March 13, 2024

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, March 13, 2024, at 6:31 p.m.

Board Members Present:	D. Bresett, S. Flaherty, B. McQuiston, H. Sinawi, J. Singer
Board Members Absent:	S. Drakos, S. Taylor
Administrators Present:	B. Kirby, H. Mercer, A. Weldon, A. Curtis
Others Present:	J. Olko, M. Snyder, K. Sliwinski, R. Hornbeck, C. Meadows, K. Anderson, D. Towlerton, K. McLean, C. McVety, D. Haas, A. Kiner, L. Logsdon, J. Hosler

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 and activities throughout the district.

PRESENTATIONS
Learning Options School Showcase: Kristin Sliwinski, Rebecca Hornbeck and Courtney Meadows provided an overview of Learning Options including enrollment, curriculum and recent activities. They also shared student feedback.

Mid-Year Student Achievement Update: Kerri Anderson and Drew Towlerton reviewed K-8 mid-year reading and math scores in comparison to the beginning of the year. There are concerns about reductions in reading scores in grade 4-8. Intervention supports will be restructured to address this and the district has applied for additional grant funding to add more supports. They reviewed High School course achievement and AP exam participation. Social emotional data was also reviewed as well as attendance data, which all look good.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
No participation from the public.

STRATEGIC AREA DISCUSSION ITEMS

Governance

Superintendent's Update: Ben Kirby congratulated Danielle Bresett and Heather Sinawi for their MASB awards. He reported the Board devices are on backorder and that an additional workshop date was still being planned. He also discussed the following:

- Legislative Update: The dyslexia bills cleared the Senate. The House and Senate are working on the budget. There is discussion of making Kindergarten a requirement along with universal preschool.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Heidi Mercer shared a Parent University session scheduled for March 19. She also discussed:

- Summer School Update: The district was awarded a 23g grant over $600k for summer school. Dates for elementary and middle school are July 8 – August 1. 524 elementary students have been invited with the expectation that approximately 250 will attend. It will be held at Orion Oaks. 185 middle school students have been invited. The program will be held at Scripps and will focus on math and ELA. The high school program will be online and in-person and will run from June 13 – August 1. This program will offer credit forward and credit recovery and will have a cost for students.
- Proposal to Restructure Head Start Class for 2024-25: The Board discussed transitioning to a fully funded Head Start class and a fully funded GSRP class beginning in 2024-25.
- Proposal for High School Spring Testing 2023-24: The Board discussed spring testing flexibility for April 9, 10 and 11. The days students are not in school testing, they will have virtual programming.

Bond Design Teams Report: The High School and CERC design committee met on March 13 and discussed current facility usage.

Curriculum Committee Report: Birgit McQuiston reported the committee met on March 5 to discuss the elementary math implementation, instructional coaching and Orion Area Youth Assistance partnership.

Lamp of Learning Committee Report: Heather Sinawi reported the committee met March 8 to review the budget and discuss scholarships and fundraising. Five scholarships totaling $3000 will be offered this year.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon reported that the department has been working to increase staff recognition efforts. The Michigan Department of Education opened the application for the 27k student loan repayment program this week and the district is assisting staff interested in applying. The leadership development cohort kicked off a couple of weeks ago and 14 staff members attended. A second meeting is scheduled for April 3.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis discussed the following:

- Food Service Equipment for High School and Scripps Bid Award: The Board reviewed a recommendation to purchase food service equipment from Great Lakes Hotel Supply totaling $371,606.00.

ACTION ITEMS

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

a. Approve Payment of the February Bills in the Amount of $14,074,692.07
b. Approve Minutes from the February 28 Workshop and Closed Session, March 5 Curriculum Committee and March 8, 2024 Lamp of Learning Committee Meetings
c. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Request
    1. High School CTE Students (FCCLA) – Detroit, MI, March 20-21, 2024
d. Head Start Coordinator's Report received and dated March 1, 2024

Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Flaherty, to approve the proposal to restructure the two Head Start/GSRP blend classes beginning in the 2024-25 school year to separate the funding from a blend in both classes, to a fully funded Head Start class and a fully funded GSRP class, as presented. Ayes – all; Motion carried.

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to approve the proposal for High School and Learning Options Spring Testing using 21F (Virtual Leaning) flexibility for April 9, 10 and 11, 2024 as presented.
Ayes – all; Motion carried.

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Singer, to authorize administration to execute a contract with Great Lakes Hotel Supply for food service equipment at Lake Orion High School and Scripps Middle School in the amount of $271,606.00, with a contingency of $100,000.00, for a total recommendation of $371,606.00 as presented.
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 8:18 p.m.

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Board Secretary