

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
August 15, 2016**

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

**Members Present** Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

**Members Absent** None

**Written Communication** None

**Audience Communication** Jeremy Kopp, Meg O'Neil, and Sabrina Terenzi addressed the Board with concerns about the possible closing of Cass Elementary School.

Beth Brown addressed the Board regarding the maintenance of the elementary school playgrounds, specifically the playground at Grant Elementary School.

**Response to Prior Audience Communication** None

**Consent Agenda** It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent:

- V.A. Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of July 18, 2016
- V.B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2016
- V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of July 18, 2016
- VII.A. Bills for Payment—August 16, 2016

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Presentation of Academic** Mrs. Sheila Alles, Chief Academic Officer, presented an overview of three academic elementary programs that were held this summer for

**Summer Programs**

last school year's K-6 students. Camp Emerson and Camp Frost programs were for students from seven of our eight Title I schools – Cleveland, Hayes, Garfield, Rosedale, Roosevelt, Cooper, and Johnson. The Students Helping Students Literacy Program -- a partnership involving Madonna University, the Kirt Foundation, and LPS -- was offered to students in need of additional literacy intervention.

**Approval of 2016-2017 Tuition Rate**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District establish the tuition rate for the 2016-17 school year at \$9,932.00 for non-resident elementary and secondary students, per Board Policy.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Approval of 2016-2017 Cash Flow Borrowing**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of notes in anticipation of state school aid. This resolution will authorize the borrowing of not more than \$3,500,000.00 for the 2016-17 fiscal year from First Merit Bank, Southfield, Michigan.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Approval to Purchase Pianos – 2013 Bond**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of three Baby Grand Pianos for a cost of \$80,608.14 and three Grand Pianos for a cost of \$261,078.66, for a total cost of \$341,686.80 from Steinway Gallery, Commerce Township, Michigan.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

**Approval of Bid Results for Lighting Replacement – High School Field Houses**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Jarvis that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the lowest qualified bid for the three high school fieldhouses lighting retrofit project from Shoreview Electric Company, Clinton Township, Michigan for a total cost of \$396,000.00.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Approval of Bid  
Results for  
Pizza Lunch**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the Food Service Pizza bid recommendation for the 2016-17 school year for Pizza Hut, Livonia, Michigan for an estimated total cost of \$115,000.00

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura,  
McDonnell

Nays: None

**Approval of Bid  
Results for  
Consolidated  
Dairy Products**

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the low bid for dairy products from Smith Foods, Inc., Orrville, Ohio for a total estimated cost of \$145,794.82.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura,  
McDonnell

Nays: None

**Appointment of  
Elementary  
Principal**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint the person listed (Jennifer Keatts) as elementary principal at Grant Elementary School beginning August 16, 2016.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura,  
McDonnell

Nays: None

**Teachers for  
Approval**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield 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 2016-17 school year to the teachers listed below:

Keely Bartel	.5 School Social Worker, Student Services
Kelly Billin	1.0 Pre-School Teacher, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Roosevelt
Maureen Bourdage	1.0 English teacher, Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion
Danielle Korstjens	1.0 Teacher of Cognitively Impaired, Webster
LaTisha Krauss	1.0 Teacher of Cognitively Impaired, Webster
Nicole Miller	1.0 Teacher, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Skill Center
Alisyn Swayze-Sweet	1.0 Teacher, Cognitively Impaired, Webster
John Waling	1.0 Teacher, Cognitively Impaired, Webster
Erin Winslow	.6 Teacher, Speech & Language Impaired, Student Services

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura,  
McDonnell

Nays: None

### Teachers for Recall

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and supported by Mrs. Laura that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to district employment as teachers for the 2016-17 school year the persons listed below:

#### LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHER RECALLS August 15, 2016

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Jeffrey Backus	(1.0) Resource Room/Franklin High School
Elizabeth Bara	(1.0) K-4 Elementary/Hayes Elementary
Sylvia Bautista	(1.0) Secondary/ Building To Be Determined
Anna Borden	(1.0) Special Education/Western Wayne Skills Center
Nicole Dennis	(1.0) K-4 Elementary/Building To Be Determined
Laura Derda	(1.0) English/Language Arts/Frost Middle School
Brittany Dupree	(1.0) K-4 Elementary/Roosevelt Elementary
Lindsey Freitag	(1.0) K-4 Elementary/Roosevelt Elementary
Elizabeth Kilpatrick	(1.0) K-4 Elementary/Roosevelt Elementary
William Kramer	(1.0) Social Studies/Emerson Middle School
Sarah Lenhart	(.6) Music/Franklin High School
Rachel Licavoli	(.6) Art/Johnson Upper Elementary
Amanda Mabbott	(1.0) Social Studies/Stevenson High School
Holly McGuigan	(1.0) Kindergarten/Buchanan Elementary
Sarah Plum	(.8) Physical Education/(4) Johnson Upper Elementary, (.3) Randolph Elementary & (.1) Cass Elementary
Claudia Rushlow	(1.0) Special Education (Resource Room)/Franklin High School
Katherine Valenti	(1.0) K-4 Elementary/Building To Be Determined
Samuel Vomastek	(1.0) Physics/Franklin High School
Jeffrey Warga	(1.0) Resource Room/Frost Middle School
John Webster	(1.0) Special Education/ Holmes Middle School

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

### Resignations

The Board was informed that, as authorized in the Board of Education motion of June 20, 2016, resignations have been accepted by the director of human resources for

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Kelly Backer	June 30, 2016
Lauren DiDomenico	June 30, 2016
Emily Hiser	June 30, 2016
Teresa Jackson	June 30, 2016
Christine Jeter	June 30, 2016
Aaron Rieder	June 30, 2016
Eric Schmidt	June 30, 2016
Michelle Taverner	June 30, 2016

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Approval for Board Members to Attend November 2016 MASB Conference and Classes**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve that Board Trustees, as listed below, may attend the November 2016 MASB Conference and/or classes in Detroit, for a total cost of \$2,768:

Tammy Bonifield	11/11-11/12 Conf. & 2 CBA Classes	\$529
Colleen Burton	11/11 Conf. & 2 Pre-Conf. Sessions	\$360
Dan Centers	11/11-11/12 Conf. & 2 CBA Classes	\$529
Liz Jarvis	11/12 Conf. & 3 CBA Classes	\$450
Mark Johnson	2 CBA Classes	\$180
Incoming Trustee	3 CBA Classes	\$360
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Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Approval to Utilize MASB's 2016 Superintendent Evaluation Tool**

It was moved by Mrs. Jarvis and approved by Mrs. Laura that for the 2016-17 school year, the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District will utilize the Michigan Association of School Boards' (MASB) 2016 Superintendent Evaluation Tool, contingent upon MASB's provision of the required web posting documentation.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

**Recess to Closed Session**

It was moved by Mrs. Laura and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District recess to closed session for: **Labor Negotiations Discussion.**

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Jarvis, Johnson, Laura, McDonnell

Nays: None

The Board recessed the meeting at 8:46 p.m. to go into Closed Session for labor negotiations discussion and resumed the special meeting at 9:54 p.m.

**Adjournment Off/Supt/jw**

President Burton adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.