**Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District**

**Meeting Location: LPS Admin Bldg., 15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154**

**6:30pm meeting / Board Room**

# Minutes of Regular Meeting / April 20, 2026

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

Absent: None

**President Burton Commenced the meeting at: 6:32pm**

## AGENDA:

### III. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. **Recognition of Livonia United Girls High School Hockey Team Championship:** It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution recognizing the Livonia United Girls High School Hockey Team on its Division II State Championship title.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nayes: None

B. **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. These highlights can be found each month on our District website under “District News”.

C. **Audience Communications:** None

## IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following Consent Agenda items:

V.A. *Minutes of the Closed Meeting of March 23, 2026
V.B. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026
VI.A. *Adoption of Resolution for LPS Stormwater Program
VI.B. *Approval of Water Main Agreement LCTC and ECC
VII.A. *Approval of 2026-2027 Cooperative Agreements

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Frank, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland
Nayes: None

## VI. BUSINESS MATTERS:

A. ***Approval of Resolution for LPS Stormwater Program**: It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approves the resolution for the District's Stormwater Management Plan.

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

B. ***Approval of Water Main Agreement LCTC and ECC**: It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the Water Main Agreements for the LCTC and ECC.

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

C. **Approval of Coolidge Water Main Repairs**: It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the recommendation from its Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint, to proceed with the water main replacement at Coolidge Elementary School in the amount of $220,938 plus $34,062 in contingency, for a total project cost of $255,000.00. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent or her designee to negotiate and execute final contract with the recommended contractor, D'Angelo Brothers, Inc., Farmington Hills, Michigan.

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

## VII. INSTRUCTION MATTERS:

A. *** Approval of 2026-2027 Cooperative Agreements**: It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approves the renewal of the Cooperative Education Program Agreements between the LCTC and Blended

Learning, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Plymouth Christian Academy and Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Additionally, The Board approves the renewal of the Cooperative Education Program Agreements between the LTP and Crestwood School District, Garden City Public Schools, Northville Public Schools, Redford Union Schools, Romulus Public Schools, South Redford Public Schools, and VanBuren
Public Schools.

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

## VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

A. **Teachers 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 the following teachers:

Julie Kubek / April 4, 2026
Lisa Cleveland / April 11, 2026

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

B. **Leave of Absence**: 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 Superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence for:

Anna Burris / April 14, 2026

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

C. **Resignations**: As authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 23, 2025, the following resignations have been accepted by the Superintendent. Resignations do not require a Board vote:

Marissa D'Orazio / March 30, 2026
Douglas Putnam / April 7, 2026
Stephanie Scroggins / March 24, 2026

D. **Retirements**: 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 adopt resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by:

Ann BeBeau / Retiring June 10, 2026
Tracy Bailey / Retiring June 15, 2026
Perah Baker / June 30, 2026
Maureen Castiglione / Retiring June 5, 2026
Deborah Cordisco / Retiring June 4, 2026

Timothy Gabel / June 11, 2026
Kelly Granowicz / June 6, 2026
Eric Hoeft / May 28, 2026
Karen Hoffman / June 5, 2026
Renee Kish / June 4, 2026
Peter Mazzoni / June 30, 2026
Antonio Mercer / April 24, 2026
Kenneth Wilson / June 30, 2026
Ronald Zapalski / June 6, 2026

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

## IX. HEARING FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

**A. Change to 2025-2026 Board Meeting Schedule:** It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District amends the 2025-2026 Board Meeting Schedule so that the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2026 @ 6:30pm moves to May 26, 2026 @ 6:30pm and the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2026 @ 6:30pm moves to June 15, 2026 at 6:30pm.

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

**B. Second Reading Board Policy IDCA - Summer School Program**: It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Frank that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Board Policy Committee and adopt the following Board Policy language:

**BOARD POLICY** **IDCA**
**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM** **APRIL 20, 2026**
**SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Summer school programs which comply with state and accrediting agency requirements may be offered in accordance with student needs and interests. The Division of Instruction team will determine appropriate summer school programs with approval by the Superintendent.

Tuition may be charged as approved by the Superintendent and/or designee.

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

**C. Second Reading Board Policy JBD - Homeless Students**: It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Board Policy Committee and adopt the following Board Policy language:

**BOARD POLICY** **JBD**
**STUDENTS** **APRIL 20, 2026**

**HOMELESS STUDENTS**

The Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools is committed to ensuring that students experiencing homelessness have equal access to the same free and appropriate public education as all other students. Students who meet the definition of 'homeless children and youths' under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** will not be stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless. Students eligible under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** will be provided services and may participate in programs comparable to other students in the District. Board policy, administrative guidelines, and practices will not be interpreted or applied in such a way as to inhibit the enrollment, attendance, participation, or school success of eligible students.

The Superintendent will appoint a liaison for homeless children, who will perform the duties as assigned by the Superintendent. Additionally, the liaison will coordinate and collaborate with the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth as well as with community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to eligible homeless children and youths.

LEGAL REF.:*McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.)

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

**D. Second Reading Board Policy KM - Visits to Schools**: 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 Board Policy Committee and adopt the following Board Policy language:

**BOARD POLICY** **KM**
**GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS** **APRIL 20, 2026**
**VISITS TO SCHOOLS**

Parents/guardians and other visitors having legitimate business to conduct are welcome in our schools. For the health, safety, and welfare of the students and staff, all visitors shall remain in the secured vestibule and follow the security protocols in order to gain access into the main office for visitation approval.

Visits to classrooms by parents/guardians and other citizens must have the approval of the building principal/administrator; be arranged in advance; and not disrupt the educational process.

Visitors from other school districts must make appropriate arrangements in advance through the Office of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

CROSS REF.: KMAC Unauthorized Persons on School Property

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

**E. Second Reading Board Policy KMA - Unauthorized Persons on School Property**: 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 Board Policy Committee and adopt the following Board Policy language:

**BOARD POLICY** **KMA**
**GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS**
**UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY** **APRIL 20, 2026**

For the protection and safety of students and staff, the protection of school property, and the general necessity of ~~an~~ the efficient administration of school buildings, no person shall loiter on school grounds or in any school building.

Students who are under suspension or have been expelled from school are not allowed on school property or in any school building and shall not be admitted to any school activity or event. If a student is serving an in-school suspension, the student is not allowed on school property outside of the normal school day hours.

Any persons causing any disturbance to school programs or school activities shall be directed by the building administration to leave the school property immediately. If a person refuses to leave, he/she shall be considered to be trespassing, and the police shall be called.

LEGAL REF.: MCL 380.1808 (Revised School Code); and City of Livonia Ordinance Title 9; Chapter 9

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

**F. First Reading Board Policy ICC - Research and Pilot Studies:** The Board Policy Committee reviewed changes to the following Policy which the Board then recommended for a second reading:

**BOARD POLICY**
**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**
**RESEARCH AND PILOT STUDIES**

**ICC**
**JUNE 20, 1988 ~~Reviewed 5/2014~~**
**MAY 26, 2026**

The Board of Education recognizes that, in order for ~~if~~ the educational program ~~is~~ to maintain necessary relevance to the rapidly changing society which it serves, provision must be made for the stimulation and development of awareness of changing needs, for time and opportunity to appraise the existing program, for planning needed changes, and for offering and/or requiring continuing in-service education of key personnel in the educational process.

The Board of Education encourages the professional staff to participate in research and pilot studies that carefully assess the program ~~and plan for research and pilot studies designed~~ to identify improved instructional opportunities for students. Such improvements should relate to the changes in their interest and needs, as reflected ~~from the society in which they live~~ in college and career readiness.

~~It also recognizes that responsibility in this area of change is shared by each professional staff member and calls for continuing effort on his/her part to maintain his/her own professional competencies. In other activities~~ For studies which significantly diverge from or exceed ~~such~~ curricular and instructional limits, proposals will be developed and submitted ~~transmitted~~ for approval by the superintendent, or their designee, for approval prior to implementation.

**G. First Reading Board Policy IDAA - Career Technical Education and Enrollment:** The Board Policy Committee reviewed changes to the following Policy which the Board then recommended for a second reading:

**BOARD POLICY**
**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**
**~~VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM~~**
**CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND ENROLLMENT**

**IDAA**
**~~JUNE 20, 1988~~**
**~~Reviewed 5/2014~~**
**MAY 26, 2026**

~~The school district shall operate a vocational education program~~.

The ~~school~~ District will offer high school students' opportunities to take Career Technical Education (CTE) courses. The District is dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed in CTE pathways. Enrollment in CTE programs will be open to all students based on program availability, and student interest. The District will actively support participation and success for all learners regardless of race,

color, national origin, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, language proficiency, or family background. English Language Learners and students receiving Special Education services will be fully supported and will not encounter barriers to enrollment or participation in any CTE program.
CTE courses provide students with the skills and knowledge they need for post-secondary 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, 380,684.

**H. First Reading Board Policy IDG - Adult Education:** The Board Policy Committee reviewed changes to the following Policy which the Board then recommended for a second reading:

**BOARD POLICY** **IDG**
**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM** ~~**NOVEMBER 17, 2014**~~
**ADULT EDUCATION** **MAY 26, 2026**

~~The Board of Education believes that learning is a continuous process and that adult education is important to the development and enrichment of individuals and the community.~~

~~Classes shall be offered for credit toward a high school diploma as well as those which will supplement and broaden personal educational goals within budget limitations and/or enrollment in programs.~~

The District may offer classes to support the completion of a high school diploma through credit recovery, High School Equivalency Prep for a GED, and courses for acquiring English language and personal math skills based on the District budget.
LEGAL REF.: MCL, 380.1277; R340.311

**I. Hearing From Board Members**: None

**President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:06PM**

Off./Supt./MA/tg