MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
Regular Meeting
December 16, 2024

President Bradford convened the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

District Update from the Superintendent	Assistant Superintendent Francis presented highlights of recent activities taking place across the District, as well as upcoming events.
Recognition of Board Trustee, Tammy Bonifield	Mrs. Bradford read a Resolution of Appreciation on behalf of Board Trustee, Tammy Bonifield, on her retirement from the Board of Education. All Board members shared sentiments of appreciation and affection toward their departing colleague. Mrs. Bonifield was thanked for her leadership, wisdom, and dedication over the past 12 years as a Board member. The Resolution of Appreciation was unanimously adopted. Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson Nays: None
Written Communications	None
Response to Prior Audience Communications	None
Audience Communications	None
Consent Agenda	It was moved by Mrs. Acosta 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:

V.A. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2024
VI.F. *Approval of Summer Tax Resolution

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

Approval of Purchase of Playground Equipment for Roosevelt ASD

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 elementary playground equipment for Roosevelt ASD from Kidstuff Play Systems, in care of Kennedy Recreation, Clinton Township, MI, in the amount of $209,700.00 which includes contingency.

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

Approval of Summer 2024 Bond Contingency

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation of its Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint for $150,000.00 in additional project contingency costs for summer 2024 renovation projects for a total contingency amount of $1,275,731.00.

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

Approval of HVAC Repair at Stevenson

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve funding for the repairs of HVAC equipment at Stevenson High School, including parts and labor, from SysTemp Corporation, located in Rochester Hills, MI for a cost of $61,617.00, which includes 3% contingency.

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

Approval of Additional Funding for Holland Buds Purchase

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve additional funding for the purchase of Blue Bird school buses from Holland Bus Company, Holland, MI, in the amount of $5,352.00.

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

Approval of 2024-2025 Budget Amendment

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the amended budgets for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Teachers for Approval

It was moved by Mrs. Burton 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 2024-2025 school year to the following teachers:

Kami Cornelio	(1.0)	Frost
Tamara Reif-Kim	(1.0)	Kennedy
Emily Spiers	(1.0)	Webster
Emily Stice	(1.0)	Student Services
Jodi Sweetland	(1.0)	Churchill
Jennifer Wilcox	(1.0)	Student Services
Sara Yates	(1.0)	GSRP

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

Teacher for Tenure

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mrs. Acosta 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:

Melissa Brown, effective December 5, 2024

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

Resignations

The Board was informed of the following resignation:

Seth Torkelson-Regan, effective November 29, 2024

Retirements

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

Lisa Harden

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Lisa Harden will retire from the district on December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Lisa Harden has devoted 12 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a teacher in the Shared Time Program; 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 Lisa Harden for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Elizabeth McCann

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Elizabeth McCann will retire from the district on December 20, 2024; and,

WHEREAS Elizabeth McCann has devoted 18.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Cass Elementary and Randolph Elementary; 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 Elizabeth McCann for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

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

Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy IFE – Field Trips

I was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt the following Board Policy language for Board Policy IFE – Field Trips:

BOARD POLICY **IFE**
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM **DECEMBER 16, 2024**
FIELD TRIPS

The Livonia Public Schools School District recognizes that field trips, when used for teaching and learning integral to the curriculum, are an educationally sound and important ingredient in the instructional program of the schools. Properly planned and executed field trips should:

A. Supplement and enrich classroom curriculum by providing learning experiences in an environment outside the schools. or the traditional classroom instruction (in-school field trip).

B. Inspire new interests among students.

C. Help students relate school experiences to the reality of the world outside of school.

D. Bring the resources of the community – natural, artistic, industrial, commercial, technological, governmental, recreational, educational – within the student's learning experience.

E. Afford students the opportunity to study real things and real processes in their actual environment.

All field trips must be approved by the building administrator and appropriate director. Those requiring an overnight stay or travel to another state or to Canada require prior approval by the appropriate director. Field trips to a foreign country, other than Canada, require prior approval by the Board of Education.

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

Hearing from Board Members

None

Adjournment

President Bradford adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.