



**LAKE OF THE WOODS**  
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**Lake of the Woods School ISD #390**

**April 28, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**

**Finance Workshop & Working Session - ITV Room**

**Working Session:**

- 1. Citizen's Forum**
- 2. Finance Review Workshop**
- 3. Reports:**
  - a. Board Committees
    - i. Superintendent Search Special Meetings & Working Sessions (full board)
    - ii. Facilities & Transportation Committee (B. Johnson, Haack, Severs)
    - iii. School Forest Committee (Haack, Severs)
    - iv. Meet & Confer (Haack, Hayes)
  - b. Superintendent (Jeff Nelson)
  - c. PreK-12 Principal (Mary Merchant)
  - d. Athletic Director/Community Ed (Sam Lyon)
- 4. Adjourn**

**Lake of the Woods School  
Board Report  
Jeff Nelson, Superintendent & Building/Grounds  
April 28, 2025**

**1.0 Enrollment on April 21st, 2025:**

- 1.1** 421 total enrollment for K-12 (down 1 student from last month)
  - 1.1.1 Elementary K-5 Total 195: K @ 35, 1st @ 26, **2nd @ 39** -1, 3rd @ 38, **4th @ 24** -1, 5th @ 33 (*2nd & 4th graders' family moved out of town*)
  - 1.1.2 Sr. & Jr. High School 6-12 Total: 226 6th @ 36, 7th @ 32, **8th @ 36** +1, 9th @ 27, 10th @ 28, 11th @ 32, 12th @ 35

**2.0 Next Steps for Referendum Considerations?**

- 2.1 Bond Referendum & Capital Projects Levy - scope of projects and associated costs?
- 2.2 Review & Comment Submission to MDE

**3.0 Staffing Updates**

- 3.1** Positions being filled for 2025-2026
  - 3.1.1 Art Teacher
  - 3.1.2 Elementary PE Teacher
  - 3.1.3 MARSS & Student Data Systems Coordinator
- 3.2** Positions NOT being filled for 2025-2026
  - 3.2.1 Business Ed Teacher
- 3.3** Positions TBD
  - 3.3.1 Buildings & Grounds Supervisor (duties are divided among interim positions with MOU's with MSEA)
  - 3.3.2 HR/Finance Clerk (duties have been reassigned with MOU's with AFSCME)

**4.0 Superintendent's Schedule**

- 4.1 Thursday, May 8th > ½ day Family Medical
- 4.2 Wednesday, May 14th > Personal Day
- 4.3 Friday, May 16th > Elementary Big Bog Event
- 4.4 May 27th - 30th > Vacation Days

**Lake of the Woods School  
Board Report  
Mary Merchant, Pre K-12 Principal  
April 28, 2025**

- 1.0 School Showcase**
  - 1.1 April 3rd, well attended
- 2.0 MCA Testing in progress**
- 3.0 ACT Test, April 16**
- 4.0 Northern Division MASSP Principals Meeting**
  - 4.1 Wednesday, April 30th
- 5.0 Prom**
  - 5.1 April 26th
  - 5.2 Visit to Care Center then Grand March followed by Dance
- 6.0 Elementary Field Trips**
  - 6.1 5th grade to Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung, Barwick, Canada, May 15th
  - 6.2 Big Bog, K-2 on May 14th, 3-5 on May 16th
- 7.0 Band Concert and Awards**
  - 7.1 7 p.m. April 30th
- 8.0 Choir Concert and Awards**
  - 8.1 7 p.m. May 7th
- 9.0 Senior Trip to the Cities**
  - 9.1 May 9-10
- 10.0 MHS Induction and Scholarships**
  - 10.1 May 14th, 6 p.m. in Auditorium
- 11.0 Athletic and Academic Awards**
  - 11.1 May 19th in the Auditorium
- 12.0 Baccalaureate**
  - 12.1 Wednesday, May 21st in Auditorium
- 13.0 Graduation**
  - 13.1 Practice May 21st, 3rd period
  - 13.2 Graduation Ceremony May 23rd 6 p.m.
- 14.0 Elementary Events**
  - 14.1 BINGO, 1:45 p.m. May 22nd
  - 14.2 Assembly, 10 a.m. in Auditorium
- 15.0 High School Events**
  - 15.1 Games, May 23rd 1-3 period
  - 15.2 Assembly, 11 a.m. in Auditorium
- 16.0 Summer School**
  - 16.1 June 2-13 for Elementary and Secondary

**Lake of the Woods School  
Board Report  
Samantha Lyon, Activities Director/Community Ed.  
April 28, 2025**

**1.0 Coaching appointments**

- 1.1 Tracy Dunn - JH Softball Coach
- 1.2 Samantha Lyon - JH Softball Coach
- 1.3 John Swanson - Varsity Girls Golf Coach

**2.0 Shout Out to Maintenance, Coaches, & Volunteers for grounds work**

- 2.1 Employees: Kyle Abendroth, Dale Fuller, JD Mesenbrink, TJ Frericks, Erik Tange, Tracy Dunn
- 2.2 Volunteers: Bertel Anundson, Tim Lyon, Keith Block