

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, February 11, 2026, 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. Curtis, D. Towleron

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, L. Logsdon, T. Byal, J. Goral, S. Dandalides, L. Youngpeter

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

#### LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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

#### PRESENTATION

**Mid-Year Student Achievement Update** - Drew Towleron presented mid-year updates, focusing on screener data and attendance. Kindergarten and first grade data shows most scores trending upwards. Scores for grades three, four, and five have some fluctuations but no major concerns. Secondary level data shows similar performance, with no concerning trends. Social emotional data scores are very positive and attendance rates slightly increased.

**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:** There is proposed legislation regarding unenrolling students, limiting school millage elections, legislative approval of new or revised state academic standards, water safety curriculum, teacher prep programs, graduations requirements, school speed zones, safe drinking water, mandatory schools of choice and universal free school meals.
- **2018 Bond Update:** CERC work is in process.
- **Future Bond Planning:** A community workshop was held on February 28, with over 80 participants collaborating on the prioritization of school improvements. The data collected will be analyzed to ensure community needs and priorities are addressed in the next bond proposal.

**Revised Board Meeting Schedules:** Schedules were adjusted to broadcast the May and August work sessions as well as adding a special meeting on September 30 for the Superintendent evaluation.

##### **Student Achievement**

**Assistant Superintendent Update:** Drew Towleron reported on middle school PD, standards-based grading committee, and summer planning.

**Lamp of Learning Committee Report:** Jake Singer reported the committee met on March 3 to discuss budget and scholarship offerings. The amounts will be equal this year for all five scholarships. The committee also discussed considering digital programs or certificates in the future as well as the sustainability of awarding high school level pins. This will continue to be discussed in committee.

##### **Human Resources**

**Assistant Superintendent Update:** No report

##### **Finance and Operations**

**Assistant Superintendent Update:** Andrea Curtis discussed the Governor's budget proposal as well as:

- **Wireless Access Points Bid Award:** The Board reviewed a bid recommendation for wireless access points with a net total of \$367,739.
- **Uninterruptible Power Supply Bid Award:** The Board reviewed a bid recommendation for uninterruptible power supply with a net total of \$130,980.
- **Fiber Maintenance Bid Award:** The Board reviewed a bid recommendation for fiber maintenance with a net total of \$219,000.
- **Food Service Equipment Bid Award:** The Board reviewed a bid recommendation for food service equipment totaling \$239,715.47.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

- a. Approve Payment of the February Bills in the Amount of \$12,776,272.81
- b. Approve Minutes from the February 25 Workshop and February 28 Community Workshop and March 3, 2026 Lamp of Learning Committee Meetings
- c. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Request
  1. LOHS Robotics - Berrien Springs, MI, March 20-22, 2026

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Flaherty, seconded by Sinawi, to adopt the Revised 2025-26 and 2026-27 Board Meeting Schedules as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to authorize administration to finalize and execute a contract for wireless access points with All Covered, in the amount, not to exceed, \$735,477.75. The Universal E-rate request will provide the district with a discount in the next year at a rate of 50%, therefore, the net expense would be approximately \$367,739. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by McQuiston, to authorize administration to finalize and execute a contract for uninterruptible power supplies with Vector Tech Group, in the amount, not to exceed, \$246,360. The Universal E-rate request will provide the district with a discount in the next year at a rate of 50%, for eligible costs, therefore, the net expense to the district will be \$130,980. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Sinawi, to authorize administration to finalize and execute a contract for fiber maintenance with Fiber Link, in the amount, not to exceed, \$438,000 for a three-year period. The Universal E-Rate Request will provide the district with a 50% discount each year of \$73,000. Therefore, the net expense to the district over the three-year period is \$219,000. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Faber, to authorize administration to finalize and execute a contract for food service equipment at Orion Oaks Elementary, Webber Elementary and Waldon Middle School with Gold Star in the amount of \$239,715.47. 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 7:46 p.m.

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Board Secretary