

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, August 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

NEW CERTIFIED STAFF CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION

Adam Weldon introduced Misty Neill. Amy Ducharme and Alexis King were unable to attend.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Mark Snyder discussed back-to-school communications 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 reported the PHASES open house for parents and students went great and thanked all the teams that helped transition the space. She discussed the following:

- Legislative Update: The budget is still pending. The district has contacted the Governor's office and legislative representatives to request action to finalize the budget for public education. Redistricting is happening in Michigan, impacting who our representatives will be in January 2026.

2018 Bond Update: The Board reviewed work in progress including the LOHS auxiliary gym, Paint Creek cafeteria, STEM room and classroom, and the Administration Building. They also discussed 2026 projects scheduled including LOHS team rooms, CERC gym demolition and road work and Moose Tree updates.

2025 Bond Proposal: Informational print materials have been finalized and a video is in development. District staff members were informed at the welcome back event and now community awareness will be a priority. District leaders were available at Dragon on the Lake this past weekend to share information and a community meeting is scheduled for September 25 at 7 p.m. at the High School.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Drew Towlerton thanked staff for the professional development taking place this week and preparations being made to welcome students back. He also discussed:

- Think Link Partnership Agreement: The Board reviewed the annual partnership agreement with the Orion Township Library.

Special Education Update: Special Education Director, Sara Leggett, has been a great addition to the district and cabinet team. She has been busy building relationships with staff and focusing on partnering with general education to support all learners.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon reported that new teacher orientation was held on August 20 and thanked his team for supporting that day of training.

- Certified New Hire Recommendations: A recommendation to hire three certified staff was reviewed.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis reported the 2024-25 financial audit has started and results are expected to be presented to the Board in November. She also reviewed the following:

- Bid Award - Door Access and Video Surveillance: The Board reviewed bid information and a recommendation for video surveillance and door access controls totaling \$440,570.57.

ACTION ITEMS

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

- a. Approve Minutes from the August 11, 2025 Work Session Meeting and Closed Session

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Flaherty, to approve the Think Link Partnership Agreement between Lake Orion Community Schools and Orion Township Public Library as presented.

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by McQuiston, to approve three certified new hires as presented.

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to authorize Administration to finalize and execute the purchase and installation of video surveillance and door access controls with Interstate Security in an amount not to exceed \$440,570.57.

Ayes - all; Motion carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS/TOPICS:

Noah Stevens, a community resident, expressed concerns with the 2025 bond proposal.

RECAP/NEXT STEPS:

- Administration will follow up to confirm when legislative redistricting takes effect.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Board Secretary