

January 11, 2023

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, January 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Administrators Present: B. Kirby, H. Mercer, R. Arnett, J. Fitzgerald

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, J. Ursitti, W. Goodman, P. Rushman, J. Faber, K. Barber, M. Kelley, J. Watkins, J. Wurges, J. Czech, E. Lowe, E. Greenberg, K. Karr, A. Rivera-Rowlands, B. Roop, S Gabriel

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

A moment of silence was held in honor of Bruce Fritz, a Transportation employee who recently passed away.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Acting President McQuiston directed the Board into the Organizational Meeting.

Swear in Newly Elected Board Members: Board trustees, Steve Drakos, Jake Singer and Heather Sinawi, were publicly sworn into office by Superintendent, Ben Kirby.

Nominations for Office

President: Bresett nominated McQuiston

Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Drakos, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Vice President: Taylor nominated Bresett

Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Drakos, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Treasurer: Flaherty nominated Singer

Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Drakos, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Secretary: Singer nominated Flaherty

Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-1 (Drakos); Motion carried

Board Committee Appointments: The following members were appointed to Board committees.

Finance: Flaherty, McQuiston, Singer

Policy: Sinawi, Singer, Taylor

Superintendent Evaluation: Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston

Lamp of Learning Sponsorship: Drakos, Sinawi, Taylor

Curriculum Committee: Bresett, Flaherty, Singer

Board Self-Assessment Committee: Bresett, Drakos, Sinawi

Board Representatives: The following members will represent the Board on County/District committees.

Oakland Schools Budget Committee Representative: Flaherty

OCSBA Government Relations Committee: McQuiston

LOCS Sexuality Education Advisory Committee Representative: Sinawi

LOCS Wellness Committee Representative: Drakos

LOCS Head Start Policy Committee Representative: Bresett

School Assignments: The following members will represent the Board for school activities/special events.

Blanche Sims: Taylor

Carpenter: Bresett

Orion Oaks: Drakos

Paint Creek: Flaherty

Stadium Drive: McQuiston

Webber: Singer

Oakview: Sinawi

Scripps: McQuiston

Waldon: Bresett

Pine Tree Center: Drakos

Adopt Calendar of Board of Education Meeting Dates: Board members reviewed a draft schedule of Board meetings for the 2023-24 school year.

Moved by Bresett, seconded by Taylor, to adopt the 2023-24 Board of Education meeting schedule as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried

President McQuiston directed the Board out of the Organizational Meeting, continuing the Regular Meeting.

NEW CERTIFIED STAFF CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS

Rick Arnett introduced Peter Rushman to the Board. Amanda Hall and Gerald Wichman were unable to attend the meeting.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Mark Snyder shared learning highlights from various programs and activities throughout the district.

PRESENTATIONS

Orion Oaks Elementary School Showcase: Teacher, Janet Ursitti, and fifth grade students, highlighted leadership activities including food drives, recycling, positivity project, ROCK and ROLL clubs, and others.

Post-Construction Storm Water Plan: Operations Director, Wes Goodman, presented the storm water plan as required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The District is required to follow Oakland County stormwater design standards; establish and maintain stormwater policies; provide notice and instruction to district staff; inform the public of storm water goals and policy (public education); ensure maintenance schedules are followed; and obtain requisite Part 91 Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permits as necessary for any construction that may impact waterways.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No participation from the public.

STRATEGIC AREA DISCUSSION ITEMS

Governance

Superintendent's Update: Ben Kirby reported that January is School Board Appreciation month. The District will formally recognize Board members at the January 25 meeting. Board members received a small gift of appreciation from Frank Rewold & Sons. He reported he will be attending the MASA conference next week. He also discussed the following:

- Legislative Update: New members of Michigan legislature assumed office on January 1. The State of The State Address is scheduled for January 25. Two proposed bills requiring MDE to create resources for deaf and hard of hearing students and requiring districts to create critical incident mapping were signed into law by the Governor. The Let Michigan Kids Learn Initiative has been withdrawn. Federal government has leadership positions in place and will continue their work.
- Policy Committee Report: Susan Flaherty reported the committee met on December 21 to review the update with Wayne Wright from NEOLA.
 - First Reading NEOLA Update 37-1: Policies 0144.1, 6108, 6460, 6700, 7440.03: Policy recommendations were reviewed. The Board is not currently interested in re-instating compensation, so does not want to adopt the new Board compensation policy. No other changes were recommended. Second reading and approval is scheduled for January 25.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Heidi Mercer shared that the district was awarded a \$90k grant from MDE for elementary intervention. She discussed the Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities scheduled for January 16 as well as a Parent University session for February 16. Middle of the year testing data will be presented to the Board in February. Cell Out for Soldiers is this Friday at the High School.

Bond Design Teams Report: Blanche Sims will host an open house on May 21 before the current building is removed. Scripps offices should be complete by the end of January. Upcoming summer work is scheduled for Blanche Sims, secure entries at Waldon, Oakview and Pine Tree, as well as many technology projects.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Rick Arnett discussed the following:

- Certified New Hire Recommendations: The Board reviewed three staff recommendation.
- Schools of Choice for 2023-24: The Board reviewed current SOC enrollment by building and grade level. Discussion was held to assist in determining the language for approval at the next meeting that best captures the goals of having a variable target of 10% of total district and building enrollment, offering slots in grades K-8 as well as Learning Options, and only where space is available.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: John Fitzgerald reported the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference is scheduled for Friday.

ACTION ITEMS

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

- a. Approve Payment of the December Bills in the Amount of \$13,485,379.87
- b. Approve Minutes from the December 14 Regular, December 14 Lamp of Learning Committee, and December 21, 2022 Policy Committee Meetings
- c. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Requests
 1. LOHS Business Professionals of America - Grand Rapids, MI, March 9-12, 2023
 2. LOHS Business Professionals of America - Anaheim, CA, April 25-30, 2023
 3. LOHS Robotics - Spring Arbor, MI, March 2-4, 2023
 4. LOHS Robotics - Standish, MI, March 17-18, 2023
 5. LOHS Robotics - Houston, TX, April 18-23, 2023
 6. LOHS Winter Percussion - Dayton, OH, April 19-23, 2023
 7. LOHS Varsity Winter Guard - Indianapolis, IN, March 25-26, 2023
- d. Head Start Coordinator's Report received and filed January 3, 2023

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Drakos, to approve three certified new hires as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS/TOPICS:

Kirsten Barber, a district parent, suggested creating a summer option for 8th grade students to complete the required computer class so they won't be limited on other year-long elective opportunities.

RECAP/NEXT STEPS:

- Committee roles, social contract and Board buddies will be discussed at the February workshop.
- Administration will send the Board buddy list to principals.
- Administration will develop a new motion for approval for schools of choice for January 25.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Board Secretary