

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 24, 2026, at 5:30 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. Towlerton, A. Weldon

Others Present: J. Olko, M. Snyder, N. Coccia, D. Conklin, J. Thelen, S. Pena, C. Tesch, L. Logsdon

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Flaherty, to move into closed session to discuss negotiations. Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

The Board moved into closed session at 5:31 p.m. Jeff Faber departed closed session at 5:40 p.m. due to having a family member in the LOEA bargaining unit. No action was taken in closed session.

President Bresett directed the Board out of closed session at 6:09 p.m.

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

NEW CERTIFIED STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS

Adam Weldon introduced Shelley Pena, Christina Tesch, Joshua Thelen and Devon Conkin. Tara Kwilos and Connor Zack were unable to attend the meeting.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There was no participation from the public.

STRATEGIC AREA DISCUSSION ITEMS

Governance

Superintendent's Update: Heidi Mercer discussed:

- Legislative Update: The school budget is still pending and community members were encouraged to contact legislators to advocate for having a budget completed by July 1.
- Future Bond Planning: A meeting was held with the Treasury Department June 23 to review the preliminary qualification application.
- 2026-27 MASB District Membership and Trust Fund: The Board reviewed this annual renewal.
- 2026-27 MHSAA Membership Resolution: The Board reviewed this annual requirement to participate in middle and high school athletic competitions.

Proposed Revisions to OCSBA Bylaws and Resolutions - Second Reading: Board members reviewed proposed revisions and expressed concerns regarding both bylaw proposals.

NEOLA 40-2 Policy Updates and Miscellaneous - Second Reading: 0100, 1410, 2370.01, 2417, 2418, 3120.09, 4120.09, 4210, 5136, 5336, 6320, 6325, 7540.09, 8120.09, 8402, 8655, 1613, 3213, 4213, 0155, 0144.3: Board members reviewed the proposed revisions. No additional changes were recommended.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Drew Towlerton provided an update on summer camps and summer school programs as well as CKLA professional development.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon discussed:

- Certified New Hire and Administrative Recommendations: Recommendations to hire four teachers and two administrators were reviewed.
- Contracts - LOSA and AFSCME Child Care: Highlights of contract revisions for both bargaining groups were reviewed.
- LOEA Contract Amendment: Highlights of the contract reopener for salary schedules were reviewed.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis discussed:

- 2025-26 Final Budget Amendment - Second Reading: General Fund changes were reviewed.

Revenue	Expenditures	Fund Balance
Net decrease of \$268,675	Net decrease of \$1,057,840	Net increase of \$789,165

- 2026-27 Proposed Budget - Second Reading: General Fund projections were reviewed.

Revenue: \$104,240,782	Expenditures: \$103,508,143	Fund Balance: \$13,451,660
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- Bond - Preliminary Qualification Application Resolution: The Board reviewed documentation to submit the preliminary qualification application to Treasury for the November 2026 Bond.
- Legal and Financial Agents of Records and Operational Delegation: Organizational business items that require Board approval prior to each fiscal year were reviewed

ACTION ITEMS

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

- Approve Minutes from the June 10 Regular, June 10 Special and Closed Session and June 5, 2026 Curriculum Committee Meetings

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Sinawi, to authorize the 2026-27 Michigan Association of School Boards District Membership and Legal Trust Annual Renewal Contribution as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried.

Moved by Singer, seconded by Faber, to adopt the 2026-2027 Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership Resolution as presented. Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to authorize the ballot submission to approve the 2026 OCSBA proposed new resolution. Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to authorize the ballot submission to not approve Proposal 1 Amendments to the 2026 OCSBA Bylaws. Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Taylor, to authorize the ballot submission to not approve Proposal 2 Amendments to the 2026 OCSBA Bylaws. Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to approve the proposed revisions for Board Policies 0100, 1410, 2370.01, 2417, 2418, 3120.09, 4120.09, 4210, 5136, 5336, 6320, 6325, 7540.09, 8120.09, 8402, 8655, 1613, 3213, 4213, 0155 and 0144.3 as presented. Ayes - all; Motion carried

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

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Sinawi, to approve appointing Devon Conklin as the Oakview Middle School Assistant Principal, as recommended. Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Faber, to approve appointing Joshua Thelen as the Learning Options High School Principal, as recommended. Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Sinawi, to approve the Lake Orion Secretaries Association contract agreement, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028, as recommended. Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Flaherty, to approve the AFSCME Child Care contract agreement, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030, as recommended. Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Taylor, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Final Budget Amendment Resolution, as presented. Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Sinawi, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Adopted Budget Resolution as presented. Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Sinawi, to adopt the Resolution for the Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds as presented. Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by McQuiston, seconded by Taylor, to authorize the following legal and financial agents of records and operational delegation:

- a. Authorize establishing the following law firms to represent the school district: Clark Hill Attorneys at Law; Collins and Blaha, PC; Miller Canfield, PLC; Miller Johnson; Secrest Wardle (Adair case); Thrun Law Firm, PC.
- b. Legal Depository: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PNC Bank is hereby designated as a primary depository of monies belonging to said school district in the Township of Orion, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and that monies belonging to said School District shall be deposited in said Bank from time to time in the name of the School District, and may be withdrawn by check, EFT, ACH or wire signed or authorized by the Board Treasurer, Board President, the Superintendent, or the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance.
- c. Authorize establishing the following banks and investment brokers and Local Government Investment Pools as designated depositories for the school district: JP Morgan Chase Bank; Fifth Third Bank; Flagstar Bank; MILAF+ Fund; PNC Bank; Oxford Bank.
- d. Authorize signing of checks for the General Fund, Debt Service Funds, Special Revenue Funds (Community Service, Food Service and School Activity Funds), Capital Projects Funds, and Internal Service Fund by the Superintendent, or the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, with the stipulation that checks be required to have one signature.
- e. Authorize the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, to sign for letters of credit on behalf of the school district.
- f. Authorize establishing the accounting firm of Plante & Moran, PLLC as the school district's auditing firm.
- g. Delegate election duties to the Superintendent and the Election Secretary.
- h. Authorize the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent to sign contracts, agreements and purchase orders for the school district.

Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Sinawi, to approve the Lake Orion Education Association amended salary schedule effective July 1, 2026, as recommended. Roll call: Ayes-6 (Bresett, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Abstain-1 (Faber, who stated conflict of interest due to having a family member in the bargaining unit); Motion carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS/TOPICS

There was no participation from the public.

RECAP/NEXT STEPS

Nothing noted

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Board Secretary