

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, July 29, 2026, 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. Towleron, A. Weldon, S. Leggett

Others Present: M. Ridky, M. Snyder, M. Anker, J. Goral, L. Logsdon, J. Babila

NEW CERTIFIED STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS

Adam Weldon introduced Rose Boabicz, Jonathon Babila, Lillian Rebb, Lauren Rose and Michelle Ridky. Jonathon Babila and Michelle Ridky were in attendance.

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: There was no update.
- Future Bond Planning: Meetings and informational materials are still being developed in meetings with GMB.

Heidi Mercer shared the update about the TowerCo cell tower agreement with LOCS. The Oakland Township Board met on Tuesday, July 28 and approved an agreement with TowerCo for its own cell tower on township land, separate from the LOCS property. She explained the current financials of LOCS in the 10-year agreement and where that stands. LOCS has been in contact with its attorneys who have requested information about the agreement and LOCS requested a copy of the TowerCo-Oakland Twp. agreement. Neither TowerCo nor Oakland Twp. had not reached out to LOCS as of the LOCS Board Meeting. Board members Birgit McQuiston, Heather Sinawi and Susan Flaherty asked questions about the current status of the LOCS contract. Jake Singer noted that if the contract is dissolved, then the Board should be involved in discussions about the property's next steps.

Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Update: Drew Towleron provided an update on summer camps and summer school programs. Sara Leggett noted that Extended School Year for Special Education students is also occurring. He mentioned that the summer planning about the Student Services Department for the fall has continued with Sara Leggett and they would present more at an August Board meeting.

Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Update: Adam Weldon discussed:

- Certified New Hire and Administrative Recommendations: Recommendations to hire four teachers were reviewed.
- Salary Schedules - He noted that receiving board approval is a necessary step to take on an annual basis for our at-home employees who are non-unionized and not covered under existing collective bargaining agreement.

There were no questions.

Finance and Operations

Assistant Superintendent Update: Andrea Curtis discussed:

- Bond - School Improvement Bond Proposition Resolution: The Board reviewed documentation to submit the ballot language to Oakland County for the November 2026 Bond. Andrea Curtis noted the resolution would need to be submitted to the county by August 11. Heather Sinawi asked Heidi Mercer what are the contingencies being planned in case the Bond proposal fails. Heidi Mercer identified the major projects (LOHS STEM wing, CERC reconstruction, Waldon locker rooms) and said they would not be completed, due to a lack of funds for the large-scale projects. Birgit McQuiston noted that most of the ballot language was determined by the state/county officials. Jake Singer explained the rationale for the bond and that the community offered input on the proposal.

- Handheld Radio Bid award: Andrea Curtis shared the new handheld radios bid at a total of \$285,820. She explained that the previous radios were at the end of their useful life and it would cost more to repair than replace. She noted they are a safety and security item.

ACTION ITEMS

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

- a. Approve Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$9,724,069.25
 - b. Approve Minutes from the June 22 Special Meeting and Closed Session and June 24, 2026 Regular Meeting and Closed Session
- Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Sinawi, to approve the certified new hires as presented
Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved by Sinawi, seconded by Faber to approve salary schedules for the 2026-27 school year
Ayes - all; Motion carried

Moved Taylor, seconded by Sinawi to adopt School Improvement Bond Proposition Resolution as presented
Roll call: Ayes-7 (Bresett, Faber, Flaherty, McQuiston, Sinawi, Singer, Taylor); Nays-0; Motion carried

Moved by Singer, seconded by Taylor to authorize administration to execute procurement of handheld radios for the district with Electrocomm-Michigan, Inc., in the amount of, not to exceed, \$285,820.
Ayes - all; Motion carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS/TOPICS

There was no participation from the public.

RECAP/NEXT STEPS

Heidi Mercer noted she will update the Board on the TowerCo contract as more information is provided.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Board Secretary