

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Regular Meeting  
June 2, 2014**

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

**Members Present**

Tammy Bonifield, Colleen Burton, Dan Centers, Mark Johnson, Eileen McDonnell, Randy Roulier

**Members Absent**

Dianne Laura

**National Merit Scholars - Aditya Vemulapati, CHS Barbara Scupholm, SHS**

Mrs. Stacy Jenkins, administrator of communications, introduced this year's National Merit Scholars – Churchill student Aditya Vemulapati and Stevenson student Barbara Scupholm – and presented them with a certificate of recognition for their exceptional accomplishments.

**College Scholarship from Metro Bureau to Olivia Snyder**

Mrs. Sheila Alles, director of academic services, provided information regarding a \$1,000 scholarship from Metro Bureau to an LPS graduating senior. She introduced Ernie Minghine, educational consultant from Metro Bureau, who provided some background regarding the scholarship and presented it to Olivia Snyder, Churchill High School graduating senior.

**You Be The Chemist Award Winners – Max Parr and Aakanksha Pattanaik**

Mrs. Alles introduced Mike Hutto from PVS Chemicals, a local sponsor for the *You Be The Chemist* program, who shared information about the program. Carim Calkins, Frost Middle School science teacher and *You Be The Chemist* coach, provided some history of Livonia Public Schools' involvement in the program and introduced this year's first and second place *You Be The Chemist* state champions -- Max Parr (first place) and Aakanksha Pattanaik (second place). Mrs. Alles presented the students with certificates of recognition for their outstanding achievement.

**Livonia AM Rotary – Volunteer Visits to Third Graders**

Mrs. Jenkins announced that the Livonia AM Rotary Club has been presenting the *Andy and Elmer* literacy program to third graders at Livonia Public Schools. Board trustee Tammy Bonifield introduced Richard Nkosu from the Livonia AM Rotary Club, who shared information about the program and his visits to third graders.

**Gift to Kennedy Elementary School**

It was moved by Mr. Centers and supported by Mrs. Burton that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous donation by the Kennedy Elementary PTA, totaling \$17,200 to Kennedy Elementary School.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, McDonnell, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Gift to Riley  
Upper  
Elementary  
School**

It was moved by Mrs. McDonnell and supported by Mrs. Bonifield, that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous donation by the Riley Upper Elementary PTA, totaling \$14,600, to Riley Upper Elementary School.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, McDonnell, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Recess**

President Johnson asked if Board members had any objection to taking about a ten minute recess to visit with guests. There were no objections, therefore the Board recessed at 7:34 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at approximately 7:45 p.m.

**Written  
Communication**

None

**Audience  
Communication**

Johannes Cawood, Emi Che, Tomo Furusawa, Chaundra Hayner, Anne Hooghart, Daniel Lake, Rebecca Lenk, Elizabeth Luke, Itsuhiro Miyamoto, Todd Tatar, and Meredith Thompson addressed the Board regarding the proposed Japanese Immersion Program.

**Response to  
Prior Audience  
Communication**

None

**Consent  
Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Burton 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:

- IV.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2014
- IV.B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 19, 2014
- VI.A. Bills for Payment—June 3, 2014

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, McDonnell, Roulier  
Nays: None

**CLASS –  
History Alive!**

Mrs. Alles presented the CLASS (Continuous Learning and Student Success) episode on the district's high school U.S. history program, History Alive! showcasing Andrea Gohl's classroom at Churchill High School. Mrs. Alles extended her appreciation to Mrs. Gohl, Ken McMullen in the communications department, and the academic services department for their assistance in putting together the presentation.

**Approval of  
Japanese  
Immersion  
Program**

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mrs. Burton that because the actions of the Hinoki International School Board have led the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education and administration to have serious concerns that the Hinoki International School Board can effectively provide their current program to its students and because the Hinoki Board has provided no evidence of its ability to do so when confronted with these facts by the District, the School District and its administration feel that it is necessary to provide a program to protect the current and future students who wish to take advantage of such program, unless such evidence can be provided forthwith.

Therefore, based on current circumstances, move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the creation of a K-6 Japanese Immersion Magnet Program beginning in the 2014-2015 school year and allow Section 105(c) Schools of Choice for up to twenty-five (25) seats in grades one through four and up to fifty (50) seats for kindergarten.

Any students applying to participate must meet all of the criteria for participation. Further, the Board of Education approves the Letter of Understanding between the District and the Livonia Education Association (LEA) regarding the Japanese Immersion Magnet Program.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, McDonnell, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Approval of  
Waste Removal  
Services**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. McDonnell that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the Superintendent, Randy Liepa, or his designee to enter into a one year agreement for waste removal services with Rizzo Environmental Services, Sterling Heights, Michigan based on the bid response.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, McDonnell, Roulier  
Nays: None

**Approval of Bid  
Results for  
Precast  
Concrete  
Structures**

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Roulier that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the bid recommendation to purchase six precast concrete structures from the low bidder, Quality Precast, Kalamazoo, Michigan for a cost of \$56,730 and approve the budget to have the structures installed, at a total cost of \$109,336.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, Roulier  
Nays: McDonnell

**Approval of Bid  
Results for  
Pickup Trucks**

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 bid recommendation to purchase three pickup trucks from the low bidder, Signature Ford, Owosso, Michigan, for a total cost of \$81,000.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, McDonnell, Roulier  
 Nays: None

**Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees Who Are Retiring**

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

**Martha Diakow**, who will retire from the district on June 12, 2014, and will have devoted 17.4 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the Livonia Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Coolidge Elementary School and Perrinville Early Childhood Center.

**Vicki Dwelley**, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2014, and will have devoted 23 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Adams Elementary School, Hoover Elementary School, Cooper Elementary School, Randolph Elementary School, and Riley Upper Elementary School as an Elementary Student Assistance Provider.

**Joanne Hoekstra**, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2014, and will have devoted 20.1 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Stevenson High School, Nankin Mills Elementary School, Frost Middle School, Johnson Upper Elementary School, Cleveland Elementary School, and Riley Upper Elementary School as a teacher.

**Evelyn Ruiz**, who will retire from the district on June 30, 2014, and will have devoted 23.5 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding service to the students of Frost Middle School, Franklin High School, and Stevenson High School as a teacher.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, McDonnell, Roulier  
 Nays: None

**Notice of Discontinuance of Teaching Contracts**

It was moved by Mr. Roulier and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent that the teachers as listed be laid off for the school year 2014-15 and that their teaching contracts not be renewed at the end of the 2013-14 school year. It is further resolved that the records show that the reasons for this action are a result of the budget process, the district's financial situation, enrollment changes, teachers returning from leave, and program changes. Be it further resolved that the Board of Education direct the secretary of the Board to send a letter to each of the individuals listed, officially notifying them that their teaching contracts will not be renewed at the end of the 2013-14 school year and that they will be laid off as teachers in the Livonia Public Schools School District.

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
 LEA STAFF REDUCTION  
 2014/15 SCHOOL YEAR  
 June 2, 2014**

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Seniority Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Julie	Adams	8/30/1999	HOLMES (.6 Health & Physical Ed)/CHURCHILL (.2 Physical Ed)
Haley	Albertsen	8/30/2012	KENNEDY (1.0 Kindergarten)
Anna	Borden	8/27/1998	WESTERN WAYNE SKILLS CENTER (1.0 Special Ed)
Sherri	Brown	8/28/2012	RILEY (.8 Teacher of Speech and Language)
Megan	Bruestle	9/19/2011	FROST (1.0 Language Arts)

Joseph	Bublitz	2/13/2012	EMERSON (1.0 Success Strategies/Title I)
Lisa	Cardenas	8/30/2012	GRANT (1.0 Grade 2)
Christina	Coletta	8/27/1998	JOHNSON (1.0 Learning Specialist)
Carolyn	Corp	8/30/2012	KENNEDY (1.0 Grade 1)
Kimberly	Daugherty	8/30/2012	ROOSEVELT (1.0 Grade 1)
Laura	Derda	12/10/2012	FRANKLIN (1.0 Language Arts)
Dawn	Drabicki	8/30/2012	GARFIELD (1.0 Grade 4)
Phillip	Dugliss	9/16/2013	STEVENSON (.4 Science)
Stephanie	Gidley	9/21/2012	WEBSTER (1.0 Grades 3/4)
Jillian	Gusukuma	8/28/2012	CHURCHILL (.6 Music)/WEBSTER (.1 Music)
Jillian	Hall	8/30/2011	FRANKLIN (.5 Counselor)/EMERSON (.2 Counselor)
Meris	Hoppe	8/30/2011	COOLIDGE (.8 Teacher of Speech & Language)
Nicole	Hunter	8/29/2007	STEVENSON (1.0 Social Studies)
Marion	Killebrew-Sexton	8/29/2007	FROST (.8 Language Arts)/EMERSON (.2 French)
Kathryn	King	8/21/2003	CHURCHILL (.6 Science)
Carol	Klun	9/3/2008	FRANKLIN (.5 Occupational Therapist)
Kelly	Kurkowski	8/29/2007	CHURCHILL (1.0 Language Arts)
Jessica	Kusku	8/26/2013	FROST (.5 Visually Impaired Teacher)
Lisa	Lee	11/11/2009	CHURCHILL (1.0 Math)
Kristen	Lee	9/30/2013	CHURCHILL (.2 French)
Rita	Magdowski	8/31/2006	COOLIDGE/FRANKLIN (1.0 Occupational Therapist)
Melinda	Magoulick	12/10/2012	CLEVELAND (1.0 Grade 4)
Jessica	Mathison	8/29/2007	CHURCHILL (1.0 Language Arts)
Kacie	McCullough	9/9/2013	EMERSON (.5 Special Ed)/FRANKLIN (.2 Special Ed)
Paul	Mercier	8/29/2007	CHURCHILL (1.0 Language Arts)
Richard	Mestdagh	8/29/2007	FRANKLIN (1.0 Social Studies)
Janette	Mow	8/31/2010	FROST (1.0 Counselor)
Amy	Nichols	8/28/2012	PERRINVILLE (1.0 Teacher of Speech and Language)
Catherine	Noble	10/31/2005	STUDENT SERVICES (1.0 Physical Therapist)
Meghan	Ort	8/30/2012	GRANT (1.0 Kindergarten)
Andrew	Pesci	8/28/2012	CHURCHILL (1.0 Language Arts)
Amy	Poteracki	8/30/2012	GARFIELD (1.0 Kindergarten)
Walter	Power	8/29/2007	CHURCHILL (1.0 Language Arts)
Amanda	Raupp	2/20/2013	STEVENSON (1.0 Math)
Kevin	Reina	8/21/2003	CHURCHILL (1.0 Science)

Aaron	Rieder	8/30/2006	CHURCHILL (1.0 Science)
Laura	Scheel	8/30/2006	FRANKLIN (1.0 Science)
Eric	Schmidt	8/29/2007	EMERSON (1.0 Social Studies)
Marlene	Scott	8/29/2007	CHURCHILL (1.0 Math)
Michelle	Siroky	8/25/2005	STUDENT SERVICES (1.0 Occupational Therapist)
Joshua	Skodack	1/14/2013	FRANKLIN (1.0 Science)
Kelli	Timmerman	8/25/2005	EMERSON (1.0 Language Arts)
Claire	Walker	9/19/2011	FROST (1.0 Language Arts)
Shanan	Wheeler	8/21/2003	FRANKLIN (1.0 Science)
Nicole	Young	1/27/2014	FRANKLIN (.8 Social Studies)
Daniel	Yowell	8/31/2010	CAREER CENTER (.5 Language Arts)/FROST (.5 Special Ed)

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, McDonnell, Roulier  
 Nays: None

### Teacher Recall Authorization

It was moved by Mrs. Burton and supported by Mrs. Bonifield that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and authorize the superintendent or his designee to begin, as soon as circumstances permit, the recall procedure for teachers who are on layoff. Said authorization not to exceed the 2014-15 staffing guidelines.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, McDonnell, Roulier  
 Nays: None

### Approval of Voluntary Separation Incentive Plan

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mr. Centers that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the Letter of Understanding between the School District and the Livonia Education Association (LEA) regarding the provisions for a Separation Incentive Plan.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, McDonnell, Roulier  
 Nays: None

### Leave of Absence

It was moved by Mrs. Bonifield and supported by Mrs. McDonnell 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 Rebecca Novack, effective for the 2014-15 school year.

Ayes: Bonifield, Burton, Centers, Johnson, McDonnell, Roulier  
 Nays: None

### Adjournment

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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