

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, March 25, 2026, at 6:33 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: J. Singer

Administrators Present: H. Mercer, A. Curtis, D. Towleron, A. Weldon

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, W. Goodman, C. Haddad, K. Kopec, S. Dabrowski, M. Donnellon, M. Gallaher, N. Wright, L. Logsdon, J. Goral

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

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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

PRESENTATION

Social Studies Curriculum Recommendation - Corry Haddad and Kevin Kopec discussed the 2019 revised state standards, key components and pilot process for social studies. Resources were recommended for Grade 3, AP European History, AP Psychology and AP U.S. History. Feedback from students and teachers piloting the materials was shared. The cost ranges from \$56,000 - \$60,000 based on access for 6 to 8 years.

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:** There is proposed legislation regarding changes to the Michigan Merit exam, expanding literacy training requirements for teachers, limiting school millage elections, water safety curriculum, and adding virtual instruction days. Birit McQuiston highlighted that the current proposed budget from the Governor contains a diversion of \$1.8 billion from K-12 schools to higher education.
- **2018 Bond Update:** No report
- **Future Bond Planning:** Based on feedback from the community workshop held February 28, a revised plan for a November 2026 bond proposal was developed. The proposal would be reduced to six years and \$198 million. Remaining projects would include STEM addition, athletic and performing arts improvements at LOHS, CERC renovation, locker rooms our outdoor activity areas at middle schools, and special education improvements. Infrastructure, technology, buses and playgrounds would be reduced. Elementary gyms, ECC additions and middle school athletics would be removed. A community survey is being launched to gather additional feedback on this revised proposal. Results will be analyzed and shared in April and may impact the proposal plan.

Board Self-Assessment Committee Report: Danielle Bresett reported the committee met on March 11 to review feedback from the February 25 workshop to make revisions to the Board Operating Procedures. They discussed conducting exit interviews with Board members, revising the public comment introduction statement, development of social media policy/protocol and a web form submission form for board contacts. They also discussed conflict of interest, verifying board members should abstain from voting on payment of bills as an employee of a board-owned business if the district issues payment for services.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Drew Towleron reported on WIDA testing and summer planning.

Curriculum Committee Report: Danielle reported the committee met on March 20 to discuss summer programming, middle and high school curriculum renewal and social studies material proposals.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon reported hiring for next year. He also discussed:

- **Elementary School Attendance Boundary:** The new housing community being developed on Stadium Drive adjacent to the football stadium is currently slated to attend Orion Oaks but will be redistributed to the Stadium Drive Elementary attendance boundary due to proximity.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis reported interviews are in process for the payroll position. The budget forecast for next year is in development.

ACTION ITEMS

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

- a. Approve Minutes from the March 11 Regular and March 11, 2026 Board Self Assessment Committee Meetings

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Flaherty, seconded by Taylor, to approve the revisions to the LOCS Board Operating Procedures as amended. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

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

RECAP/NEXT STEPS:

- Administration will obtain test data on AP social studies courses.
- Board members will confirm if they were in receipt of the March 11 test web form submission.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Board Secretary