February 11, 2026

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 11, 2026, at 6:31 p.m.

Board Members Present:	D. Bresett, J. Faber, S. Flaherty, B. McQuiston, H. Sinawi, J. Singer, S. Taylor
Administrators Present:	H. Mercer, A. Weldon, A. Curtis, D. Towlerton
Others Present:	J. Olko, M. Snyder, K. Anderson, K. DiMeo, S. Dabrowski, M. Smyth, L. VanArsdale, E. Palushaj, B. Metz, J. Gonzales, V. Patil, L. Logsdon, T. Byal, K. Day, L. Jones, K. Faber, J. Ligrow, S. Gabriel, A. Moede, A. Webb. J. Crissman, J. Goral

Moved by McQuistion, 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 throughout the district.

PRESENTATIONS
LOHS Leadership Class Update – J. Gonzales and V. Patil shared highlights from second quarter activities and upcoming events for Charity Week, which will benefit Orion Area Youth Assistance.

Elementary ELA Curriculum Recommendation – Kerri Anderson and Kate DiMeo provided an overview of recent legislation impacting ELA curriculum, the resources the district is currently using and the pilot of CKLA. Several pilot teachers highlighted its comprehensive approach and positive student and parent feedback. The impact on student growth and proficiency appears promising from early data. The budget for the three-year program is $945,000, with a $614,553 grant and a $331,000 district contribution.

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 requiring public schools to participate in interdistrict schools of choice. The Governor signed a new law banning smartphones in K-12 schools.
- 2018 Bond Update: CERC demo and road work is starting and will be completed by fall. Upcoming projects include playground equipment at Paint Creek and roofing and paving at LOHS.
- Future Bond Planning: The Board reviewed data from a survey conducted to gather feedback on the November 2025 bond failure, including reasons for support or opposition and project priorities. The survey highlighted the need for clearer explanations of school finances for the community. Administration proposed moving forward with planning for a November 2026 ballot proposal, emphasizing the need for community input. A February 28 workshop will be held to gather stakeholder input and determine priorities. A November 2026 proposal would allow adequate planning time and would also have higher voter turnout. The group discussed the importance of engaging non-parent community members and using the Orion Review and social media for outreach. Board members expressed general support to continuing the planning process for November 2026.

Board Self-Assessment Report: Danielle Bresett reported the committee met January 30 to discuss Board Operating Procedures. They discussed reviewing the officer process, social contract, self-assessment, exit interviews and the Superintendent evaluation process with the full Board at the upcoming workshop.

Student Achievement
Assistant Superintendent Update: No report

Human Resources
Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon reported the secretarial and AFSCME groups are beginning contract negotiations. The new administrative leadership cohort starts February 24. Staff of the year celebrations are currently being held throughout schools.
Superintendent Evaluation Committee Report: Jake Singer reported the committee met February 3 to discuss 2026 timeline and goals. Board members supported the proposed timeline and goals.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis discussed the following:

- 2026 Bond Issuance of 2018 Bond Program Resolution: The Board reviewed a resolution authorizing the district to issue the final 2018 bond series totaling $14,000,000.
- County Enhancement Millage Resolution: The Board reviewed a resolution authorizing Oakland Schools to submit a regional enhancement millage proposal for 1.5 mills for six years on the August 4, 2026 ballot.
- Filter First Bid Award: The Board reviewed bid summaries for filtered water equipment totaling $306,475.00.

Finance Committee Report: Jake Singer reported the committee met on February 2 to discuss debt structure, 2018 Series 3B sale, forecast and final budget timelines and financial county comparison data.

ACTION ITEMS

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

a. Approve Payment of the January Bills in the Amount of $8,219,482.56
b. Approve Minutes from the January 28 Work Session, January 30 Board Self-Assessment Committee, February 2 Finance Committee and February 3, 2026 Superintendent Evaluation Committee Meetings
c. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Requests
    1. Oakview and Waldon Hydra Dragons – Houston, TX, April 29-May 2, 2026
    2. LOHS Marching Band – Central Lake, MI, August 16-23, 2026

Ayes – all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Flaherty, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing 2026 School Building and Site Bonds as presented. Roll call: Ayes–7 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays–0; Motion carried.

Moved by Singer, seconded by Taylor, to authorize administration to finalize and execute contracts for the Filter First project with SOS mechanical in the amount of $253,000 and Power Vac/Service Pro in the amount of $53,475 for a total recommendation of $306,475.00. Ayes – all; Motion carried.

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

RECAP/NEXT STEPS:

- Administration will update the Board on funds raised from Cell Out.
- Administration will collect elementary ELA proficiency data prior to the CKLA pilot.
- Administration will verify if February 28 community workshop needs to be an open meeting.
- Board members will review Board Operating Procedures for discussion at February 25 workshop.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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Board Secretary