

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, May 14, 2025, at 6:31 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: J. Singer

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

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, S. Perry, C. Kutchen, K. Sliwinski, B. Cubitt, S. Bodiya, L. Hogan, K. Kosal, P. Meoak, B. Kopitzki, V. Patil, P. Craft, R. Babich, M. Flaviani, L. Logsdon, J. Goral

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

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Mark Snyder discussed the Parent Square communication pilot and shared learning highlights from various programs throughout the district.

PRESENTATIONS

Oakview Middle School Showcase - Sarah Perry, Christine Kutchen and students presented information about the You Before Me Club.

High School Leadership Class - Lori Hogan and the new student e-Board representatives provided updates on 4th quarter committee activities.

Learning Options High School Showcase - Kristin Sliwinski shared highlights regarding senior graduation, Positivity Pals Project, and plans for a new Peer-2-Peer program between Learning Options and PHASES.

High School Math Program Recommendation - Brent Cubitt and Steve Bodiya provided information regarding the LOHS math pilot and recommendation to adopt and implement CPM beginning with the 2025/2026 school year.

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

STRATEGIC AREA DISCUSSION ITEMS

Governance

Bond Design Teams Report: Work has started on the Paint Creek classroom and LOHS auxiliary gym projects.

Policy Committee Report: Scott Taylor reported the committee met April 16 to discuss NEOLA 39-2 update.

- First Reading NEOLA 39-2 - Policies 0131.1, 2340, 5320, 5330, 5330.01, 5350, 5460, 8320, 8500, 8510, 8640 and Miscellaneous Policies 2264, 2266: Board members reviewed the policy revisions. A concern was raised regarding administration of epinephrine auto-injectors as indicated in policy 5330.01. Administration will follow up on this concern.

First Reading - Proposed Revisions to OCSBA Bylaws and Resolutions: Board members reviewed the revisions. No additional questions or concerns were noted.

Medicaid Funding Resolution: Board members reviewed the proposed resolution.

FY 2025-2026 Education Budget Advocacy Resolution: Board members reviewed the proposed resolution.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Drew Towlerton provided an update on summer school enrollment and MTSS work. He also discussed the following:

- Student Handbook Revisions: The Board reviewed recommended revisions for elementary and secondary student handbooks for the 2025-26 school year, including the new cell phone protocols.

Curriculum Committee Report: Danielle Bresett reported the committee met May 7 to discuss student handbook revisions.

Lamp of Learning Committee Report: Scott Taylor reported the committee met May 8 to select scholarship recipients. Winners will be announced at the senior honors ceremony and Learning Options graduation.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon reported the district received high marks on a safety assessment completed on indoor and outdoor athletic areas. He provided updates on LOEA negotiations, staff appreciation, teacher of the year and retirement celebrations, and the Wellbeing Fair on May 22.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis discussed a new tax collection agreement with Orion Township, which includes a significant increase in costs. The district will commit to one year but will explore other options beyond that timeframe. TowerCo implemented the Clarkston Road cell tower lease by sending a portion of the initial payment. This puts TowerCo in default with 60 days to pay in full. The legal process is still ongoing with Oakland Township. The district received a long-term rating of AA with an underlying rating of A+ for its series three bond. The bonds were priced under a negotiated sale at \$18,595,000 with an interest cost of 3.91%. Closing is scheduled for June 17. She also discussed the following:

- Second Reading - Oakland Schools 2025-26 Proposed Budget: The Board reviewed the proposed revenue and expenditure summaries.
- First Reading - International Academy FY 2026 Budget: The Board reviewed the proposed revenue and expenditure summaries. The Board will take action on this item on May 28.

ACTION ITEMS

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

- a. Approve Payment of the April Bills in the Amount of \$8,461,572.34
- b. Approve Minutes from the April 23 Regular, May 7 Curriculum Committee and May 8, 2025 Lamp of Learning Committee Meetings
- c. Head Start Coordinator's Report received and filed for April 2025

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Faber, to approve the proposed revisions for the Elementary School, Middle School, High School and Learning Options Student Handbooks for 2025-2026, as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Taylor, to adopt a resolution supporting the proposed 2025-26 Oakland ISD General Fund Budget, as presented. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to adopt the Resolution in Support of Protecting Medicaid Funding for Schools as presented. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to adopt the Resolution Urging The Michigan Legislature to Prioritize Student-Centered Investments in the FY 2025-2026 State Education Budget as presented. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

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

RECAP/NEXT STEPS: Administration will follow up on policy 5330.01 concern.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Board Secretary