

A community workshop meeting of the Board of Education of Lake Orion Community Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, was called to order on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 9:02 a.m.

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

Board Members Absent: J. Singer, S. Taylor

Administrators Present: H. Mercer, A. Weldon, A. Curtis, D. Towleron, S. Leggett

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, B. Mills, T. VanDeGriend, M. Duyser, S. Rewold, see attached list

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

### **Community Input Session for Future Planning**

The LOCS Building the Future Community Workshop focused on prioritizing major projects for the next bond proposal. Heidi Mercer introduced the Board of Education, architect team from GMB, and representatives from the construction company. Participants introduced themselves at their table groupings and completed an activity to map out their connections to LOCS and the community. Background information was provided on district assets, needs assessment and how projects were identified for the November 2025 bond proposal. Results from the community feedback survey regarding the last bond proposal were also shared, highlighting reasons for support and opposition. A summary of school funding was provided explaining the differences between general, bond and sinking funds and allowable uses. Participants then received an overview of key projects included in the last bond proposal, including the need for a new STEM wing at the high school to accommodate growing programs like robotics and medical sciences, updates to performing arts facilities, and athletic improvements for baseball and softball fields. Other critical needs highlighted were special education spaces, middle school locker room accessibility, early childhood classroom expansions, and the need for updated infrastructure and technology across the district. Participants ranked their individual priorities and then worked in small groups to identify their group priorities. Each group reported out their top three priorities, which for the majority were career ready lab spaces, security and infrastructure updates, and transforming the CERC facility for PHASES and Learning Options. Other notable mentions included special education improvements, athletics, performing arts, and cafeteria expansion. Heidi Mercer thanked participants for their time and contributions, highlighting the importance of community feedback and engagement in providing the best education possible for LOCS students. Next steps include analyzing the workshop feedback (priorities and notecards) further to share with district administration and the Board of Education to inform their decisions on a future bond proposal. Follow-up communications will be sent to the participants as planning progresses.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No participation from the public.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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Board Secretary