

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Lake Orion Community Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, was called to order on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:31 p.m.

Board Members Present: D. Bresett, S. Flaherty, B. McQuiston, H. Sinawi, J. Singer, S. Taylor

Board Members Absent: N. Butki

Administrators Present: H. Mercer, A. Weldon, A. Curtis, D. Towlerton

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, K. Nuss, J. Kolbow, K. Stofflet, S. Hojna, L. Logsdon, J. Goral, J. Faber, V. Rup

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Sinawi, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Mark Snyder reported the latest Inside the Dragons was released yesterday. He also shared learning highlights from various programs and activities throughout the district.

PRESENTATIONS

Blanche Sims Elementary School Showcase: Principal, Ken Nuss, along with students presented information on elementary extracurricular opportunities and shared highlights from their experiences.

2023-24 Financial Audit -Jenny Kolbow and Kristin Stofflet, from Plante Moran, reported a clean, unmodified opinion for the financial statements and federal programs. This is the highest form of assurance that records are compliant and free of material misstatement. They noted pandemic funding concluded in September 2024. They discussed sinking fund and bond fund compliance and MPSERS funding. The major program audited this cycle was special education. They reviewed general fund revenues, expenditures and fund balance, which is was 9.8% of expenses (excluding 147c).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: No participation from the public.

STRATEGIC AREA DISCUSSION ITEMS

Governance

Superintendent's Update: Heidi Mercer reported that community leaders met to coordinate resources for families affected by the explosion at Keatington condominiums. She also discussed the following:

- **Legislative Update:** There is proposed legislation regarding safe firearms storage, Purple Star military liaison program, Merit curriculum modifications, and charter school transparency. She also discussed possible amendments to public schools health care contributions.

Bond Design Teams Report: The team met today to prepare to go out for bids on the Paint Creek and LOHS auxiliary gym projects.

Tobacco Prevention Resolution - Second Reading: The Board held a second reading of the proposed resolution to support the tobacco prevention bills.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Drew Towlerton reported elementary math labs are scheduled for December 6 and 13. The district is analyzing MICIP data and reviewing goals. The attendance committee met last week and the current rate is around 93%. LOHS will be hosting a DECA competition on December 14.

Curriculum Committee Report: Jake Sinder reported the committee met on November 12 to discuss course proposals, MLK Day PD, secondary world language and math pilots and Easter Seals partnership.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon reported 13 teachers participated in an instructional coach workshop held Monday evening. He also reported the safety assessment of the LOHS football stadium was completed and some minor improvements were suggested.

Superintendent Evaluation Update: Danielle Bresett reported the Board met on November 13 to develop a consensus rating. The overall rating is effective. A summary is being prepared for approval at the December 11 Board meeting. The special meeting on December 4 has been cancelled.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis provided an update on the MPSERS 3% health care contribution. The current year allocation to reimburse employees is not expected until February or March. The district will not be reimbursing employees until funding is received. The 3% will continue to be deducted from employee paychecks through October 2025. She also discussed the following:

- Purchase of Operations Dump Truck: The Board reviewed a recommendation to purchase a 2025 Ford F-550 from Gorno Ford in the amount of \$104,100.00.
- MSBO Bus Purchase Program Resolution: The Board reviewed a recommendation to purchase eight busses totaling \$1,280,970.

October Monthly Financial Report: General fund/cash balance reports were reviewed.

ACTION ITEMS

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Sinawi, to approve the consent agenda items as presented:

- a. Approve Payment of the October Bills in the Amount of \$10,626,664.49
- b. Approve Minutes from the November 6 Regular meeting, November 12 Curriculum Committee and November 13, 2024 Special Meeting and Closed Session

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by McQuiston, to adopt the Resolution of Support of Protect Mi Kids Bill Package in the Michigan Legislature To Address the Lack of Effective Statewide Tobacco Prevention Policies as presented. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Flaherty, to accept the 2023-2024 audited financial statements as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Flaherty, to authorize Administration to execute the purchase of a 2025 Ford F-550 2500HD with a dump bed and plow using the MiDEAL contract pricing for the State of Michigan government agencies to Gorno Ford in the amount of \$104,100.00 as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to adopt the MSBO Bus Purchase Program resolution to purchase eight Hoekstra 77-passenger conventional buses at a cost of \$134,742 each and two Hoekstra 29/30 Minotour buses at a cost of \$101,517 for a total recommendation of \$1,280,970 as presented. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS/TOPICS: No participation from the public.

RECAP/NEXT STEPS: Nothing noted

CLOSING COMMENTS: Administrator and Board member items were provided for and so noted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Board Secretary