MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
Regular Meeting
September 25, 2023

President Johnson convened the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

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

Members Absent 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 None

Audience Communications LPS parents addressed the Board regarding LPS bullying policies and bullying prevention; bullying at Niji-Iro and concerns about previous individuals who were rumored to not be treated fairly after speaking out about bullying at Niji-Iro; fighting and bullying at Emerson; and the request for busing at Niji-Iro. An employee addressed the Board regarding safety as it relates to vehicles that do not stop when bus drivers turn on their red lights.

Consent Agenda It was moved by Mrs. Burton 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 21, 2023
V.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 11, 2023
V.C. Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 18, 2023
VI.A. Purchase of Bulk Salt

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

HVAC Equipment for 2024 Projects – 2021 Bond

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint, to purchase HVAC Equipment from Thermalnetics, Auburn Hills, Michigan, in the amount of $449,300 for summer 2024 projects.

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

Outfall Repairs at Stevenson High School

It was moved by Mrs. Bonfield and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve TSP Services, Inc., Redford, Michigan, for the outfall repair work at Stevenson High School, in the amount of $202,800, which includes contingency.

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

Approval of Creative Curriculum Materials

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of Creative Curriculum Cloud from Teaching Strategies for $39,900 which includes curriculum for infants, toddlers and two-year olds.

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

Teachers for Approval

It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2023-24 school year to the following teachers:

Kathleen Adams	**1.0 Teacher**	**Grant**
Maxx Anderson	**1.0 Teacher**	**Johnson**
Jordan Arkels-Northup	**1.0 Teacher**	**Randolph**
Megan Atwood	**1.0 Teacher**	**Franklin**
Rebecca Bennett	**1.0 Teacher**	**Hoover**
Amanda Berman	**1.0 Counselor**	**Emerson**
Rula Bilbeisi	**1.0 Teacher**	**LCTC**
Mary Butler	**1.0 Teacher**	**Frost**
Sabrina Carlin	**1.0 Teacher**	**Coolidge**
Rebecca Dadswell	**.6 Teacher**	**Rosedale**
Molly Dishmon	**.6 Teacher**	**Stevenson**
	.4 Teacher	**Holmes**
Julia Dixon	**1.0 Teacher**	**Cleveland**
Jill Howard	**1.0 Teacher**	**Buchanan**
Colleen Manni	**1.0 Teacher**	**Student Services**
Kristara McAlpine-Taylor	**1.0 Social Worker**	**Holmes**

Margaret Medlen	**1.0 Occup. Therapist**	**Student Services**
Lynne Newberry	**1.0 Teacher**	**Franklin**
Libby Price	**1.0 Teacher**	**Cleveland**
Justin Russell	**1.0 Psychologist**	**Student Services**
Susan Schawinsky	**1.0 Occup. Therapist**	**Student Services**
Maegan Suess	**1.0 Teacher**	**Frost**
Meghan Templeton	**1.0 Teacher**	**Webster**
Jacklyn Witkowski	**1.0 Teacher**	**Roosevelt**

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

Teachers for Tenure

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bonifield 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 teacher, effective on the respective date:

Name	**Date**
Clare Campagna-Fraley	**September 27, 2023**
Tara Forrester	**September 28, 2023**
Jennifer Javor	**September 16, 2023**
Jane Johnston	**September 4, 2023**
Jeffery Skebo	**August 30, 2023**
Douglas Putnam	**September 14, 2023**
Laura Rosin	**September 7, 2023**
Yoshinori Yoneyama	**August 20, 2023**

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

Leaves of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta 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 request for leaves of absence, as listed:

Hannah Landon	**2023-24 School Year**
Jacklyn Walker	**October 27, 2023 (2023-24 School Year)**

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

Resignations

The Board was informed of the following resignations:

Kristin Chiasson	**September 4, 2023**
Gillian Drutchas	**September 8, 2023**
Yuki Forman	**August 18, 2023**
Dominic Martin	**August 23, 2023**
Stephen Martinez	**September 19, 2023**
Brian Osterland	**August 23, 2023**

Retirements

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

Jacqueline Bean, who retired from the District on August 31, 2023, devoted 25.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional in the Transportation Department.

Kimberly Shollack, who will retire from the District on September 29, 2023, devoted 28 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Grant Elementary as a teacher.

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

First Reading of Board Policies – Fiscal Management:

The Policy Committee reviewed changes for the following policies. These policies will be brought to the next Regular meeting for a second reading and potential approval.

DIA – Account System

BOARD POLICY **DIA**
FISCAL MANAGEMENT ~~**JUNE 20, 1988**~~
ACCOUNT SYSTEM ~~**Reviewed 11/2013**~~

~~All accounting maintained by the Board of Education shall be in accordance with the system of school accounting as recommended by the State of Michigan.~~ The Michigan School Accounting Manual (Bulletin 1022) shall serve as a mandatory guide to the uniform classification and recording of all accounting transactions for the school district. A complete record of all expenditures shall be maintained in these accounts so that a periodic examination by the Board of Education or its representatives can easily identify any receipts or expenditures.

DIB – Financial Reports and Statements

BOARD POLICY **DIB**
FISCAL MANAGEMENT ~~**MAY 19, 2014**~~
FINANCIAL REPORTS AND STATEMENTS

The Board of Education shall receive financial reports at a public meeting of the Board on a quarterly basis. ~~a listing of expenditures and wire transfers at regular Board meetings.~~ Additionally, each year an outside audit firm will present to the Board of Education a report of the audit completed on the prior fiscal year.

The district's accounts payable check register for the most recent school fiscal year will be available on the district's website.

The Board may ~~require~~ request additional financial reports.

DJCA – Payday Schedules

BOARD POLICY **DJCA**
FISCAL MANAGEMENT ~~**MAY 19, 2014**~~
PAYDAY SCHEDULES

For payday schedules, see the individual master agreements on the district's website:

- AFSCME (American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees)
- ~~LCEA (Livonia Community Education Association)~~
- LEA (Livonia Education Association)
- LEADS (Livonia Educational Administrators)
- LPA (Livonia Paraprofessionals' Association)
- LSA (Livonia Secretarial Association)
- SEALS (Supervisory Employees' Association)

Board Members to Take MASB Classes and Attend Annual Leadership Conference

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve Tammy Bonifield, Karen Bradford, Colleen Burton, and Mark Johnson as voting delegates and Madeline Acosta, Crystal Frank, and Liz Jarvis as alternates for the MASB Delegate Assembly in Lansing, Michigan, on November 9, 2023.

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

Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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