

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 5, 2025, at 6:30 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. Towler, A. Weldon

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, L. Logsdon, J. Goral, C. Murphy

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

NEW CERTIFIED STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS

Adam Weldon highlighted background information for Abigail Watson, although she was unable to attend.

Heidi Mercer commented that although the bond proposal was not approved, LOCS staff will continue working to ensure that schools remain safe, effective and welcoming places for all students. The district will review election results, gather feedback from the community and work to plan for future next steps.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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

PRESENTATIONS

Enrollment Update - Adam Weldon reported total enrollment at 6,434 including 5,748 resident and 592 schools of choice. He discussed class size and building sections. He reviewed resident migration over several years and schools of choice retention. The district is 29 students above the projected head count. 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 discussed the following:

- **Legislative Update:** Issues with diversion of school aid funding was discussed along with new requirements for 31aa funding that could compromise district autonomy and privacy protections. The district continues to seek clarification before the current deadline of November 30. There is also a proposed bill in legislation to make school board elections partisan.

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

2025 Bond Proposal: The District will gather information and continue discussions on next steps.

2025-26 Revised Board Meeting Schedule: The Board reviewed changes in April and May meetings based on scheduling conflicts.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Drew Towler discussed the following:

- **International Field Trip - LOHS, Japan in June 2027:** The Board reviewed a proposed trip to Japan in summer 2027 which was presented on October 22.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon discussed the following:

- **Certified New Hire Recommendation:** A recommendation to hire a certified teacher was reviewed.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis reported on the impact of the approved state budget. At \$10,050 per pupil, assuming counts are consistent, it is a net decrease of \$731,000 or \$105 per pupil from the last year's budget. Without 31aa funding, it would be another \$785,000 decrease. She also discussed:

- **Summer Tax Resolution:** The annual re-authorization of summer taxes was reviewed. 100% of taxes will be collected in the 2026 summer tax bill as specified in the District's L-4029 Tax Form.

Finance Committee Report: Jake Singer reported the committee met on November 5 to review the preliminary audit information, 2024-25 budget results and 2025-26 revenue proposed amendments.

ACTION ITEMS

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

- a. Approve minutes from the October 22 Regular and October 17 Curriculum Committee Meetings and October 29, 2025 Special Meeting and Closed Session

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Flaherty, to adopt the revised 2025-26 Board meeting schedule as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Taylor, to approve the Lake Orion High School international trip request to Japan in June 2027 as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

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

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Flaherty, to adopt the Annual Summer Tax Resolution as presented. Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Faber, 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 continue to update the Board regarding 31aa funding.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Board Secretary