

A work session meeting of the Board of Education of Lake Orion Community Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, was called to order on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 6:33 p.m.

Board Members Present: J. Faber, B. McQuiston, H. Sinawi, J. Singer, S. Taylor

Board Members Absent: D. Bresett, S. Flaherty

Administrators Present: A. Weldon, A. Curtis, D. Towlerton, S. Leggett

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, S. Tison, L. Logsdon, T. Byal, J. Goral, A. Piazza

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

RECOGNITION: SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

In honor of Board Appreciation Month, the district presented books in honor of the Board members to be donated to the children's collection at the Orion Township Library. Suzanne Tison, Youth Services Librarian, accepted the book donations.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Secondary World Language Curriculum Request - Second Reading: The Board reviewed the recommendation and projected cost for *¡Qué Chévere!*. No additional questions were raised.
- November/December Monthly Financial Report: General fund/cash balance reports were reviewed.
- 2025-26 Budget Amendment - Second Reading: A summary of the amendment was reviewed.

GENERAL FUND	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget
Revenue:	\$103,443,332	\$107,122,268
Expenditures:	\$103,422,504	\$107,006,059
FUND BALANCE	9.8%	11.1%

- FOIA Appeals: Board members reviewed and discussed information regarding a fee appeal from Adam Piazza for a FOIA estimate and an untimely response appeal from Gayle Temple for a FOIA response.

ACTION ITEMS

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Faber, to approve the consent agenda item as presented:

- a. Approve Minutes from the January 14, 2026 Regular and Organizational Meeting

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to approve the new instructional resources request for World Language for Fall 2026 implementation, as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 First Amendment Resolution as presented. Roll call: Ayes-5 (Faber, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried.

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Faber, to deny the FOIA appeal submitted on January 9, clarified on January 20, 2026 challenging the District's untimely and legally insufficient response to a FOIA submitted on December 13, 2025 Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Singer, seconded by McQuiston, to deny the FOIA appeal submitted on January 20, 2026 appealing the fee estimate in response to a FOIA submitted on December 10, 2025. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: This update covers August 2025 - January 2026 work. Cabinet members reviewed progress in the goal/focus areas below. Details are noted in the attached presentation.

Academics and Programs

- Scheduling / Curriculum / Technology

Learning Environment and Culture

- Social Emotional Learning
- Individualized Instruction / MICIP
- Professional Development / Learning Environment / Mental Health

Personnel and Leadership

- Negotiations / Leadership Development
- Recruitment

Safety and Security

- Updates to EOPs / Response Protocol / Safety Flip Charts
- Agency Partnerships / Leadership Scenarios / SEPLA Conference

Communications and Community Engagement

- Community Outreach
- Communications / Marketing

Operations

- Manage 2024 Sinking Fund / Alternate Revenue Sources
- Manage 2018 Bond Projects
- 2025 Bond Proposal
- Review of Areas of Operations

Finance

- Determine Indirect Cost Rate to Charge Programs
- Monitor 2025-26 Budget
- Develop School Funding Education

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

RECAP/NEXT STEPS:

- Administration will provide more updates on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.
- Administration will send follow up on FOIA appeal communications.
- Administration will review Board policy language on enforcement of employee handbooks.
- Administration will follow up with Board members on the District's average retirement cost percentage.
- Administration will consider working with *The Orion Review* on a Wall of Excellence article.
- Administration will review the purchase agreement for the previous administration building for a deadline regarding the start of work.
- Administration will review Board policy language for clarity as developing advertising guidelines.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Board Secretary