

July 17, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Lake Orion Community Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, was called to order on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 4:55 p.m.

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

Administrators Present: None

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, S. Lewis-Lakin, H. Mercer, M. Ashkanani, C. Kochanski, A. Curtis, L. Logsdon, M. Berndt, J. Dalrymple, K. Pavelich, R. Everitt, G. Hynes, H. Orlosky, C. Riddle, A. Taromina, S. Taromina. R. Lowe, K. Nuss, E. Crays, J. Bernia

SWEAR IN NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

Nate Butki was publicly sworn into office.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no participation from the public.

SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE FIRST ROUND INTERVIEWS

Danielle Bresett provided an overview of the interview format and directions for the public to submit candidate feedback that will be taken into consideration by the Board.

The Board interviewed three candidates:

1. Heidi Mercer, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Lake Orion Community Schools
2. Meghan Ashkanani, Director of Teaching, Learning and Technology, Berkley School District
3. Catherine Kochanski, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, Walled Lake Schools

Each candidate was allowed 60 minutes for the interview. The Board asked sixteen questions in the areas of board relations, finance, communications/community relations, education/instruction, human resources, and leadership. The candidates were then provided an opportunity to ask questions and provide a closing statement.

DISCUSSION/DEBRIEFING OF CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS WITH MASB

Shawn Lewis-Lakin provided a process overview. He recommended Board members hold onto their interview notes and clarified the interview order was determined by the candidates who sign up for their slots. He facilitated a discussion with the Board to identify the strengths of each candidate as well as any specific question they might have for each candidate in the second round of interviews. Two additional first round interviews are scheduled for the July 18 special meeting. Upon the conclusion of the last interview, Board members will have the same discussion regarding strengths and specific questions and then deliberate to select finalists.

RECAP/NEXT STEPS

- First round interview sessions will continue on July 18 at 4:55 p.m. with two additional candidates.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Board Secretary