December 13, 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, December 13, 2023, at 6:31 p.m.

Board Members Present:	D. Bresett, S. Flaherty, B. McQuiston, H. Sinawi, J. Singer, S. Taylor
Board Members Absent:	S. Drakos
Administrators Present:	B. Kirby, H. Mercer, J. Fitzgerald, A. Weldon
Others Present:	J. Olko, M. Snyder, D. McKay, M. Schoenhals, A. Curtis, D. Hanson, J. Kolbow, J. Faber, L. Logsdon, S. Gabriel, M. Berndt, M. Mandalari, K. Moore, and A. Kruger

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE HAWLEY
A moment of silence was held to honor Steve Hawley, former LOHS Principal, who recently passed away.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE
Mark Snyder reported the latest edition of Orion Living was mailed out and features the millage proposals and Blanche Sims. A new episode of Inside the Dragons was shared today. He also shared learning highlights from various programs and activities throughout the district.

PRESENTATIONS
Scripps Middle School Showcase: Dave McKay, Michelle Schoenhals and students from the Scripps Robotics Team 11691 shared highlights from the program and demonstrated one of their robots.

2022-23 Financial Audit – Donna Hansen and Jenny Kolbow, from Plante Moran, reported a clean, unmodified opinion for the financial statements and federal programs. This is the highest form of assurance that records are compliant and free of material misstatement. They noted the one-time $4.9 million MPSERS funding as well as pandemic funding. The District's portion of pension underfunding is $189 million and MPSERS healthcare underfunding is $10.5 million. They discussed sinking fund and bond fund compliance. The major programs audited this cycle were the education stabilization fund and child nutrition cluster. They reviewed general fund revenues, expenditures and fund balance, which is currently 9.3% of expenses.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
There was no participation from the public.

STRATEGIC AREA DISCUSSION ITEMS

Governance

Superintendent's Update: Ben Kirby discussed the following:

- Legislative Update: Legislators are not currently in session but there have been many changes over the year. Some bills signed into law will go into effect in February 13 or July 1.

MASB Board of Directors Nomination: Birgit McQuiston expressed interest in running for an additional three-year term for Region 8.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Heidi Mercer discussed elementary math pilot programs. The team will present a recommendation to the Board in February. Middle level building professional development was held on December 8 regarding culture building and student achievement. The High School MTSS team is now up and running. The District Sexuality Education Committee met last week. She also discussed the following:

- New Course Proposals – Second Reading: The Board discussed "Ink and Imagination: Creating a Graphic Novel", an ELA elective and "Medical Foundations", a science elective.

Bond Design Teams Report: A new Paint Creek design team will be assembled soon. Teams are currently working on furniture for secondary art, music and extended learning areas.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon discussed the upcoming wellbeing fair on January 15.

- 2023 Superintendent Evaluation Summary: Birgit McQuiston provided a summary of the evaluation result of the 2023 evaluation period.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: John Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- Emergency Operation Plan Renewals: The Board reviewed the plan updates for each school building which were last reviewed and approved in December 2021.
- Custodial Contract: The Board reviewed a recommendation for a three-year contract extension with DMMBurr through June 30, 2027.
- 2023-24 Budget Amendment 1 – First Reading: A summary of the amendment was reviewed and several revenue and expenditure changes were highlighted.

GENERAL FUND	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget
Revenue:	$101,758,040	$105,343,406
Expenditures:	$101,256,559	$104,729,194
FUND BALANCE	9.5%	9.1%

Finance Committee Report: Jake Singer reported the committee met on December 11 to review the budget amendment. They discussed the fund balance as a percentage of expenditures and feel that it is appropriate as the district also has the sinking fund. They discussed Blanche Sims property funds and cell tower funds.

ACTION ITEMS

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

a. Approve Payment of the November Bills in the Amount of $11,236,922.82
b. Approve Minutes from the November 8 Regular Meeting and November 29, 2023 Work Session
c. Head Start Coordinator's Report received and filed December 1, 2023

Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Flaherty, to approve a nomination for Birgit McQuiston for MASB Board of Directors, Region 8, as presented.
Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Bresett, to approve the High School new course request for Ink and Imagination: Creating a Graphic Novel, as presented.
Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to approve the High School new course request for Medical Foundations, as presented.
Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Taylor, to accept and file the 2023 Evaluation for Superintendent, Ben Kirby, as presented.
Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Bresett, seconded by Sinawi, to accept the 2022-2023 audited financial statements as presented.
Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Bresett, to approve the Emergency Operation Plans for Blanche Sims Elementary, Carpenter Elementary, Orion Oaks Elementary, Paint Creek Elementary, Stadium Drive Elementary, Webber Elementary, Oakview Middle School, Scripps Middle School, Waldon Middle School, Lake Orion High School, Pine Tree Center, Early Childhood Center and the Community Education Resource Center (CERC), as presented.
Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to authorize administration to finalize and execute a three-year contract extension to DMBurr for custodial services from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 with an effective date of December 13, 2023.
Ayes – all; Motion carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS/TOPICS:
Scott Gabriel, a community resident, shared positive feedback regarding experiences he's had with hosting international students, participating in senior exit interviews and volunteering for DECA.

RECAP/NEXT STEPS: Nothing noted

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

CLOSED SESSION
Moved by Bresett, seconded by Flaherty, to move into closed session to discuss property and attorney-client privileged communication.
Roll call: Ayes–6 (Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays–0; Motion carried

The Board moved into closed session at 7:53 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

President McQuiston directed the Board out of closed session at 8:52 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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Board Secretary