Tax Revenue	\$ 5,421,070	\$	5,166,509	\$	5,166,509
Interest Income	21,948		15,000		15,000
Total Revenue	\$ 5,443,018	\$	5,181,509	\$	5,181,509
EXPENDITURES					
Bond Redemption	\$ 850,000	\$	900,000	\$	900,000
Bond Interest	4,193,750		4,159,750		4,159,750
Other	1,985		50,200		50,200
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,045,735	\$	5,109,950	\$	5,109,950
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,191,067	\$	1,073,424	\$	1,262,626
2013 BOND SERIES II					
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 850,783	\$	1,089,146	\$	\$ 1,366,678
REVENUES					
Tax Revenue	\$ 5,417,529	\$	5,166,509	\$	5,166,509
Interest Income	21,948		15,000		15,000
Total Revenue	\$ 5,439,477	\$	5,181,509	\$	5,181,509
EXPENDITURES					
Bond Redemption	\$ 1,275,000	\$	1,375,000	\$	1,375,000
Bond Interest	3,646,250		3,582,500		3,582,500
Other	2,332		50,500		50,500
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,923,582	\$	5,008,000	\$	5,008,000
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,366,678	\$	1,262,655	\$	1,540,187
2014 REFUNDING BOND					
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,164,092	\$	2,124,664	\$	\$ 2,428,572
REVENUES					
Tax Revenue	\$ 8,980,795	\$	8,623,332	\$	8,623,332
Interest Income	40,228		30,000		30,000
Total Revenue	\$ 9,021,023	\$	8,653,332	\$	8,653,332
EXPENDITURES					
Bond Redemption	\$ 7,095,000	\$	7,405,000	\$	7,405,000
Bond Interest	1,656,950		1,302,200		1,302,200
Other	4,593		50,200		50,200
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,756,543	\$	8,757,400	\$	8,757,400
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,428,572	\$	2,020,596	\$	2,324,504

FOOD SERVICE FUND

(RESTRICTED)

	2019-20 ACTUAL		2020-21 ADOPTED		2020-21 1ST AMENDED
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 561,399	\$	148,004	\$	\$ 161,549
REVENUES					
Local Sales	\$ 1,296,273	\$	1,737,000	\$	900,000
State Reimbursement	\$ 182,574	\$	164,504	\$	164,027
Federal Reimbursement	\$ 2,263,857	\$	1,950,000	\$	2,222,552
Other Financing Sources	\$ -	\$	-	\$	400,000
Total Revenue	\$ 3,742,704	\$	3,851,504	\$	3,686,579
EXPENDITURES					
Support Services	\$ 3,942,554	\$	3,736,035	\$	3,648,128
Transfers to Other Funds	\$ 200,000	\$	200,000	\$	200,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,142,554	\$	3,936,035	\$	3,848,128
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 161,549	\$	63,473	\$	-

HEALTH & WELFARE FUND

	2019-20 ACTUAL		2020-21 ADOPTED		2020-21 1ST AMENDED
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,418,084	\$	1,095,201	\$	\$ 1,356,123
REVENUES					
Employee Contributions	\$ 3,395,185	\$	3,549,364	\$	3,549,364
Transfer From Other Funds	17,175,236		18,113,209		19,100,080
Total Revenue	\$ 20,570,421	\$	21,662,573	\$	22,649,444
EXPENDITURES					
Premiums/Claims/Fees	\$ 19,032,383	\$	22,285,455	\$	22,731,164
Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 1,600,000	\$	-	\$	-
	\$ 20,632,383	\$	22,285,455	\$	22,731,164
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,356,123	\$	472,319	\$	1,274,403

SCHOLARSHIP FUND (RESTRICTED)

		2019-20 ACTUAL		2020-21 ADOPTED		2020-21 1ST AMENDED
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$	29,471	\$	26,856	\$	26,856
REVENUES						
Local- Donations		600		600		600
EXPENDITURES						
Scholarships		3,215		3,030		3,030
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$	26,856	\$	24,426	\$	24,426

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FUND (RESTRICTED)

		2019-20 ACTUAL		2020-21 ADOPTED		2020-21 1ST AMENDED
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$	1,287,776	\$	1,259,038	\$	1,413,097
REVENUES- SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$	1,803,762	\$	1,700,000	\$	1,700,000
EXPENDITURES- SCHOOL ACTIVITY	\$	1,678,441	\$	1,900,000	\$	1,900,000
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$	1,413,097	\$	1,059,038	\$	1,213,097

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

Purchase CTE Classroom Computer Lab Replacements

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of Classroom Computer Lab Replacements from CDW-G, Vernon Hills, Illinois in the amount of \$188,930.59.

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

Appointment of Director of Personnel & District Services

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Anthony Abbate as Director of Personnel and District Services.

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

Approval of Teacher

It was moved by Mrs. Burton 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 teacher:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Severin, Carlene	1.0 Student Services	12/7/20

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

Leave of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for leave of absence as listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Sianed Miller	1/4/21

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

Resignations

The Board was informed that a resignation was accepted for:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Lindsay Richardson	December 18, 2020
Michelle West	December 18, 2020

Retirements

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District

adopt resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by:

Kathleen Furmaga, who will retire from the district on January 29, 2021, and will have devoted 21.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School as a teacher.

Elaine Kramer, who will retire from the district on January 29, 2021, and will have devoted 20.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Emerson Middle School as a teacher.

Annette Pellegrini, who will retire from the district on December 31, 2020, and will have devoted 25.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a noon monitor and special education paraprofessional at Churchill High School, Western Wayne Skills Center, Franklin Transition Program and Coolidge Elementary School.

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

**Nomination of
Dan Centers to
Serve on MASB
Board of
Directors**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education nominate and offer their full support for Board Trustee Dan Centers to serve on the MASB Board of Directors for a one-year term, as a representative of Group VI.

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

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

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**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 25, 2021**

TOPIC: Middle School Principal Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Shanan Wheeler as a middle school principal at Frost Middle School.

RATIONALE:

This person has been interviewed, along with other applicants, for the vacancy that exists in our administration. We believe this individual is the most qualified for the position of middle school principal and recommend the Board's approval.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

None

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Andrea L. Oquist, Superintendent
Anthony Abbate, Director of Personnel & District Services
Keith McDonald, Director of Human Resources

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**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 25, 2021**

TOPIC: **Approval of Teachers**

RECOMMENDATION:

Move 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 teachers listed on the attached document.

RATIONALE:

These teachers have been interviewed, along with many other applicants, for the vacancies which existed in our instructional program. We believe these teachers are the most qualified for the positions and recommend that they be approved for employment.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

The positions listed are within the 2020-21 budget.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Keith W. McDonald, Director of Human Resources
Anthony R. Abbate, Director of Personnel & District Services

EXHIBIT:

Attached

Teachers for Board Approval January 25, 2021

NAME	DEGREE/SCHOOL	ASSIGNMENT	EXPERIENCE	TIME
Bromund, Elizabeth	Sec. Teaching Cert. Family & Consumer Science Madonna University	(1.0) Family & Consumer Science Teacher Franklin High School January 29, 2021	Middle School Teacher Our Lady of Grace Family & Consumer Sci Teacher CTE Advisory Board Member Rochester Comm. Schools	2.0 years 9 years
	Bachelor of Arts English Oakland University		Para-Educator Academy of Waterford	2 years
Crachiola, Jessica	Bachelor of Arts English Language Arts Elementary Education Madonna University	(1.0) RCR Teacher Rosedale Elementary January 4, 2021	Student Teacher Livonia Public Schools	5 months
Kobe, Melissa	Bachelor of Arts English University of Michigan	(1.0) ELA Teacher Franklin High School January 29, 2021	7 th Grade ELA Teacher Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy	6 years
			7 th Grade ELA Teacher South Canton Scholars Academy	1 year
Kobel, David	Bachelor of Science Biology/Chemistry Central Michigan University	(.5) Science Teacher Stevenson High School January 29, 2021	Science Teacher H.H. Dow High School	3 years
Lefebvre, Caitlyn	Bachelor of Science Mathematics Madonna University	(1.0) Math Teacher (.5) Frost & (.5) Emerson January 29, 2021	Math Interventionist & Teacher Strong Middle School Melvindale-Northern Allen Park School District	2 years

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NAME	DEGREE/SCHOOL	ASSIGNMENT	EXPERIENCE	TIME
Lenard, Payton	Bachelor of Science Elem. Special Education Eastern Michigan University	(1.0) RCR Teacher Grant Elementary January 4, 2021	Student Teacher Winchester Elementary Northville MI	4 months
			Premier Substitute EduStaff	5 months
McGill, Erin	Bachelor of Arts Mathematics Teacher Cert. Program U of M – Flint	(1.0) Math Teacher Franklin High School January 29, 2021	Student Teacher Fenton High School	6 months
Melancon, Laura	Master’s in teaching Learning Disabilities Madonna University Bachelor of Science Elementary Education Eastern Michigan University	(1.0) Elementary Teacher Cleveland Elementary January 4, 2021	Substitute Teacher EduStaff	4 months
			Preschool Teacher Sunny Pointe Child Care Center Northville MI	20 years
Montefusco, Katherine	Bachelor of Science Language Arts & Elem. Math Education	(1.0) Elementary Teacher Cooper Upper Elementary January 4, 2021	Student Teacher Livonia Public Schools	4 months
Satterfield, Richard	Bachelor of Science Social Studies Eastern Michigan University	(1.0) Social Studies Teacher Frost Middle School January 11, 2021	Social Studies Teacher Southfield Christian School	10 years

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NAME	DEGREE/SCHOOL	ASSIGNMENT	EXPERIENCE	TIME
Sharp, Erica	Master's Elem. Education Northern Arizona Univ.	(1.0) Language Arts Teacher Stevenson High School January 29, 2021	Principal Taylor Preparatory High School	7 years
	Bachelor of Arts English Education South Dakota State University		English Teacher Bullhead City AZ	4 years
Wagner, Adam	Bachelor of Science Learning Disabilities Eastern Michigan University	(1.0) RCR Teacher Churchill High School January 4, 2021	Assistant teacher Ridgewood Elementary Northville MI	2 years

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TOPIC: Granting of Tenure Status to Specified Teachers

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and acknowledge that tenure status will be granted to the following teachers, effective on the respective date:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Paul Salisbury	January 28, 2021
Alexandra Starr	January 28, 2021
Samuel Vomastek	January 28, 2021
April Wholihan	February 2, 2021

RATIONALE :

These teachers have successfully completed the District's requirements for probationary teachers including years of service, evaluations, and overall performance, as well as student growth. We have carefully reviewed all of the supporting documents and based upon our review, as well as the recommendations of building principals, these individuals will achieve tenure status with the Livonia Public Schools.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Keith McDonald, Director of Human Resources
Anthony R. Abbate, Director of Personnel & District Services

EXHIBIT:

None

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TOPIC: Resignation

RECOMMENDATION:

As authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 15, 2020, the following resignation have been accepted by the superintendent:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Ashley Mardeusz	January 29, 2021

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

None

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Keith W. McDonald, Director of Human Resources
Anthony R. Abbate, Director of Personnel & District Services

EXHIBIT:

None

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TOPIC: Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees Who Are Retiring

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the attached resolutions of appreciation for the services rendered by:

**Darlene Miller
Nelson (Scott) Sherburne
John Venning
Diane Zwiernikowski**

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

None

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Keith McDonald, Director of Human Resources
Anthony R. Abbate, Director of Personnel & District Services

EXHIBIT:

Attached resolutions

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RESOLUTIONS

Darlene Miller

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Darlene Miller will retire from the district on January 29, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Darlene Miller has devoted 17.8 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a special education paraprofessional at Buchanan Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, Coolidge Elementary, Riley Upper Elementary, Frost Middle School, Hoover Elementary, Webster Elementary, and Emerson Middle School; and,

WHEREAS, She has given conscientious, careful, and loyal service to the students, staff, and community during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby express its deep appreciation to Darlene Miller for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Nelson (Scott) Sherburne

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Nelson (Scott) Sherburne will retire from the district on January 29, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Nelson (Scott) Sherburne has devoted 27.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, He has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during his tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Nelson (Scott) Sherburne on his years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for his retirement.

John Venning

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that John Venning will retire from the district on January 29, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, John Venning has devoted 48.7 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian and building supervisor at Franklin High School, Lowell Middle School, Johnson Elementary and Churchill High School; and,

WHEREAS, He has given conscientious, careful, and loyal service to the students, staff, and community during his tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby express its deep appreciation to John Venning for his countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Diane Zwiernikowski

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Diane Zwiernikowski will retire from the district on January 29, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Diane Zwiernikowski has devoted 15.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School, Churchill High School, Stevenson High School and Holmes Middle School as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, She has made many contributions to the educational profession and has touched the lives of countless students during her tenure with the Livonia Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education does hereby congratulate Diane Zwiernikowski on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

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SYMPATHY RESOLUTION

John Waling

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

WHEREAS, John was a valued, caring, and highly respected staff member in the Livonia Public Schools School District; a teacher of cognitively impaired students at Webster Elementary School; and,

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

WHEREAS, John Waling will always be remembered with great fondness and with a profound sense of gratitude for the immeasurable contributions he made to our school district, to the students he served, and to the colleagues with whom he 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 John Waling.

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TOPIC: Reconfirmation of the Extended COVID-19 Continuity of Learning Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Move 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 instruction in our schools.

RATIONALE:

This recommendation comes from the review of the current health data, the mitigation strategies in place and the attendance of students.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

N/A

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Theresa O'Brien, Chief Academic Officer

EXHIBITS:

None

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TOPIC: Limited Out of District Schools of Choice for 2021-2022

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to participate in *Limited Schools of Choice* under Section 105 and 105c for the 2021-2022 school year. Openings to include: no more than 185 seats in kindergarten through eighth grade; and 5 seats in each Global Ed and CAPA at ninth grade only; for a total of up to 195 students.

RATIONALE:

Section 105 & 105c Limited Schools of Choice will bring additional revenue to the District in the amount of approximately \$1,560,000 if all seats are filled and preserve programs essential to the students of Livonia Public Schools.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

Added revenue to the general fund – up to \$1,560,000

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Keith McDonald, Director of Human Resources
Anthony Abbate, Director of Personnel and District Services

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TOPIC: Resolution to Approve Ballot Language for 2021 Bond Proposal

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the attached resolution in support of a special election on May 4, 2021 for a \$186 million bond proposal for facility upgrades, technology, improving playgrounds and athletic facilities, purchasing school buses, and improving property sites for Livonia Public Schools.

RATIONALE:

See attached resolution.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

None

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Alison Smith, Director of Finance

EXHIBITS:

Attached

Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan (the “District”)

A regular meeting of the board of education of the District (the “Board”) was held:

- in the _____, within the boundaries of the District,
- electronically through YouTube with identification number <https://youtu.be/9d/DBUvSddQA>_____

on the 25th day of January, 2021, at 7:00 o’clock in the p.m. (the “Meeting”)

The Meeting was called to order by _____, President.

Present: Members

Absent: Members

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____:

WHEREAS:

1. In the opinion of this Board it is necessary and expedient to ask voters whether to approve a bond project consisting of acquiring, installing, and equipping educational technology for school facilities; furnishing, equipping, and erecting additions to and remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school facilities; constructing, equipping, developing, and improving playgrounds and athletic facilities; purchasing school buses; and preparing, developing, and improving sites.

2. This Board estimates the necessary cost of the project to be One Hundred Eighty-Six Million Two Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$186,263,768).

3. It will be necessary for the District to borrow the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Six Million Dollars (\$186,000,000) and issue the bonds of the District therefor, the remaining funds to be derived from the investment of the bond proceeds.

4. This Board intends to submit a proposition at a special election to be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

5. On or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, the Board shall certify any ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at such election to the election coordinator or coordinators designated to conduct elections within the District (the “Election Coordinator”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A special election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

2. The proposition to be voted on at the special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit A.

3. The Election Coordinator is requested to:

a. Utilize Observer & Eccentric, a newspaper published or of general circulation within the District, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.

b. Utilize ballot proposition summary information, as prepared by legal counsel, in the forms of the notices of last day of registration and election in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto.

c. Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.

4. This Board estimates the period of usefulness of the improvements for which bonds of the District in the amount of One Hundred Eighty-Six Million Dollars (\$186,000,000) are to be issued to be not less than thirty (30) years.

5. The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members

Nays: Members

Resolution declared adopted.

Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at the Meeting, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the Meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).

Secretary, Board of Education

MFH/klg

EXHIBIT A

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BONDING PROPOSAL**

Shall Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Eighty-Six Million Dollars (\$186,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

acquiring, installing, and equipping educational technology for school facilities; furnishing, equipping, and erecting additions to and remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school facilities; constructing, equipping, developing, and improving playgrounds and athletic facilities; purchasing school buses; and preparing, developing, and improving sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2021 is 1.37 mills (\$1.37 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.82 mills (\$1.82 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

EXHIBIT B

**SUMMARY OF BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE
NOTICES OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION:**

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL
FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF
NOT TO EXCEED \$186,000,000

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Livonia Public Schools School District, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154-5474, telephone: (734) 744-2500.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

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TOPIC: Resolution to Permit School Boards to Meet In-Person

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the attached resolution to request that the Governor of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services allow School Boards the option to meet either virtually or in-person effective immediately.

RATIONALE:

See attached resolution.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

None.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools

EXHIBITS:

Attached

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**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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**RESOLUTION TO PERMIT
SCHOOL BOARDS TO MEET IN-PERSON**

WHEREAS, school districts have been strongly encouraged to begin offering in-person instruction by March 1 and each local School Board has the responsibility to make that ultimate decision for their school district, and

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools has worked diligently to prepare for and implement the return to face-to-face learning for all students in grades PreK, K-12 and post-secondary; and

WHEREAS, all students and staff are permitted by the State of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to attend school in-person; and

WHEREAS, members of School Boards are the only individuals within their school districts who are not permitted to meet in-person; and

WHEREAS, it is extremely difficult for School Boards that are required to meet virtually to make the decision that students and staff will meet and work in-person, as it sends a mixed message to our community and staff, and

WHEREAS, the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education wishes to meet in person as soon as possible, and has strong health and safety mitigation measures in place for such meetings that are consistent with measures taken for all other school classes and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education requests that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Governor of the State of Michigan allow School Boards to have the option to meet either virtually or in-person beginning immediately, in order to lead by example when bringing students and staff back to in-person learning.

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TOPIC: Approval for Board Members to Take MASB Classes

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve that Board Trustees take virtual classes offered by the Michigan Association of School Boards February 19-21, 2021, as shown below, for a total cost of \$810.

Madeline Acosta	\$270
Tammy Bonifield	\$180
Liz Jarvis	\$180
Mark Johnson	\$180

RATIONALE:

Board members are encouraged to attend educational, leadership, and developmental workshops, conferences, and seminars which will assist them in the performance of their duties. Per Board Policy BBBC, expenditures require Board approval.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

All within prescribed budget allocations.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

EXHIBITS:

None

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