MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2025

President Bradford convened the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Members Present: Acosta, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Members Absent: Burton

Read Across America	It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District recognize Read Across America during the month of March 2025. Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland Nays: None
District Update from the Superintendent	Superintendent Oquist shared highlights of activities and events happening around the District as well as many District points of pride.
Written Communications	None
Response to Prior Audience Communication	None
Audience Communication	An audience member addressed the Board encouraging a wider offering of skilled trades in our secondary programming. This same audience member donated books written and illustrated by Livonia residents in support of March Reading Month.
Consent Agenda	It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following Consent Agenda item, as recommended by the Superintendent: V.A. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2/18/25 Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

Approval of LPS Merchandise Purchase

It was moved by Mr. MacFarland and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School district approve the purchase of Livonia Public Schools merchandise from MBS Incorporated, South Lyon, Michigan for an amount not to exceed $120,000.

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

Approval of Media Center Technology Purchase

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. MacFarland that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation from its Technology Consultant, Design Solutions, and approve Moss Telecommunication, Grand Rapids, Michigan for the Media Center Technology project for a total amount of $183,406, which includes contingency.

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

Approval of Stevenson Tennis Court Resurface Project

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation from it's Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint and its Designer, Foresite Design, Inc. and approve Laser Sport Resurfacing, Plymouth, Michigan for the Stevenson High School tennis court resurface project for a total amount of $96,690, which includes contingency.

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

Approval of Paving Project

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint, and approve Best Asphalt, Inc., Romulus, Michigan for the paving project. The project consists of paving at Central Office, Franklin High School, and the Bentley Track with a total cost not to exceed $1,450,759.

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

Approval of Expulsion of a Secondary Student

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District expel one secondary student for violations of the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education policies.

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

Sympathy Resolution

It was moved by Mr. MacFarland and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a sympathy resolution for the family of Maureen Mahoney.

Maureen Mahoney

WHEREAS, The Board of Education was truly saddened to hear of the untimely death of a wonderful individual, Maureen Mahoney; and,

WHEREAS, She was a highly valued member of our staff in the Livonia Public Schools School District as a bookkeeper at the Livonia Career Technical Center, a clerk and cashier in the Food Services Department and secretary at Stevenson High School, Dickinson Center, and Holmes Middle School.

WHEREAS, She consistently demonstrated her outstanding dedication to students, parents, and staff through her care, commitment and kindness; and,

WHEREAS, Maureen Mahoney will be remembered with great fondness and with a profound sense of gratitude for the immeasurable contributions she made to our school district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District offers its deepest and most sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Maureen Mahoney.

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

Approval of Teachers

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 offer employment for the 2024-2025 school year to:

Sarah Crabtree (1.0 FTE) Roosevelt Art
Brian Karapuz (1.0 FTE) Garfield MOCI

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

Retirements

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools

School District adopt the resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by:

Dawn Guthard

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Dawn Guthard will retire from the district on June 6, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Dawn Guthard has devoted 23 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Cleveland Elementary 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 Dawn Guthard on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Cindy Lectka

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Cindy Lectka will retire from the district on June 6, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Cindy Lectka has devoted 22 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Adams Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Randolph Elementary and Cleveland Elementary 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 Cindy Lectka on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Stephen Mac

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Stephen Mac will retire from the district on June 5, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Stephen Mac has devoted 31 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian at Marshall Elementary, Adams Elementary, Riley Middle School, Buchanan Elementary, Randolph Elementary, Bryant Center, Franklin High School, and Churchill High School. He also worked as a building supervisor at Emerson Middle 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 Stephen Mac for his countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Jacqueline McMillion

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Jacqueline McMillion will retire from the district on June 6, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Jacqueline McMillion has devoted 25 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Perrinville Early Childhood Center, Riley Upper Elementary, Hoover Elementary, Western Wayne Skill Center, Jackson Early Childhood Center and students that are serviced through the Student Services Department as a teacher of speech and language and as an autism spectrum disorder coach; 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 Jacqueline McMillion on her years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for her retirement.

Daniel McMurtry

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Daniel McMurtry has retired from the district on February 28, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Daniel McMurtry has devoted 27.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian at Adams Elementary, Bryant Center, Franklin High School, Churchills High School, and Stevenson 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 Daniel McMurtry for his countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Kevin Rukat

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Kevin Rukat will retire from the district on June 6, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin Rukat has devoted 29 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Franklin 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 Kevin Rukat on his years of service to the educational profession and expresses publicly its sincere appreciation and offers its best wishes for his retirement.

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

Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy IDAA – Career Technical Education

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language:

BOARD POLICY **IDAA**
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION **MARCH 17, 2025**

The school district shall offer high school students opportunities to take Career Technical Education (CTE) courses. CTE courses provide students with the skills and knowledge they need for postsecondary education and careers. CTE programs will be offered at each high school and at the Livonia Career Technical Center. All CTE courses shall be organized in accordance with Michigan Department of Education Career and Technical Education Standards and Perkins Core Performance Areas.

LEGAL REF.: MCL, 388,684; 380.1277; 380.1288; *et seq.*

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

Second Reading Board Policy DG – Deposit of Funds

It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mr. MacFarland that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language:

BOARD POLICY **DG**
FISCAL MANAGEMENT
DEPOSIT OF FUNDS **MARCH 17, 2025**

The treasurer of the Board of Education shall deposit district funds in a financial institution approved by the Board.

LEGAL REF.: MCL 129.11 et seq; 380.1221; 380.1222; 380.1223

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

Second Reading Board Policy DH – Bonded Employees

It was moved by Mr. MacFarland and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language:

BOARD POLICY **DH**
FISCAL MANAGEMENT
BONDED EMPLOYEES **MARCH 17, 2025**

The District shall purchase an individual bond or blanket bond that covers district employees involved in managing district funds.

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

Second Reading Board Policy DL – Safeguarding District Assets

It was moved by Mrs. Frank and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language:

BOARD POLICY **DL**
FISCAL MANAGEMENT
SAFEGUARDING DISTRICT ASSETS **MARCH 17, 2025**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the implementation and enforcement of administrative procedures to safeguard all funds, equipment, and property throughout the district.

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

First Reading Bylaw of the Board BHA – Code of Ethics

The Policy Committee has reviewed the following changes:

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD **BHA**
BOARD OPERATIONS ~~**MAY 20, 2024**~~
CODE OF ETHICS **APRIL 21, 2025**

As members of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, we shall promote the be interests of the school district as a whole, and will make decisions that place student learning and the success of all students first by adhering to the following educational a ethical standards:

As a Board member,

- I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to devel and maintain schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their sex race, color, national origin, religion, age, height, weight, marital status, handicap, disabilit sexual orientation, sexual identity, or transgender status.
- I will be a personal advocate for the good work of the District.
- I will focus Board action on policy making, strategic planning, and designating and evalua the Superintendent.
- I recognize that the role of the Board is to govern and oversee the management of the Di I will delegate authority to the Superintendent for the day-to-day operations of the District will not seek to participate in the day-to-day operations.
- I will review and evaluate all Board Policies, Bylaws of the Board, procedures and proces the Board, and will work to make desired changes so they will be current, relevant, and in accordance with state and/or federal laws. When requested, I will review all Administrativ Procedures brought forth and give input to the Superintendent; however, the Board does vote to approve Administrative Procedures.
- I will follow established Board Operating Procedures.
- I will come to Board meetings prepared to discuss and take action on all agenda items. I read and study ~~the material in~~ the Board meeting ~~packet~~ information seeking clarification, needed, prior to each Board meeting.
- I will give the Superintendent and Board President notification of my concerns prior to the Board meetings, so that the concerns can be properly addressed.
- I understand that I have not only the right, but the duty, to express my views and opinions ask questions at the Board table; and will make a good faith effort to understand the view others.
- I recognize that the Board must make decisions as a whole in public. I will base all decisi on the available facts and my independent judgment, and I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to individuals or special interest groups.
- I will avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and, if such a conflict is unavoidable, I will disclose such interest and abstain from voting on such matters.
- I will ~~respect the~~ work with my fellow Board members toward consensus ~~and support the decisions of the Board and their implementation.~~ when making decisions. Once a decisio made, I will support the decision and its implementation.
- I recognize that while I am free to express my personal views, the Board President is the spokesperson for the Board and the Superintendent is the spokesperson for the District. includes all written and spoken communications, including social media.
- I will be respectful and listen to all ideas presented to the Board, be it from parents, staff, students, community members, other Board members, or other stakeholders. I will listen then refer any person to appropriate personnel.
- I will communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent significant expressio public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
- I will exercise caution when communicating between and among Board members, includi electronic communication, and will abide by the Open Meetings Act.

- I will hold confidential all matters that, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals, sc or the district. I will keep confidential all information that is privileged under applicable law including closed session discussions.
- I will stay informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information; for example, those sponsored by state and national school board associations. I will share what I have learned with my Li Public Schools' colleagues, formally or informally, so as to keep our Board apprised of cu issues and topics.
- I will take no private or public action that will compromise the Board, the Administration, c District.
- I will refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain.
- I will support the hiring of those persons best qualified to serve as District staff.
- I will support and protect District personnel in the proper performance of their duties.
- I ~~will,~~ along with my fellow Board members, will review, revise and sign this Code of Ethic annually at the beginning of each calendar year.

As Board President,

- I will ensure that persons addressing the Board follow established guidelines as outlined Board policy.
- I will advise persons addressing the Board to do so in a respectful manner and not allow or indecent behavior, profane or indecent discourse, to be directed to the Board, Superintendent, or others during Board meetings. I will not permit disruptive behavior and advise attendees as such.
- I will ensure that all Board members are given an opportunity to express their views. I wil toward building consensus among all Board members.
- I will follow parliamentary procedure, to the extent that it does not conflict with Board polic state law.

First Reading Bylaw of the Board BCB – General Order of Business at Regular Meetings

The Policy Committee has reviewed the following changes:

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD **BCB**
BOARD OPERATIONS **~~FEBRUARY 28, 2022~~**
GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT REGULAR MEETINGS **APRIL 21, 2025**

The order of business at regular meetings shall generally be as follows:

Call to Order
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Communications
  Recognitions and Other Communications Items
  District Update from the Superintendent
  ~~Written Communications~~
  ~~Response to Prior Audience Communications~~
  Audience Communications (limited to a total of 15 minutes, with the remainder
  preceding Hearing from Board Members)
Consent Agenda
Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
Business Matters
Instructional Matters
Personnel Matters
Remainder of Audience Communications
Hearing from Board Members
Adjournment

First Reading Board Policy JBF – Release Time

The Policy Committee has reviewed the following changes:

BOARD POLICY — JBF
STUDENTS — ~~OCTOBER 2, 1989~~
RELEASE TIME — Reviewed 8/2018
March 2025

The Board of Education grants to the administration the right to release students from school for
appropriate educational and planned activities including special religious instruction up to 2 hours per week when written notice is provided to the school.

LEGAL REF.: MCL 380.1561; Admin Rule: R340.2 (7) et seq.

Hearing from Board Members

Mrs. Jarvis wished the LPS community a happy spring break next week. Mrs. Acosta wished secondary students well on their CSA's this week. Mr. Johnson shared pride for the Stevenson Hockey Team's successful season and in the team's poise and sportsmanship displayed in finishing the season in second place. Mr. Johnson shared enthusiasm for reading in many classrooms across the district during March Reading Month and thanked his host teachers for allowing him the opportunity. Finally, Mr. Johnson shared praise for CAPA's recent production of Phantom of the Opera, calling CAPA students Broadway Talented.

Meeting Adjourned

President Bradford adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.

Supt.' AO/tg for MA
C: Board