

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

Board Members Present: D. Bresett, N. Butki, 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, M. Duyser, T. VanDeGriend, L. Logsdon, J. Goral, R. DeRyckere, J. Faber

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

#### LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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

#### PRESENTATIONS

***Bond Design Plans for Paint Creek and High School Auxiliary Gym*** - GMB Architects, Tom VanDeGriend and Mitch Duyser, review detailed design plans for these summer 2025 projects. Paint Creek includes a new classroom addition, cafeteria renovation, storage room addition, STEM lab renovation and paint and flooring. The LOHS auxiliary gym will be constructed behind the pool area and will include relocation of the current parking lot. Optional bathrooms and bleachers are also included in the plans.

***Enrollment Update*** - Adam Weldon reviewed resident and schools of choice enrollment data. He discussed class size and building capacity. He reviewed resident migration over several years and schools of choice retention. The district is nine students above the total projected head count from last spring including both resident and SOC students. Schools of choice enrollment continues to contribute to growth and funding for 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 that a message will go out tomorrow for parents to opt in for school emergency text alerts. She reported that the district has been reviewing and analyzing safety protocols by utilizing the recent nearby threats as scenarios. She also discussed the following:

- **Legislative Update:** The Board received a summary of bills proposed to hold stores accountable for selling vapes and tobacco to minors.

***Bond Design Teams Report:*** A timeline is being developed with GMB for the new Administration facility. Design plans are expected in March, with construction in May and a potential move in July or August 2025.

***Policy Committee Report:*** The Board discussed the following:

- **Second Reading - Policies 3120.09, 3121, 3121.01, 4120.09, 4121, 4121.01:** Board members reviewed the proposed revisions. No changes were requested.

***Tobacco Prevention Resolution - First Reading:*** The Board reviewed the proposed resolution to support the tobacco prevention bills. Second reading will be held on November 20.

##### **Student Achievement**

***Assistant Superintendent Update:*** Drew Towlerton reported that elementary and middle school conferences were this week. The High School has exams Thursday and Friday. He discussed professional development that happened last week and also thanked students and staff who work on the recent Culture Night event.

##### **Human Resources**

***Assistant Superintendent Update:*** There was no report.

**Superintendent Evaluation Update:** Danielle Bresett reported that Heidi Mercer presented evidence of goal progress on October 30. Board member should send their individual ratings and comments to Danielle by Friday for compilation. A special meeting is scheduled for November 13 to develop a consensus rating.

**Finance and Operations**

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis discussed the following:

- Summer Tax Resolution: The annual re-authorization of summer taxes was reviewed. 100% of taxes will be collected in the 2025 summer tax bill as specified in the District's L-4029 Tax Form.

Finance Committee Report: Jake Singer reported the committee met on October 23 to review the preliminary audit information, discuss fund balance and review student activity accounts.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

- a. Approve Minutes from the October 23 Regular Meeting, October 23 Finance Committee Meeting and October 30, 2024 Special Meeting and Closed Session
- b. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Request
  1. LOHS Robotics - Brooklyn, MI, March 14-16, 2025
- c. Head Start Coordinator's Report received and filed for October 2024

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Taylor, to approve the proposed revisions for Board Policies 3120.09, 3121, 3121.01, 4120.09, 4121 and 4121.01 as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Flaherty, to adopt the Annual Summer Tax Resolution as presented.

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

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

**RECAP/NEXT STEPS:**

- Administration will gather data on the number of school-age children that live in the district compared to how many are enrolled.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Board Secretary