

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, November 19, 2025, at 6:41 p.m.

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

Administrators Present: H. Mercer, A. Curtis, D. Towleron, A. Weldon

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, L. Logsdon, J. Hosler, T. Byal, S. Massarello, M. Flynn,
D. Hanson, K. Stofflet, J. Goral

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

PRESENTATIONS

Section 31aa Funding - Mackenzie Flynn, from Thrun Law Firm, discussed the implications of the 31 AA funding legislation for student mental health and safety. The legislation requires districts to opt in, agreeing to comprehensive investigations and waiving privileges in case of mass casualty events. Concerns include broad event definitions, potential legal liabilities, and constitutional issues. The deadline for districts to opt in for this funding is currently December 4. The Board is planning to hold a special meeting on December 4 to make a determination unless waiver restrictions are lifted or the deadline shifts.

2024-25 Financial Audit - Donna Hanson and Kristin Stofflet, from Plante Moran, reported a clean, unmodified opinion for the financial statements. This is the highest form of assurance that records are compliant and free of material misstatement. They discussed sinking fund and bond fund compliance and MPERS funding. The final compliance supplement is yet to be released, so the federal program audit results are delayed, but what has been tested so far has been compliant. They reviewed general fund revenues, expenditures and fund balance, which was 12.1% of expenses (excluding 147c).

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No participation from the public.

STRATEGIC AREA DISCUSSION ITEMS

Governance

Superintendent's Update: Heidi Mercer reported a community survey is being developed to gather feedback on the 2025 bond proposal. Results will be used for future planning. She discussed the following:

- **Legislative Update:** 31aa funding will continue to be monitored. Birgit McQuiston discussed updates on tobacco legislation and non-partisan school board elections. She also reported that OCSBA has developed new resolutions that will be coming to the Board for action on December 10.
- **Pine Tree Center Update:** A purchase agreement will be coming for Board action at the December 10 meeting. Orion Township has made an offer including accepting responsible for all demolition costs and plans to use the lot and a portion of the building for a community park.

2018 Bond Update: Work is progressing on the LOHS auxiliary gym and it should be completed by December.

Policy Committee Report: Scott Taylor reported the committee met on November 19 to review updates to several policies with NEOLA. There is clarification needed in the areas of technology and non-discrimination. Once that is completed, the policies will come to the full Board for first reading.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Drew Towleron discussed parent teacher conferences, LOHS production of *The Outsiders*, Career Advisory Committee, special education long-term planning, MLK Day professional development planning and new health standards from MDE.

Curriculum Committee Report: Danielle Bresett reported the committee met on November 7 to discuss ELA curriculum, learning support services and the secondary world language pilot. Drew Towleron provided a pilot summary covering CKLA Amplify for elementary ELA; materials for AP European History, AP Psychology, and AP United States History for social studies; Open Sci Ed curriculum in Biology and Physical Science for secondary science; and materials for grades 6-12 World Language. There are no math pilots currently.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon reported the Leadership Development Committee is planning for a second cohort. He also reported emergency operation plans are being updated.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis thanked the Business and Finance team for their work on the audit. She is currently working on budget amendments for the current year.

October Monthly Financial Report: General fund/cash balance reports were reviewed.

ACTION ITEMS

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

- a. Approve Payment of the October Bills in the Amount of \$11,478,719.59
- b. Approve minutes from the November 5 Regular, November 5 Finance Committee and November 7, 2025 Curriculum Committee Meetings
- c. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Request
 1. LOHS Leadership - Grand Rapids, MI, February 21-23, 2026

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Flaherty, to accept the 2024-2025 audited financial statements as presented.

Ayes - all; Motion carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS/TOPICS:

No participation from the public.

RECAP/NEXT STEPS:

- Administration will continue to update the Board regarding 31aa funding.
- A special meeting will be scheduled for December 4.
- Administration will ensure bylaws allow OCSBA resolutions to be approved with one reading.
- Board letterhead will be sent for members to contact legislators regarding partisan board elections.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Singer, seconded by McQuiston, to move into closed session to discuss superintendent evaluation.

Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

The Board moved into closed session at 8:48 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

President Bresett directed the Board out of closed session at 9:39 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Board Secretary