

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, June 11, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

Board Members Present: D. Bresett, J. Faber (arrived 6:09 p.m.), S. Flaherty, B. McQuiston, H. Sinawi, S. Taylor

Board Members Absent: J. Singer

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

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, N. Coccia, K. Day, K. Anderson, E. Bogar, B. Janczarek, L. Owen, D. Romanik, J. Hosler, R. Salesksi, S. Giles

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to move into closed session to discuss negotiations. Roll call: Ayes- 5 (Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

The Board moved into closed session at 5:15 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

President Bresett directed the Board out of closed session at 5:43 p.m.

Moved by McQuiston, 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

Writing Corps - Kelly Day presented information about the Writing Corps class and students highlighted their experiences from this year.

End of Year Student Achievement Data - Kerri Anderson and Drew Towlerton provided a summary of math and reading test data for grades K-10, M-STEP and SAT/PSAT participation, social emotional data gathered through SAEBS/mySAEBS in grades 1-11. They also reviewed attendance and early middle college data.

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:** Heidi Mercer reported the State's timeline for hiring a new superintendent, with the goal of replacing Dr. Rice by September. The House's budget proposal includes funding for higher education, private and charter schools. The foundation allowance is \$10,025 per pupil, with new one-time combined categorical funding.

Bond Design Teams Report: Work is continuing at the Paint Creek and LOHS projects.

Revised Board Meeting Schedule: The Board reviewed a revised 2025-26 meeting schedule with proposed changes in July, August and January.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: No report.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon discussed the following:

- **Certified New Hire Recommendation:** The Board reviewed a recommendation for an ASD teacher.
- **Administrator Recommendation:** The Board reviewed a recommendation for Oakview Principal.
- **LOEA Contract:** The Board reviewed highlights of a two-year tentative agreement through June 2027.

Superintendent Evaluation Committee Report: Danielle Bresett reported the committee met June 6 for an informal check-in with the Superintendent to discuss goal progress. The committee discussed moving the timeframe of this check point to after school is out for next year's cycle.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis reviewed the following:

- First Reading - 2024-25 Final Budget Amendment: General Fund changes were reviewed.

Revenue	Expenditures	Fund Balance
Net increase of \$3,672,250	Net increase of \$3,253,402	Net increase of \$418,848

- First Reading - 2025-26 Proposed Budget: General Fund projections were reviewed.

Revenue: \$103,443,332	Expenditures: \$103,422,504	Fund Balance: \$10,103,470
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- District Fees: The Board reviewed the 2025-26 program and rental fees.
- Summer 2025 Bids: Board members reviewed a recommendation for LOHS, Administration and Transportation work totaling \$1,444,281.00.
- LOHS Dimmer Rack Bid: Board members reviewed a recommendation for a lighting control dimmer rack for the performing arts center totaling \$42,228.75.

Finance Committee Report: Susan Flaherty reported the committee met May 28 and June 3 to review budget amendments and proposals.

ACTION ITEMS

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

- Approve Payment of the May Bills in the Amount of \$11,645,863.66
- Approve Minutes from the May 28 Work Session, May 28 Finance Committee, and June 3, 2025 Finance Committee Meetings
- Head Start Coordinator's Report received and filed for May 2025

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by McQuiston, to adopt the revised Board meeting schedule for 2025-2026, as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Flaherty, seconded by Sinawi, to approve a certified new hire as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Faber, seconded by McQuiston, to approve appointing Nicholas Coccia as the Oakview Middle School Principal, as recommended. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by McQuiston, to approve the Lake Orion Education Association contract agreement, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, as recommended. Roll call: Ayes-5 (Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Taylor); Nays-0; Abstain-1 (Faber, who stated conflict of interest due to having a family member in the bargaining unit) Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Sinawi, to authorize Administration to finalize and execute the contracts listed in the 2025 Building and Site bid package for Lake Orion High School, Administration and Transportation locations in the amount of \$1,029,486.00 with allowances and contingencies of \$414,795.00, a total recommendation of \$1,444,281.00. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by McQuiston, to authorize Administration to finalize and execute a contract with 4Wall Entertainment to replace the lighting control dimmer rack for the performing arts center in the amount of \$42,228.75. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS/TOPICS:

Bill Davenport, a district employee, shared concerns about not feeling supported in his role.

RECAP/NEXT STEPS: Administration will explore options for getting county-level comparison data for the Renaissance STAR assessments as well as look at our data based on the national norm percentage. Administration will provide the percentage of AP students that took classes and took exams and the number of early middle college students from this year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Board Secretary