

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, June 25, 2025, at 5:01 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: J. Singer

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

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, C. Bell, L. Logsdon, J. Goral, N. Shuler, K. Robbins

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Flaherty, to move into closed session to discuss attorney-client privileged communication. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried. The Board moved into closed session at 5:02 p.m. No action was taken in closed session. President Bresett directed the Board out of closed session at 5:43 p.m.

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

NEW CERTIFIED STAFF CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION

Adam Weldon introduced Kennedy Ochenski.

PUBLIC HEARING - SEXUALITY EDUCATION

President Bresett opened the public hearing. Drew Towlerton reported an updated HIV video was added to the sexuality education curriculum. There was no public participation. President Bresett closed the hearing.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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

PRESENTATION - ATHLETICS UPDATE

Chris Bell reported on baseball, softball, tennis, soccer, golf, lacrosse, volleyball, water polo and track.

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 the following:

- Legislative Update: Heidi Mercer reported there is no update on the State's budget. There is proposed legislation regarding school closures and transition plans, WorkKeys assessment opt out, and excused absences for FFA related activities.

Bond Design Teams Report: Work is continuing at the Paint Creek and LOHS projects. Campaign planning is underway and more information will be shared with the Board on July 10 and August 11.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Drew Towlerton discussed the following:

- Sexuality Education Update: The Board reviewed the role of the Sexual Education Advisory Board, Michigan guidelines, LOCS sexual education curriculum updates and student data.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon reported on the SEPLA conference he attended last week on school safety. He also discussed the following:

- Certified New Hire Recommendation: The Board reviewed a recommendation for a science teacher.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis reviewed the following:

- Second Reading - 2024-25 Final Budget Amendment: General Fund changes were reviewed.

Revenue: \$108,202,680	Expenditures: \$107,638,670	Fund Balance: \$10,082,642
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- Second Reading - 2025-26 Proposed Budget: General Fund projections were reviewed.

Revenue: \$103,443,332	Expenditures: \$103,422,504	Fund Balance: \$10,103,470
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- Legal and Financial Agents of Records and Operational Delegation: Organizational business items that require Board approval prior to each fiscal year were reviewed.

ACTION ITEMS

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

- a. Approve Minutes from the June 11 Regular and Closed Session and June 6, 2025 Superintendent Evaluation Committee Meetings
- b. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Requests
 1. Oakview and Scripps Choirs - Sandusky, OH, September 27, 2025
 2. Oakview and Scripps Choirs - Chicago, IL, April 24-25, 2026
 3. LOHS Choirs - New York, NY, April 16-21, 2026

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Flaherty, to adopt the 2025-2026 Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership Resolution as presented. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Sinawi, to authorize the 2025-26 Michigan Association of School Boards District Membership and Legal Trust Annual Renewal Contribution as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Flaherty, seconded by Taylor, to approve a certified new hire as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Flaherty, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget Amendment Resolution, as presented. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by Flaherty, seconded by Taylor, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted Budget Resolution as presented. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to authorize the following legal and financial agents of records and operational delegation:

- a. Authorize establishing the following law firms to represent the school district: Clark Hill Attorneys at Law; Collins and Blaha, PC; Miller Canfield, PLC; Miller Johnson; Secrest Wardle (Adair case); Thrun Law Firm, PC.
- b. Legal Depository: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PNC Bank is hereby designated as a primary depository of monies belonging to said school district in the Township of Orion, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and that monies belonging to said School District shall be deposited in said Bank from time to time in the name of the School District, and may be withdrawn by check, EFT, ACH or wire signed or authorized by the Board Treasurer, Board President, the Superintendent, or the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance.
- c. Authorize establishing the following banks and investment brokers and Local Government Investment Pools as designated depositories for the school district: JP Morgan Chase Bank; Fifth Third Bank; Flagstar Bank; Merrill Lynch; MILAF+ Fund; PNC Bank; Oxford Bank.
- d. Authorize signing of checks for the General Fund, Debt Service Funds, Special Revenue Funds (Community Service, Food Service and School Activity Funds), Capital Projects Funds, and Internal Service Fund by the Superintendent, or the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, with the stipulation that checks be required to have one signature.
- e. Authorize the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, to sign for letters of credit on behalf of the school district.
- f. Authorize establishing the accounting firm of Plante & Moran, PLLC as the school district's auditing firm.
- g. Delegate election duties to the Superintendent and the Election Secretary.
- h. Authorize the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent to sign contracts, agreements and purchase orders for the school district.

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 7:28 p.m.

Board Secretary