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 / October 19, 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: 6:35pm

AGENDA:

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. **Recognition of Ford Philanthropy for Donations:** Mrs. Jenkins led the recognition program honoring Ford Philanthropy, in conjunction with the Ford Livonia Transmission Plant for their $9,300 grant to purchase laptops for the Livonia Warriors & Tyros Robotics teams and $10,000 donation to the LPSEF for filled backpacks, supplying Hayes, Johnson, Rosedale and Cooper students with necessary school supplies. There was roughly $650 remaining from the backpack project that was donated to Garfield Garments & Groceries to purchase winter wardrobing (coats, mittens, gloves, hats).

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:** Mrs. Carlini introduced the four women's robotics team members who recently competed in the West Bloomfield All Girls Competition last Saturday, October 10. Two of the team members shared their positive experiences at the competition and thanked many key members of their support team.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

V.A. *Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 5, 2026
V.B. *Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 28, 2026

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

V. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Please see Meeting Minutes - Livonia Public Schools for the disposition of minutes. Print copies are available by request through the Office of the Board of Education (734) 744-2510.

VI. BUSINESS MATTERS: None

VII. INSTRUCTION MATTERS: None

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

A. **Teacher for Approval:** 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 Superintendent and offer employment for the 2026-2027 school year to Taylor Collins.

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

B. **Teachers for Tenure:** 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 acknowledge that tenure status has been granted to:

Lauren Alvarez, 10/12/26
Nicholas Fugedi, 9/16/26
Marie Whitehill, 10/23/26

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

C. **Resignations**: The Board was informed of the following staff resignations and their effective dates. The Board does not take action on resignations:

Rebecca Dadswell-Haney, 10/30/26
Jill Mulville, 10/12/26

Alexa Santos, 10/16/26

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 adopt a resolution of appreciation for services rendered by:

Harry Lau

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Harry Lau will retire from the district on January 7, 2027; and,
WHEREAS, Harry Lau has devoted 13 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as administrator of facilities and operations at Operations Department; 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 Harry Lau for his countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Deborah Schommer

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Deborah Schommer will retire from the district on December 31, 2026; and,
WHEREAS, Deborah Schommer has devoted 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a bookkeeper at Stevenson High School and secretary at Stevenson High School, Churchill High School, in the Academic Services Department, Perrinville Early Childhood Center and in the Food Service Department; 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 Deborah Schommer for her countless contributions to our school system and extends best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

Angela Sutton

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District that Angela Sutton will retire from the district on December 31, 2026; and,
WHEREAS, Angela Sutton has devoted 9.6 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a secretary at Rosedale Elementary and as an administrative assistant in the Operations and IT Departments; 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 Angela Sutton 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, MacFarland
Nays: None

IX. HEARING FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

A. **Second Reading Board Policy IFBC - Library Media Centers:** It was moved by Mrs. Acosta 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 Board Policy language for Board Policy IFBC - Library Media Centers.

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

BOARD POLICY IFBC
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS OCTOBER 19, 2026

The Board of Education has established Library Media Centers (LMC) to provide and promote access to books, media and materials to contribute to the development of students and to extend and deepen the experiences in the curriculum.

CROSS REF.: IKB—Controversial Issues KNBA—Complaints About Instructional Materials

B. **Second Reading Board Policy KG -Community Use of Facilities:** 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 Board Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language for Board Policy KG - Community Use of Facilities.

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

BOARD POLICY KG
GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS OCTOBER 19, 2026
COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
School facilities may be available for use by the public, in accordance with applicable policy and administrative regulations. The District is permitted to charge appropriate fees for the use of its facilities. The first priority for the use of school facilities is for District purposes.

CROSS REF.: DFG – Fees, Payments and Rentals; EBH – Leasing and Renting

C. **First Reading Board Policy IFAB - Supplemental Materials Selection and Adoption:** This policy underwent a first reading for consideration and adoption at a future meeting. The Board unanimously recommended a second reading at the next Regular Board meeting on November 16, 2026:

BOARD POLICY

IFAB

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
SUPPLEMENTALRY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

JUNE 20, 1988
~~Reviewed 5/2014~~
October 19, 2026

~~It is the intent of the Board of Education to cover costs of essential instructional materials for the basic program of studies. The Board of Education recognizes that in addition to these essential materials a limited number of other supplemental materials which are desirable for the enrichment of instruction should be provided. There may be instances when there is a materials fee charged for those projects that the student can keep and take home.~~

Livonia Public Schools is committed to providing all essential instructional materials required for the core curriculum at no cost to students. The District may provide a selection of supplemental materials to enrich learning experiences. Administrative Procedures will be followed for the selection of supplemental materials.

D. **First Reading Board Policy IKD - Holiday Activities:** This policy underwent a first reading for consideration and adoption at a future meeting. The Board unanimously recommended a second reading at the next Regular Board meeting on November 16, 2026:

BOARD POLICY

IKD

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
~~**CEREMONIES AND OBSERVATIONS**~~
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

~~**JUNE 20, 1988**~~

~~**Reviewed 5/2014**~~
NOVEMBER 16, 2026

~~School activities designed to recognize holidays shall focus on the development of an educational awareness of the historical and cultural importance of the holiday and shall contribute to the general objectives and purposes of instruction.~~

School-sponsored holiday activities shall focus on teaching the historical and cultural background of the holiday and shall contribute to the general objectives and purposes of instruction.

E. **First Reading Board Policy IKB- Student Internet Safety Policy:** This policy underwent a first reading for consideration and adoption at a future meeting. The Board unanimously recommended a second reading at the next Regular Board meeting on November 16, 2026:

BOARD POLICY

IFB

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
STUDENT INTERNET SAFETY POLICY ~~**DECEMBER 15, 2014**~~
NOVEMBER 16, 2026

~~In accordance with all federal and state regulations relating to technology use in schools,~~
In compliance with federal and state regulations, the district uses technology filters on all district devices or via district access. These measures block access to obscenity, pornography, and other content harmful to minors across the internet, email, and direct messaging.

Pursuant to Board Policy IFA and Administrative Procedure~~s~~ IFA(1), before being permitted access to the Internet, students will be instructed in the appropriate and ethical use of the Internet~~.~~ ~~and s~~ Students and parents will sign authorization forms (LivNet) ~~which further~~ informing these individuals of the appropriate ~~and ethical~~ use ~~of the Internet,~~ and the consequences of policy violations. ~~for failing to adhere to such use.~~

School ~~administration~~ staff will provide instruction on ~~for students about~~ appropriate online behavior~~.~~ – including interacting with artificial intelligence (AI), ~~with other individuals on~~ social networking websites, ~~and in~~ chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness ~~and response~~.
~~****School Administration will provide reasonable supervision of students' use of the Internet, which will include monitoring the online activities of minors.~~ School staff provide reasonable supervision of student's use of the Internet. To the extent practical, steps will be ~~enacted~~ taken to promote safety and security ~~of users~~ by preventing unauthorized access~~:~~, other unlawful activities~~;~~, and unauthorized disclosure, use, ~~and~~ or dissemination of minors' personally identifiable information ~~identification information regarding minors~~.

LEGAL REG.: Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) of 2000
Broadband Data Improvement Act of 2008
Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act of 2008
Federal Communications Commission Report and Order of August 2011
CROSS REF.: IFA – District Technology Network and Related Resources

F. **Hearing from Board Members**: Mr. Johnson thanked the Cabinet team for their dedicated work on Board Policies. Mr. Johnson noted that the Board heavily relies on Cabinet for their ongoing contributions and input to updating Board Policies. Mr. Johnson also thanked SHS Principal Kotsogiannis and Mr. Pete Davidek, announcer for SHS athletics for providing warm hospitality to North Farmington alumni celebrating their 50th year reunion at the recent North Farmington / SHS football game. Mrs. Jarivs shared information about the LPSEF Portraits on the Porch event on 10/24/26 with sign ups remaining open and wished the LPS community a safe and happy Halloween.

X. ADJOURNMENT: President Burton adjourned the meeting at 7:44PM

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