June 26, 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, June 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: S. Flaherty

Administrators Present: A. Weldon, A. Curtis

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, B. Bailey, D. Bredemus, H. Ordiway, D. Haas, A. Kiner, D. Towlerton, L. Logsdon, M. Anker, J. Goral

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

NEW CERTIFIED STAFF CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS

Adam Weldon introduced Hannah Ordiway, Brad Bailey, and Danielle Bredemus. Shelby Balitzkat and Kristina Kross were unable to attend.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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

PRESENTATION – ATHLETICS UPDATE

Chris Bell highlighted the spring season including 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

Board Vacancy: Board members discussed and revised the interview questions for July 10. A scoring rubric will be used as a guide for individual members to determine their top one or two candidate(s). Members will state their preferences and deliberate to determine a collective opinion for appointment.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon discussed the following:

- Certified New Hire and Administrative Recommendations: Recommendations to hire three certified staff and two administrators were reviewed.

Superintendent Evaluation Committee Report: Danielle Bresett discussed the following:

- Superintendent Contract – Merit Pay: The Board discussed a prorated merit payment for Ben Kirby.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis reviewed the following:

- Legislative Update: The focus is still on the budget. Legislative leaders and the Governor are considering not allocating the MPSERS savings back to schools. The latest bills provide no increase in foundation allowance for public schools, but charter schools would get an increase, and money would be allocated to other programs not related to education.
- 2023-24 Final Budget Amendment – Second Reading: Revenue/expenditure changes were reviewed.

	Revenue	Expenditures	Fund Balance
General Fund	Net increase of $2,133,001	Net increase of $2,429,075	Net decrease of $296,074

- 2024-25 Proposed Budget – Second Reading: General Fund projections were reviewed.

Revenue: $107,363,922	Expenditures: $107,104,379	Fund Balance: $9,523,616

- District Fees: The Board reviewed the 2024-25 program and rental fees.
- Legal and Financial Agents of Records and Operational Delegation: Organizational business items that require Board approval prior to each fiscal year were reviewed.
- Orion Center Purchase Recommendation: The Board reviewed a draft purchase agreement related to the purchase of the Orion Center on Joslyn Road as well as financing options.

Finance Committee Report: Jake Singer reported the committee met on June 25 to discuss the FY2025 Budget, financing options for Orion Center, and meeting dates for 2024-25.

ACTION ITEMS

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

a. Approve Minutes from the June 12 Regular Meeting and Closed Session and June 18, 2024 Special Meeting
b. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Requests
    1. Middle School 8th Grade Choirs – Sandusky, OH, September 28, 2024
    2. LOHS Marching Band – Newaygo, MI, August 18-24, 2024
    3. LOHS Marching Band – Toledo, OH, September 14, 2024
    4. LOHS Thespian Troupe – Mears, MI, August 9-11, 2024
    5. LOHS Choir and Band – Sandusky, OH, May 18, 2025

Ayes – all; Motion carried

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

Moved by Taylor, seconded by McQuiston, to approve appointing Brad Bailey as Lake Orion High School Assistant Principal, as recommended. Ayes – all; Motion carried.

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to approve appointing Danielle Bredemus as Lake Orion High School Assistant Principal, as recommended. Ayes – all; Motion carried.

Moved by Taylor, seconded by McQuiston, to approve a merit payment equal to 3% of base salary prorated for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2024 for Ben Kirby as presented. Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Final Budget Amendment Resolution as presented. Roll call: Ayes–5 (Bresett, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays–0; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by McQuiston, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget Resolution as presented. Roll call: Ayes–5 (Bresett, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays–0; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, 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, 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: Bank of America; JP Morgan Chase Bank; Comerica Bank; Fifth Third Bank; Flagstar Bank; Merrill Lynch; MILAF+ Fund; PNC Bank; Oxford Bank.
d. Authorize signing of checks for the General Fund, Debt Retirement, Trust and Agency Funds, Food Service Fund, Community Service Fund, Building & Site Fund, Capital Projects Funds, School Activity Funds and Payroll 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.

Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Taylor, to adopt resolution to authorize administration to finalize and execute documents related to the purchase of the Orion Center located at 1335 Joslyn Rd, Orion Twp, Michigan. Roll call: Ayes–5 (Bresett, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays–0; Motion carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS/TOPICS: No participation from the public.

RECAP/NEXT STEPS:

- Administration will update interview questions and scoring rubric for the Board vacancy. The Board President will assign which questions will be read by which Board member.
- Administration will move forward to finalize the purchase agreement and sale documents for the Orion Center.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Board Secretary