



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 / March 23, 2026

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

Absent: Crystal Frank, Vice President

President Burton Commenced the meeting at: 6:38pm

AGENDA:

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. **Read Across America 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 resolution in recognition of Read Across America during the month of March, 2026 in Livonia Public Schools.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

- B. **Recognition of Franklin JV Pompon State Championship:** Mrs. Jenkins led the time of recognition and shared highlights of the team's winning season. Team coaches spoke on behalf of the team and shared pride, and gratitude for the hardworking and high achieving women who comprise this team. Coaches spoke of the girls' grit, dedication, passion and commitment to excellence and look forward to next season together.

C. **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”.

D. **Audience Communications:** Mayor Brosnan, Karen Bonano and Hunter Anderson of the Livonia Youth Commission reported the results of their in depth 2024 youth survey on the youth agenda in the city of Livonia. The 2024 survey identified 3 key areas of concern as reported by Livonia’s youth: stress & mental burn out, college / future planning, substance use and access. The Youth Commission is planning another survey for 2027 and asked for the same partnership and cooperation with LPS that they enjoyed in 2024.

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

VI. **BUSINESS MATTERS:**

A. **Approval of LPS Merchandise Purchase:** It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approves the purchase of Livonia Public Schools merchandise from MBS Incorporated, South Lyon, Michigan for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

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

B. **Approval of Purchase of LCTC Furniture and Equipment:** It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for LCTC’s Gaming Design Animation classroom, Computer Repair Lab and Engineering and Graphic Design Programs for a total amount of \$130,380.66. Purchases will be made from Interior Environments, Advanced Technologies Consultants and Midwest Laser.

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

C. **Approval of Purchase of Bus Tablets / Mounts:** It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorizes the purchase of 13 tablets and 67 mounting systems from Transfinder for a total cost of \$46,337.00

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

- D. **Approval of Fleet Replacement Purchase:** It was moved by Mr. MacFarland and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of Blue Bird propane school buses from Holland Bus Company for a total cost of \$982,511.00.

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

- E. **Approval of Furniture Purchase - 2026 Summer Bond:** 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 from its Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint, and approve the Phase Five Purchase of furniture for the LMCs and Idea Factories at Niji-Iro and Webster Elementary schools from NBS Commercial Interiors in an amount not to exceed \$434,000.

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

- F. **Approval of CO Paving Phase 3 Project:** It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation from its Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Realpoint, to approve Nagle Paving Company for the Central Office Phase 3 paving project in the total amount of \$1,211,000.

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

- G. **Approval of District-Wide Wireless Access Point Replacement Project:** It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approves the recommendation from the Owner's Representative, IDS, to purchase and install new wireless access points throughout the district from Sentinel Technologies in the amount of \$2,811,309.24.

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

- H. **Approval of Change Order #2 Technology Bid:** It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mrs. Acosta that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve a change order for the Technology Bid #2 in the new amount of \$249,653.67 with Moss Audio Corporation, under the same terms and unit pricing established in the original RFP award.

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

- I. **Approval of Purchase of Plow Gator:** It was moved by Mrs. Acosta and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of a Gator equipped with a plow attachment from Deere & Company, for a total cost of \$36,381.12.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

- J. **Approval of Purchase of Tom Cat Auto Scrubber:** It was moved by Mr. MacFarland and supported by Mrs. Bradford that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorizes the purchase of ten TomCat Auto Scrubbers from Coleman Wolf Supply for a total cost of \$97,115.90.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

- K. **Approval of Sale of Property:** It was moved by Mr. MacFarland and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the sale of property located at 37234 Joy Rd., Livonia MI to Soave/Oro Construction, LLC for a total price of \$50,000.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

VII. INSTRUCTION MATTERS:

- A. **Approval of Stevenson High School Spain Field Trip:** It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approves the international (Spain) field trip for Global Education students at Stevenson High Schools.

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

- B. **Consider Expulsion of one Secondary Student:** It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. MacFarland 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, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- A. **Teacher for Approval:** 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 offer employment to the following:

Rachel Adams / 1.0 FTE / Resource Room Teacher / Cleveland Elementary

Ayes: Acosta, Bradford, Burton, Jarvis, Johnson, MacFarland

Nays: None

- B. **Teachers for Tenure:** It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Johnson 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:

Jennifer Cronin / March 3, 2026
Jessica Cycotte / March 4, 2026
Sarah Domingo / March 10, 2026

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

- C. **Leave of Absence:** 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 Superintendent and grant a leave of absence as follows:

Samantha Shoemake / 2026-2027 school year

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

- D. **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:

Macey Burnette / April 17, 2026
Tara Forrester / March 23, 2026
Alaina Kennedy / March 19, 2026
Madison Lanzon / March 2, 2026

- E. **Retirements:** 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 Superintendent and adopt resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by:

Mona Beydoun / Retiring June 4, 2026
Kerry Budai / Retiring June 8, 2026
Jan Bice / Retiring June 5, 2026
Joanne Carroll / Retiring June 12, 2026
Dennis Chapman / Retiring June 30, 2026
Judith Christie / Returning June 4, 2026
Linda Cohan / Retiring June 30, 2026
Kimberly Colaizzi / Retiring June 8, 2026
Colleen Cowher / Retiring June 4, 2026
James Elder / Retiring April 10, 2026
Paul Fairbrother / Retiring June 15, 2026
Dennis Gerathy / Retiring June 30, 2026
Colleen Hutchinson / Retiring June 8, 2026
Jennifer Knoph / June 5, 2026

Katherine Mikkelsen / June 5, 2026
Matthew Otto / June 5, 2026
Michele Richmond / June 4, 2026
Leah Smith / June 30, 2026
Barbara Spencer / March 5, 2026
Michele Tanderys / June 5, 2026
Robert Upton / June 5, 2026

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

IX. HEARING FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

- A. **Change to April Board Meeting Schedule:** It was moved by Mrs. Bradford and supported by Mr. Johnson that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District amends the 2025-2026 Board Meeting Schedule by advancing all meetings in the April meeting cycle by one week. The Regular meeting originally scheduled @ 6:30pm on April 27, 2026 will be held at 6:30pm on April 20, 2026.

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

- B. **Second Reading Bylaws of the Board BHA - Code of Ethics:** 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:

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD
BOARD OPERATIONS
CODE OF ETHICS**

BHA

MARCH 23, 2026

As members of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, we shall promote the best 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 and ethical standards:

As a Board member,

- I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop 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, disability, 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 evaluating the Superintendent.
- I recognize that the role of the Board is to govern and oversee the management of the District. I will delegate authority to the Superintendent for the day-to-day operations of the District and will not seek to participate in the day-to-day operations.
- I will review and evaluate all Board Policies, Bylaws of the Board, and procedures and processes of the Board. I 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 Administrative Procedures brought forth and give input to the Superintendent; however, I recognize that the Board does not 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 will read and study the Board meeting information and seek clarification, if 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 and ask questions at the Board table; and will make a good faith effort to understand the views of others.
 - I recognize that the Board must make decisions as a whole in public. I will base all decisions 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 work with my fellow Board members toward consensus when making decisions. Once a decision is 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. This 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 and then refer any person to appropriate personnel.
- I will communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent significant expression of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
- I will exercise caution when communicating between and among Board members, including electronic communication, and will abide by the Open Meetings Act.
- I will hold confidential all matters that, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals, schools, 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 my state and national school board associations. I will share what I have learned with my Livonia Public Schools' colleagues, formally or informally, so as to keep our Board apprised of current issues and topics.
- I will take no private or public action that will compromise the Board, the Administration, or the District.
- I will refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain.
- I will support the hiring of those persons being recommended by the administration as the best qualified to serve as District staff.
 - I will support and protect District personnel in the proper performance of their duties.
- I will participate in the review, revision and signing of this Code of Ethics annually at the beginning of each calendar year.

As Board President,

- I will ensure that persons addressing the Board follow established guidelines as outlined in Board policy.

- I will advise persons addressing the Board to do so in a respectful manner and not allow rude, or indecent behavior, profane or indecent discourse, or otherwise willfully disruptive behavior to be directed to the Board, Superintendent, Cabinet members or others during Board meetings.
- I will not permit disruptive behavior and will advise attendees as such. If needed, I may order the disruptive person to be removed from the meeting.
- I will ensure that all Board members are given an opportunity to express their views. I will work toward building consensus among all Board members.
- I will follow parliamentary procedure, to the extent that it does not conflict with Board policy or state law.

MCL 380.1808

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

C. First Reading Board Policy IDCA - Summer School Program: The Board Policy Committee reviewed changes to the following Policy which the Board then recommended for a second reading:

**BOARD POLICY
 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
 SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**IDCA
 JUNE 20, 1988
 Reviewed 5/2014**

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 ~~Board of Education.~~ **Superintendent and/or designee.**

D. First Reading Board Policy JBD - Homeless Students: The Board Policy Committee reviewed changes to the following Policy which the Board then recommended for a second reading:

**BOARD POLICY
 STUDENTS
 HOMELESS STUDENTS**

**JBD
 APRIL 16, 2018**

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 ~~be provided a free and appropriate public education in the same manner as all other students of the District and 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 ~~s~~Superintendent will appoint a liaison for homeless children, who will perform the duties as assigned by the ~~s~~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.)

~~The term "homeless children and youth" is~~

~~(A) Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and~~

~~(B) Includes--~~

~~(i) Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;~~

~~(ii) Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;~~

~~(iii) Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and~~

~~(iv) Migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).~~

- E. **First Reading Board Policy KM - Visits to Schools:** The Board Policy Committee reviewed changes to the following Policy which the Board then recommended for a second reading:

**BOARD POLICY
GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS
VISITS TO SCHOOLS**

KM

NOVEMBER 13, 2017

Parents/guardians and other visitors having legitimate business to conduct are welcome in our the schools. For the protection of 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 first report to the school's main office for visitation approval.

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

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

CROSS REF.: KMACUnauthorized Persons on School Property

- F. **First Reading Board Policy KMA - Unauthorized Persons on School Property:** The Board Policy Committee reviewed changes to the following Policy which the Board then recommended for a second reading:

**BOARD POLICY
GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS
UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

KMA

JUNE 20, 1988

Reviewed 8/2014

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 function. 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** ~~requested~~ by the building administration to leave the school property **immediately** ~~at once~~. 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 ~~Misdemeanor~~ Ordinance No. ~~145~~ **Title 9; Chapter 9**

- G. **Hearing From Board Members:** Mr. Johnson commented that he enjoyed participating in this year's March Into Reading activities around the district and thanked the Livonia Police Department for contributing a great number of books to the district's classrooms during reading month, just as they had in 2025. Mrs. Jarvis shared information with the Robotics competition happening April 3-4 and encouraged parents to bring young students to catch future vision. Mrs. Bradford wished the LPS community a safe and fun spring break.

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 8:52PM

Off./Supt./MA/tg