

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 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: S. Drakos

Administrators Present: B. Kirby, H. Mercer, A. Curtis

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, S. Campbell, A. Lopez, I. Miller, D. Towleron, K. Anderson, K. Robbins, N. Shuler, T. West, B. Goll, J. Goral

#### CLOSED SESSION

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Flaherty, to move into closed session to discuss superintendent evaluation. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried. The Board moved into closed session at 5:30 p.m. No action was taken in closed session. President Bresett directed the Board out of closed session at 6:21 p.m.

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

#### NEW CERTIFIED STAFF CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS

Ben Kirby introduced Sarah Campbell, Angie Lopez and lyla Miller. Amy Phan was unable to attend.

#### LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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

#### PUBLIC HEARING - SEXUALITY EDUCATION

President Bresett opened the public hearing. Drew Towleron discussed the role of the Sexual Education Advisory Board, Michigan law, sexual assault and sexual harassment requirements, LOCS sexual education curriculum and student data. There was no public participation. President Bresett closed the hearing.

#### PRESENTATION - END OF YEAR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE

Kerri Anderson and Drew Towleron provided a summary of math and reading test data for grades K-8 and social emotional data gathered through SAEBRS/mySAEBRS in grades 1-12. They also reviewed attendance and achievement data for high school students. This data is used to guide instruction, programming and interventions. The new math program is being implemented next year. The screener is also changing next year which will allow a deeper dive into the data.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: No participation from the public.

#### STRATEGIC AREA DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### **Governance**

Superintendent's Update: Ben Kirby discussed the following:

- **Legislative Update:** The focus has been on the budget. Legislative leaders and the Governor are considering allocating less than half of the MPERS savings back to schools. There are concerns with the proposed bills regarding dyslexia regarding the lack of flexibility educators can use to address unique issues with students.
- **2024-25 MHSAA Membership Resolution:** The Board reviewed this annual requirement to participate in middle and high school athletic competitions.
- **2024-25 MASH District Membership and Trust Fund:** The Board reviewed this annual renewal.
- **Orion Center Purchase Recommendation:** The Board reviewed and discussed a draft purchase agreement and other documents related to the purchase of the Orion Center on Joslyn Road.
- **IGA for Police School Liaison Program:** The Board reviewed an executed two-year agreement between the district and Orion Township for school resource officers.

Policy Committee - Second Reading - NEOLA 38-2 and Miscellaneous: The Board discussed revisions to Policies 1240, 2410, 2414, 2418, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, 8390, 8800, 0144.3, 2412, 2432, 3110, 3170.01, 4110, 4170.01, 5112, 7460, 8405, 8540, and 9250. No changes were recommended.

**Student Achievement**

Assistant Superintendent Update: Heidi Mercer reported that summer camp started Monday and summer school will start soon. Preparations are under way for next year. She acknowledged Kristi Pavelich for her work with student service learning. She also discussed:

Bond Design Teams Report: Summer projects at Oakview and Waldon have started. The Paint Creek design team met today to continue planning for STEM space, cafeteria, new classroom and parent loop. The High School and CERC design committee met today and discussed parking lots and team rooms.

Curriculum Committee Report: Birgit McQuiston reported the committee met on June 4 to discuss post-graduation information packet, battle of the books for middle school, retentions, pilot plan and sexuality education update.

**Human Resources**

Assistant Superintendent Update: Ben Kirby discussed the following:

- Certified New Hire Recommendations: A recommendation to hire four certified staff was reviewed.
- Contracts – AFSCME and Child Care: The Board reviewed tentative agreements with both the AFSCME and Child Care unions and discussed changes from the previous contracts.

Superintendent Search: Danielle Bresett reported posting will close next week and the next special meeting is scheduled for June 25 to review candidates.

- Interim Superintendent Discussion: The Board discussed appointing Adam Weldon effective July 1 and discussed compensation and duration.

**Finance and Operations**

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis reviewed the following:

- 2023-24 Final Budget Amendment - First Reading: Revenue/expenditure changes were reviewed.

	Revenue	Expenditures	Fund Balance
General Fund	Net increase of \$2,133,001	Net increase of \$2,429,075	Net decrease of \$296,074

- Bid Awards - Media Center Furniture and Telephone Infrastructure: The Board reviewed recommendations to purchase media center and STEM furniture totaling \$227,014.00 and complete telephone infrastructure upgrades totaling \$334,834.35.

Finance Committee Report: Jake Singer reported the committee met on June 3 to discuss pre-audit information, financing options for Orion Center, sinking fund, and the FY2024 final budget amendment.

**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 \$11,612,864.63
- Approve Minutes from the May 22 Regular and Closed Session, June 6 Special, June 3 Finance Committee and June 4, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meetings
- Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Request
  - LOHS AP US History - Boston, MA and New York City, NY, March 24-29, 2025
- Head Start Coordinator’s Report received and filed June 1, 2024

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Taylor, to adopt the 2024-25 Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership Resolution as presented. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Sinawi, to authorize the 2024-25 Michigan Association of School Boards District Membership and Legal Trust Annual Renewal Contribution as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Flaherty, to approve the proposed revisions for Board Policies 1240, 2410, 2414, 2418, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, 8390, 8800, 0144.3, 2412, 2432, 3110, 3170.01, 4110, 4170.01, 5112, 7460, 8405, 8540 and 9250 as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

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

Moved by Taylor, seconded by McQuiston, to approve the AFSCME contract, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, as presented. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Sinawi, to approve the AFSCME Child Care contract agreement, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, as recommended. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Flaherty, to authorize administration to finalize and execute contracts for media center and STEM furniture at Oakview and Waldon Middle Schools with Custer for \$179,600 and Great Lakes Furniture Supply for \$47,414, for a total procurement total of \$227,014. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to authorize administration to finalize and execute a contract with BSB Communications Inc. to provide infrastructure upgrades of phone controllers and handsets for a procurement total of \$334,834.35. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to appoint Adam Weldon to the position of Interim Superintendent effective July 1, 2024, with additional compensation of \$100 per calendar day, for a period not to exceed eight weeks. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

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

RECAP/NEXT STEPS:

- Administration will continue to finalize purchase documents for the Orion Center for June 26.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Board Secretary