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BOARD OF EDUCATION – LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia MI 48154
Special Meeting
September 15, 2025

President Bradford convened the meeting at 6:02 pm

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

Members Absent: Acosta

Audience Communication	None
Appointment of Roosevelt Principal	It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Kimberly Samouelian as Principal of Roosevelt Elementary School. Ayes: Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland Nays: None
Appointment of Assistant Principal – Johnson Upper Elementary School	It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mr. MacFarland that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Joseph Bublitz as Assistant Principal of Johnson Upper Elementary School. Ayes: Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland Nays: None
Purchase of Library Books	It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of library books from Follett Content Solutions, LLC headquartered in McHenry, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed $100,000. Ayes: Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland Nays: None

Passage of Budget 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 the following state Budget Resolution, expressing significant concern regarding the State Legislature's failure to pass the state budget as required by the July 1 deadline. The absence of a finalized budget poses risks to financial stability of all public-school districts and threatens our ability to plan and deliver essential educational services to students.

Livonia Public Schools

SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 SCHOOL AID BUDGET DELAYS

WHEREAS, Michigan's constitution requires the Michigan legislature and Governor to pass an annual School Aid Budget for the exclusive purpose of funding public education; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Public Act 160 into law in 2019 which states that the legislature must pass and present general appropriation bills for the upcoming fiscal year to the governor on or before July 1; and

WHEREAS, local school districts in Michigan are required by law to pass their own budgets for the upcoming school year by July 1; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan legislature has failed to meet their July 1 legal deadline to pass a School Aid Budget appropriation bill or make any meaningful progress toward doing so; and

WHEREAS, the Livonia Public Schools' School Board was forced to adopt a budget for the 2025-2026 school year without key funding information due to the ongoing lack of a state budget, but upheld their fiduciary responsibility to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 School Aid Budget continues to be delayed by political battles that are unrelated to school funding or without regard for the needs of our students; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing delay in funding certainty has already impacted our ability to best plan for the support our students need and deserve in the upcoming school year; and

WHEREAS, every day the budget continues to be delayed by lawmakers will only worsen the negative impacts on our schools, staff, and students this Fall and beyond; and

WHEREAS, comments by lawmakers that suggest the School Aid Budget can, or should, wait for other budget agreements to fall into place ignore the critical needs of our students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Livonia Public Schools' School Board is strongly urging state lawmakers to fulfill their fiduciary responsibility and immediately pass a spending

bill that fully allocates the entirety of funding meant for our schools in a manner that supports the needs of each and every student in Michigan.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, the Livonia Public Schools' School Board is affirming that School Aid Funding should not be tied to any other budget deals, including ongoing talks about road funding. Funding for roads must not come at the expense of the education of our students in the State of Michigan.

ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, at their Special Meeting thereof, held this 15th day of September 2025.

Karen Bradford, President
Crystal Frank, Vice President
Madeline Acosta, Secretary
Colleen Burton, Trustee
Mark Johnson, Trustee
Liz Jarvis, Trustee
Dave MacFarland, Trustee

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

Adjournment

President Bradford adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm.