

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, September 24, 2025, at 6:31 p.m.

Board Members Present: J. Faber, B. McQuiston, J. Singer, S. Taylor

Board Members Absent: D. Bresett, S. Flaherty, H. Sinawi

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

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, L. Logsdon, J. Goral

As the only officer of the Board in attendance, Jake Singer reviewed LOCS Board Policy 0163 and requested a motion to name a presiding officer for the meeting. Moved by Taylor, seconded by Faber, to appoint Birgit McQuiston as the presiding officer for the meeting. Ayes - all; Motion carried

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

#### NEW CERTIFIED STAFF CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION

No introduction was made as the candidate was unable to attend the meeting.

#### LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Mark Snyder discussed Orion Living and shared learning highlights from various programs throughout the district.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No participation from the public.

#### STRATEGIC AREA DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### **Governance**

Superintendent's Update: Heidi Mercer discussed scheduling the senior honors ceremony on May 13 and Board members were agreeable to consider rescheduling the Board meeting planned for that evening. Availability will be checked and brought back for Board approval. She also reported that the district has had initial conversations with Orion Township about potentially purchasing Pine Tree Center. This is in very early stages of discussion and no decision has been finalized. She also discussed the following:

- Legislative Update: The budget is still pending. The district has made continuous contacts with legislative representatives to request action to finalize the budget for public education. The District may have to take out a loan if state funding is not received by mid-November. Free meals for students will end on September 30 and families have been notified.

2018 Bond Update: The Board reviewed work in progress on the LOHS auxiliary gym. Paint Creek work has been finished and final punch list work is now being completed.

2025 Bond Proposal: The District continues to share informational regarding the proposal and a community meeting is scheduled for September 25 at 7 p.m. at the High School.

##### **Student Achievement**

Assistant Superintendent Update: Drew Towlerton reported that Parent University sessions were well attended. He announced a partnership with Barnes and Noble for elementary math nights. He also discussed:

- Proposal for Spring Scheduling 2025-26 (Section 21f): The Board discussed utilizing scheduling flexibility under 21f for spring testing and unforeseen school closures.

##### **Human Resources**

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon discussed the following:

- Certified New Hire Recommendation: A recommendation to hire a certified staff was reviewed.

##### **Finance and Operations**

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis discussed the following:

July-August Monthly Financial Report: General fund/cash balance reports were reviewed.

ACTION ITEMS

Moved by Singer, seconded by Taylor, to approve the consent agenda items as presented:

- a. Approve minutes from the August 27, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Requests
  1. LOHS HOSA - Acme, MI, April 16-17, 2026
  2. LOHS HOSA - Indianapolis, IN, June 17-20, 2026
  3. LOHS Robotics - University Center, MI, April 2-6, 2026
  4. LOHS Robotics - Houston, TX, April 28-May 3, 2026
  5. 8th Grade Cadet Bands - Chicago, IL, May 1-2, 2026
  6. LOHS DECA - Detroit, MI, March 5-7, 2026
  7. LOHS DECA - Atlanta, GA, April 25-29, 2026
  8. LOHS Business Professionals of America - Grand Rapids, MI, March 12-15, 2026
  9. LOHS Business Professionals of America - Nashville, TN, May 5-10, 2026
  10. LOHS Choir and Band Seniors - Sandusky, OH, May 9, 2026

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Faber, seconded by Taylor, to approve the use of 21f flexibility in spring scheduling for 2026 for the district as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Faber, to approve one certified new hire as presented.

Ayes - all; 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 7:05 p.m.

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Board Secretary