

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Lake Orion Community Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, was called to order virtually, utilizing Zoom, on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 2:01 p.m.

Board Members Present: N. Butki, S. Drakos (joined 2:20 p.m.), B. McQuiston, D. Mermell, J. Singer, S. Taylor J. Weidman

Administrators Present: M. Ginopolis, H. Mercer, J. Fitzgerald, R. Arnett

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, I. Locke

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes-6 (Butki, McQuiston, Mermell, Singer, Taylor, Weidman); Nays-0; Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Mark Snyder summarized the critical work in his department since the closure of schools due to the coronavirus, including continuous communications with key stakeholders in the community and district.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - SUBMITTED TO LOBOARD EMAIL PRIOR TO MEETING

Jeff Faber, a district employee, thanked the Board for their support through this difficult time.

STRATEGIC AREA DISCUSSION ITEMS

Governance

Superintendent's Update: Marion Ginopolis reported the District is developing a continued learning plan that will be submitted to the State for approval this week. She reported that she has been communicating and meeting with several groups to collaborate and plan solutions through this pandemic. The District has donated extra supplies to hospitals. She also discussed the following:

- Impact of the Governor's Executive Order: Many details of the extensive April 2 Executive Order are still being determined but the definition of employee, self-funded programs, evaluations, calendars, essential worker documentation and symptom checklist for employees were reviewed.
- Virtual Board Meeting Schedule: The Board plans to continue to follow the regular meeting schedule, however, until directed otherwise, meetings will take place virtually.

Policy Committee Report: No report

Board Self-Assessment Committee Report: No report

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Heidi Mercer shared the District's academic support and resources for elementary, middle and high school students from March 16 through April 17. Next steps include finalizing the continued learning plan to submit to the State, developing protocol for video instruction, and expanding counseling/emotional support and tutoring resources. She reported that technology devices have been provided to many families in need and wi-fi access points are being expanded to several school parking lots. State testing and the third grade reading retention law have been suspended. She also discussed:

- AP Microeconomics and Macroeconomics Instructional Resources Request: The Board reviewed the cost and components of the recommendation on March 11. No additional questions were raised.
- Graduation Credit Requirements: The Board discussed reducing the graduation credit requirements for current 9, 10 and 11 grade students due to the current situation. This would allow for some flexibility in local requirements only, not the Michigan Merit requirements. It also does not impact current seniors, as the Governor's April 2 Executive Order provides that direction.

Bond Design Teams Report: Heidi Mercer reported that the Paint Creek and Stadium Drive design teams met today and will meet next on April 22. She also reported that construction timelines are impacted at many of our Phase One project sites due to the temporary pause in work.

Curriculum Committee Report: No report

Lamp of Learning Committee Report: Birgit McQuiston reported that Board scholarships were under review.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Rick Arnett reported that he has been communicating and collaborating with all bargaining groups and district partners.

Human Resources Continued

Superintendent Evaluation Committee Report: Rick Arnett reported that the suspension of staff evaluations under the Governor's April 2 Executive Order includes suspending the Superintendent evaluation.

Superintendent Search: Jim Weidman reported the search is currently paused due to the circumstances. Board members requested arranging a meeting with John Silveri to provide an update and discuss next steps.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: John Fitzgerald reviewed the following:

- February Monthly Financial Report: General fund/cash balance reports were reviewed.
- Bus Lease Renewals: The Board reviewed transportation lease agreements with CH&H for a total annual cost of \$678,855.
- Line of Credit Resolution: The Board reviewed documentation to establish a \$2,000,000 line of credit for one year, as a precaution, in the event it is needed for cashflow.
- District Wide Building Controls Bid Award: The Board reviewed bid documents for the purchase of a unified HVAC system totaling \$5,771,139.

Finance Committee Report: No report

Facilities Liaison Report: No report

ACTION ITEMS

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

- a. Approve Payment of the March Bills in the Amount of \$7,071,131.12
- b. Approve Minutes from the March 9, 2020 Special Meeting and Closed Session and March 11, 2020 Regular Meeting

Roll call vote: Ayes-7 (Butki, Drakos, McQuiston, Mermell, Singer, Taylor, Weidman); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Mermell, to approve the new Instructional Resources request for Advanced Placement Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes-7 (Butki, Drakos, McQuiston, Mermell, Singer, Taylor, Weidman); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to authorize administration to execute the bus lease addendums and new leases, for a total annual lease cost of \$678,855.00, as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes-7 (Butki, Drakos, McQuiston, Mermell, Singer, Taylor, Weidman); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to adopt a resolution approving a line of credit in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes-7 (Butki, Drakos, McQuiston, Mermell, Singer, Taylor, Weidman); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to authorize administration to execute contracts for the District Wide Building Controls and Testing & Balancing projects in the amount of \$4,211,691.00 and allocate contingency and allowances of \$1,559,448.00, for a total amount of \$5,771,139.00, as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes-7 (Butki, Drakos, McQuiston, Mermell, Singer, Taylor, Weidman); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to approve reducing graduation credit requirements for graduating classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023 by a maximum of 2 credits where necessary to benefit an individual student, as recommended.

Roll call vote: Ayes-7 (Butki, Drakos, McQuiston, Mermell, Singer, Taylor, Weidman); Nays-0; Motion carried

RECAP/NEXT STEPS:

- A meeting will be arranged with the Board and John Silveri to discuss the superintendent search.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.