

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
September 19, 2011**

President Scheel convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

**Members Present** Colleen Burton, Mark Johnson, Robert Freeman, Patrice Mang, Gregory Oke, Randy Roulier, Lynda Scheel

**Members Absent** None

**Golden Apple Award – Hiranthini Alles** Board trustee Greg Oke presented parent volunteer Hiranthini Alles with the Golden Apple Award and thanked her for the many hours she dedicates to Coolidge Elementary staff and students.

**Green School Recognitions** It was moved by Ms. Mang and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolution below, recognizing Randolph Elementary, Webster Elementary, Riley Upper Elementary, and Franklin High School as Official Michigan Green Schools.

**WHEREAS, The trustees of the Livonia Board of Education are desirous of recognizing and promoting excellence in education in this school district; and**

**WHEREAS, Randolph Elementary, Webster Elementary, Riley Upper Elementary, and Franklin High Schools staff and students are committed to protecting the air, land, water and animals of Michigan along with worldwide outreach through good ecological practices; and**

**WHEREAS, Given this commitment, staff and students of Randolph Elementary, Webster Elementary, Riley Upper Elementary, and Franklin High Schools have taken the steps necessary to be distinguished as Official Michigan Green Schools in accordance with the Michigan Green Schools Agency that is dedicated to assisting schools to achieve environmental goals; and**

**WHEREAS, In addition, Randolph Elementary, Webster Elementary, Riley Upper Elementary, and Franklin High Schools staff and students have worked as teams to ensure each met the requirements and earned the required points within the academic year to achieve Michigan Green School status.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the trustees of the Livonia Board of Education do hereby commend and congratulate Randolph Elementary, Webster Elementary, Riley Upper Elementary, and Franklin High Schools staff and students for being recognized as Official Michigan Green Schools and for all the hours of dedication and commitment they have**

**demonstrated to make a difference to the Livonia Public Schools School District, to the greater community, to the State of Michigan, and to the planet Earth.**

**Robert Freeman, Secretary  
Livonia Board of Education**

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel  
Nays: None

**Energy  
Excellence  
Awards**

Mr. Mike Bitar of Energy Education presented the Board with plaques for *Top Overall Energy Performance* and *20% Improvement in Overall Energy Performance*, in recognition of Livonia Public Schools' leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. He commended Energy Supervisor Joe Harvey and Livonia Public Schools for their outstanding efforts in achieving these milestones across all LPS buildings.

**Recess**

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education recess at 7:31 p.m. to visit with guests.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel  
Nays: None

**Reconvene**

The Board reconvened at 7:39 p.m.

**Written  
Communication**

None

**Audience  
Communication**

**Loyd Romick**, 33437 Michele Court, addressed the Board regarding the supervision of Grant Elementary PM kindergartners prior to the time their school day begins.

**Patty and Ron Riggio**, 37204 Bretton, and **Barbara and Barbaro Garbey**, 14094 Woodside, addressed the Board regarding the cancellation of post-secondary programs that were previously offered through Wayne County's Act 18 program. They asked about future plans for students who were served by those programs.

**Heidy Nance**, 7266 Sorrel, addressed the Board regarding the support PTSA provides for the community and the many opportunities to be involved in PTSA. She invited everyone to attend PTSA workshops on September 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Holmes Middle School.

**Response to  
Prior Audience  
Communication**

None

**Consent  
Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Freeman and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent:

IV.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2011

V.A. Bills for Payment – September 20, 2011

- V.B. Approval of Bid Results for Custodial Supplies (\$44,757.00 from Joshen Supply Pro Inc. and \$54,678.40 from APAC Paper & Packaging Corp., for a total of \$99,435.40.)
- V.C. Approval of Bid Results for Food Service Equipment (Total cost of \$57,887 from Bell and Sons.)
- V.D. Approval of Lease Renewals for The Learning Tree and Under The Rainbow (Lease renewals for July 1-2011 through June 30, 2012 for the Learning Tree Child Care Center--\$197,898 and Under the Rainbow Preschool--\$24,192, for a total of \$222,070.)
- V.E. Approval of Lease Agreement with Livonia Girls Fast Pitch Storm (Lease for January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for Livonia Girls Fast Pitch Storm for \$3,600).

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel  
 Nays: None

**Annual Education Report 2010-11**

Ms. Sheila Alles, director of academic services, and Kathy Maxwell, supervisor of student assessment and evaluation, presented the Board with information and data from the district's 2010-2011 Annual Education Report.

**Summer Professional Development**

Ms. Alles shared a DVD presentation, with highlights of professional development sessions for teachers and administrators that took place over the summer.

**Teachers for Approval**

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Freeman that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 2011-12 school year to the following teachers: Lindsay Beard, Megan Bruestle, Laura Danilowicz, Jillian Hall, Meris Hoppe, Kimberly Mabie, Laura Motz, Leeann Sundquist, Claire Walker, and Lisa Zaar.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel  
 Nays: None

**Recall of Teachers**

It was moved by Mr. Freeman and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to district employment as teachers for the 2011-12 school year the persons listed below:

**TEACHER RECALLS**

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| Jacqueline Banner | (1.0) Kindergarten/Kennedy                         |
| Carrienne Braun   | (1.0) Title 1 Interventionist/Cleveland Elementary |
| Katie Broome      | (1.0) Grade 1/Buchanan                             |

Patrick Daugherty	(1.0) Physical Education/(.6) Riley & (.4) Garfield
Kimberly Finney	(1.0) Grade 2/Garfield
Shannon Fitzgerald	(.5) ESL/McKinley
Jeanne Fuller	(1.0) Kindergarten/Rosedale
Jessica Garrett	(.5) Psychologist/Student Services
Courtney Ignash	(1.0) MOCI Teacher/ WWSC
Marion Killebrew-Sexton (recall from 09/10)	(1.0) English/Language Arts/Frost Middle School
Darci Licata	(.5) Title 1 Interventionist/Cooper Upper Elementary
Joan Livingston	(1.0) K-12 Social Studies/Secondary ELA Curriculum Facilitator
Rachel Majewski	(1.0) Kindergarten/Kennedy
John McCabe	(.5) Special Education/STP – McKinley
Cynthia Miller	(.5) Kindergarten/Rosedale Elementary
Carmen Niemiec	(1.0) Grade 4/Roosevelt Elementary
Nicole Rosemary	(1.0) Special Education/(.5) Cooper & (.5) Rosedale
Laura Scheel	(1.0) Science/Churchill High School
Jessica Scott	(1.0) MOCI Teacher/WWSC
Lindsay Smith	(1.0) Grade 1/Randolph
ElizabethTurbiak	(1.0) MOCI Teacher/WWSC
Mary K Weaver	(.5) Social Worker
Ashley Witherspoon	(1.0) Grade 6/Riley
Donna Wizinsky	(1.0) Resource Room/Stevenson High School
Daniel Yowell	(1.0) MOCI Teacher/WWSC

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel  
 Nays: None

**Removal from Recall List**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mr. Oke that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District remove the following teachers from any form of a recall list, thereby eliminating her/him from any rights to future employment: Norman Klawender, Sr., John Palmer, Nicole Willett, and Nancy VanDenBerg.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel  
 Nays: None

**Leaves of Absence**

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Ms. Mang that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve requests for leaves of absence for the 2011-2012 school year for Lisa Anderson for medical leave and Katrina Wrzesinski for child care leave.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel  
 Nays: None

**Retirements**

It was moved by Mr. Oke and unanimously supported by the Board that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the following resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by:

**Nancy Borys** will retire from the district on September 30, 2011, and has devoted 19.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a special education paraprofessional at Churchill High School, Frost Middle School, Franklin High School, Holmes Middle School, Stevenson High School, and Emerson Middle School.

**Deborah Estep** retired from the district on August 31, 2011, and has devoted 13.1 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a custodian at Franklin High School, Perrinville Early Childhood Center, Jefferson Elementary School, Rosedale Elementary School, Cleveland Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, and Webster Elementary School.

**Paula Forster** will retire from the district on September 30, 2011, and has devoted 15 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a special education paraprofessional at Cass Elementary School, Taylor Elementary School, Coolidge Elementary School, Tyler Elementary School, Stevenson High School, Frost Middle School, and Churchill High School.

**Marlene Magda** retired from the district on August 31, 2011, and devoted 42.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of McKee Elementary School, Henry Ford Elementary School, and Nankin Mills Elementary School in the Nankin Mills School District and Nankin Mills Elementary School, Cass Elementary School, Tyler Elementary School, Taylor Elementary School, Jackson Center, Randolph Elementary School, and Kennedy Elementary School as a teacher.

**Rosanne Stark** retired from the district on August 11, 2011, and has devoted 29 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Harrison Elementary School, Bentley High School, Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Kennedy Elementary School, McKinley Elementary School, Cleveland Elementary School, Frost Middle School, and Hoover Elementary School as a teacher; and as a literacy facilitator for the district.

**James Turovaara** retired from the district on July 30, 2011, and has devoted 15.7 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a mechanic with the transportation department.

**Resignations**

Mrs. Cynthia DeMan, director of personnel, informed the Board of Education that, as authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 6, 2011, a resignation was accepted for Jennifer Bradley effective August 23, 2011, and for Katherine Zellers effective August 31, 2011.

**Second  
Reading &  
Adoption of  
Board Policy  
EBA –  
Disposition of  
Real Property**

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt Board Policy language as written below for Board Policy EBA – Disposition of Real Property.

**BOARD POLICY  
DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

**EBA  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

The Board of Education believes that it is in the interest of the Livonia Public Schools School District to preserve, maintain, and retain ownership of its lands and buildings that have current or future educational value. The primary covenant of this policy is that the sale and permanent dispossession of the real property of this district is disfavored. The Board will analyze any unsolicited or solicited requests for the sale and permanent dispossession of its real property to determine whether there is an interest for the district to sell or dispossess assets which substantially outweigh the Board's primary policy disfavoring such action.

In the event the Board of Education decides to exercise its property powers to sell real estate, the Board must authorize the conditions for sale. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all offers at its sole discretion. No property will be offered for sale until an independent appraisal is completed. Employees of the school district and members of the Board of Education shall be prohibited from purchasing directly or indirectly any real estate offered by the district.

Ayes: Burton, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel  
Nays: Freeman

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Ms. Burton and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2011 be adjourned.

Ayes: Burton, Freeman, Johnson, Mang, Oke, Roulier, Scheel  
Nays: None

**Off/Supt/jw**

President Scheel adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.