December 11, 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, December 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:	D. Bresett, J. Faber, B. McQuiston, H. Sinawi, J. Singer
Board Members Absent:	S. Flaherty, S. Taylor
Administrators Present:	H. Mercer, A. Weldon, A. Curtis, D. Towlerton
Others Present:	J. Olko, M. Snyder, K. Anderson, E. Schiff, R. Everitt, A. McDonald, R. Morgan, S. Orth, E. Taylor, C. Kneiding, S. Mummaneni, C. Zibell, M. Light, L. Logsdon, J. Ligrow, T. West, S. Kneiding, J. Crissman

Swear in Elected Board Members: Newly elected Board trustee, Jeff Faber was publicly sworn into office by Superintendent, Heidi Mercer.

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

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE
Mark Snyder discussed Orion Living, the Superintendents podcast and Inside the Dragons. He also shared learning highlights from various programs and activities throughout the district.

PRESENTATIONS
High School Leadership Class
The student leadership e-board provided updates on upcoming activities including Cell Out on January 17.

Elementary Math Implementation Update
Kerri Anderson and Emilie Schiff shared information on the Bridges Math program implementation student and teacher perspectives and next steps.

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 school safety, organ donation, Merit curriculum revisions, tobacco prevention, and behavioral management funding.
- Revised 2024-25 Board Meeting Schedule: The Board reviewed a revised schedule to move the May Work Session from May 14 to May 28.

Bond Design Teams Report: The Paint Creek and LOHS auxiliary gym projects are currently accepting bids. Administration is working with the architects on plans for the new administration building.

Student Achievement
Assistant Superintendent Update: Drew Towlerton discussed the following:

- New Course Proposals – First Reading: Stephanie Orth provided information on a High School course proposal for Honors Yearbook. Rosa Everitt, Andrew McDonald and Randy Morgan provided information on course proposals for Medical Terminology and Medical Foundations II.

Curriculum Committee Report: Birgit McQuiston reported the committee met on December 3 to discuss high school course proposals, middle school P2 Leadership course proposal, and The Anxious Generation cell phone discussion.

Human Resources
Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon reported 13 staff members participated in an administrative leadership group meeting held Monday evening. He also discussed a few remaining certified positions the district is looking to fill.
Superintendent Evaluation Update: Danielle Bresett shared a summary of the 2024 Superintendent evaluation, reporting the overall rating as effective.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis reported the district has received a $430,000 grant to be used for water filtration. She reported a transportation study is currently in process. She also discussed:

- 2024-25 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:	$107,363,922	$104,530,430
Expenditures:	$107,104,379	$104,385,268
FUND BALANCE	9.1%	9.3%

Finance Committee Report: Jake Sinder reported the committee met on December 2 to discuss sinking fund update, fund balance policy and review the 2024-25 budget amendment.

ACTION ITEMS

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

a. Approve Payment of the November Bills in the Amount of $10,906,985.63
b. Approve Minutes from the November 20 Regular, December 2 Finance Committee and December 3, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meetings
c. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Requests
    1. LOHS Wind Ensemble - Grand Rapids, MI, January 24-25, 2025
    2. LOHS Business Professionals of America - Grand Rapids, MI, March 13-16, 2025
    3. LOHS Business Professionals of America - Kissimmee, FL, May 6-11, 2025
d. Head Start Coordinator's Report received and filed for November 2024

Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by McQuiston, to approve the revised 2024-25 Board meeting schedule as presented. Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by McQuiston, to accept and file the 2024 Evaluation for Superintendent, Heidi Mercer, 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 8:28 p.m.

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Board Secretary