February 14, 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, February 14, 2024, at 6:30 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, A. Weldon, A. Curtis
Others Present:	J. Olko, M. Snyder, J. Evans, H. Plotkin, L. Abed, B. Hogan, D. Novak, C. O'Roark, K. Anderson, E. Schiff, L. Jones, L. Miller, J. Ligrow, J. Villwock, D. Carroll, L. Slusher, N. Parraghi, A. Mulville, J Faber, L. Logsdon, R. DeRyckere

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

NEW CERTIFIED STAFF CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION
Adam Weldon introduced Amanda Mulville and Natalie Parraghi. Kyle Blake and Jane Decker were unable to attend the meeting.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE
Mark Snyder shared learning highlights from various programs and activities throughout the district.

PRESENTATIONS
Pine Tree Center School Showcase: Jamie Evans, Hannah Plotkin, and Lisa Abed, along with middle school students from Pine Tree provided an overview of programs and the "Dragon's Brew Crew Coffee Cart".

High School Leadership Class: LOHS Leadership students provided highlights from CellOut and discussed third quarter committees. Charity week will be March 10-15, 2024.

Elementary Math Recommendation: Kerri Anderson and instructional coaches discussed the planning process, resources reviewed and costs. Bridges was rated the highest and teachers that participated in the pilot shared positive experiences regarding student engagement, collaboration and learning.

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

STRATEGIC AREA DISCUSSION ITEMS
Governance
Superintendent's Update: Ben Kirby discussed the two millage proposals in the February 27 election. He also discussed the following:

- Legislative Update: The Governor's budget proposals included a $241 per pupil funding increase, Pre-Kindergarten for all, Continuation of 31aa funding for mental health and student safety and Special Education funding at 100%. There is proposed legislation to allow current educators to teach special education, and to modify the training requirements for literacy coaches. Birgit McQuiston also shared several highlights from the NASB Advocacy Institute she recently attended in Washington, D.C.
- 2023-24 Revised Board Meeting Schedule: A change to the start time for the February 28 workshop was discussed.

MASB Board of Directors Region 8 Ballot: The Board reviewed information for three candidates and discussed casting the ballot for Birgit McQuiston.

Student Achievement
Assistant Superintendent Update: Heidi Mercer thanked the elementary math pilot team and shared that the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council met for the first time on January 31.
Bond Design Teams Report: The High School and CERC design committee met on February 14 and toured the entire CERC facility. The next meeting will be held on February 21 at the High School.
Curriculum Committee Report: Birgit McQuiston reported the committee met on February 6 to discuss the elementary math recommendation, world language and legislation.

Human Resources
Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon reported that new student enrollment opened this week. Kindergarten information night is March 18. 2024-25 school calendars were released. He also discussed:

- Certified New Hire Recommendations: A recommendation to hire four certified staff was reviewed.
- Tenure Recipients: Information was shared for three staff members that earned tenure status.

Superintendent Evaluation Committee Report: Danielle Bresett reported the committee met on February 12. They discussed adjusting the timeline to complete the cycle prior to the November election. Strategic plan goals will be used along with the evaluation rubric. No additional focus goals were identified. They discussed legal changes for the evaluation and reviewed a section of the Board Operating Procedures.

Finance and Operations
Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis discussed the following:

- Wireless Communication Ground Lease Agreement Amendment: The Board reviewed a resolution to allow administration to finalize and execute documents for a cell tower located on Stadium Drive.
- Technology Bid Award: The Board reviewed a recommendation to purchase student and staff laptops from Sehi Computer Products totaling $1,456,290.00.

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

a. Approve Payment of the January Bills in the Amount of $8,585,639.20
b. Approve Minutes from the January 24 Regular and February 6, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meetings
c. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Requests
    1. Scripps Robotics – Houston, TX, April 16-20, 2024
    2. LOHS DECA – New York City, NY, May 8-11, 2024
    3. LOHS Percussion – Dayton, OH, April 17-21, 2024
    4. LOHS Winds – Dayton, OH, April 19-21, 2024
    5. LOHS Varsity Winter Guard – Dayton, OH, April 10-14, 2024
d. Head Start Coordinator's Report received and dated February 1, 2024

Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Flaherty, to approve the revised 2023-24 Board meeting schedule as presented. Ayes – all; Motion carried.

Moved by Singer, seconded by Taylor, to authorize the Superintendent's secretary to submit the MASB Board of Directors Region 8 Ballot on behalf of the District selecting Birgit McQuiston for the position. Ayes – all; Motion carried.

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

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Sinawi, to adopt the Resolution to Approve First Amendment to Wireless Communications Ground Lease as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – 6 (Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Motion carried.

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to authorize administration to purchase student and staff laptops from Sehi Computer Products, Inc. not to exceed $1,456,290.00, 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 7:22 p.m.

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Board Secretary