

**MECOSTA-OSCEOLA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
15760 190TH AVENUE, BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 11, 2019, in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heidi Speese, Mike Wyman, Cathy Browers, Mark Sochocki  
Sheri Thompson, Marie Wilkerson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Larry Sredersas

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson recognized Veterans Day; she expressed appreciation and thanks to veterans and their families. President Wilkerson asked if there were any “**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**” There was one: Action Item No. 15... Consideration of the Purchase of Education Center Playground Equipment.

There was a motion by Member Wyman, supported by Member Sochocki, to approve the addition to the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

President Wilkerson then asked if there were any “**Communications.**” There were none.

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- Minutes from the October 17, 2019, Regular Monthly Meeting
- October Bills and Financial Reports
- The hiring of:
  - Tina Gross – Teacher for Special Education at US 10 Corridor - Pineview Homes.
  - Colette Gomez – School Social Worker
- Resignations: There were none at this time

Per Board policy, Board members and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board. There is one at this time: Superintendent Locke, 2020 MASA Midwinter Conference, January 22-24, 2020, at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center.

There was a motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Speese to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Under “Superintendent’s Report”:**

**Board Showcase:**

- Superintendent Locke introduced Mike Miller, Director of CTE. Mr. Miller indicated that MOCC Culinary entered the Big Rapids Fall Chili Cook-off then introduced Josh Pyles from the Downtown Business Association. Mr. Pyles indicated that nearly 400 people voted in the Chili Cook-off, and MOCC Culinary received the most votes. Mr. Pyles awarded the MOCC Culinary group with the trophy for winning the Big Rapids Fall Festival Chili Cookoff. He thanked MOCC students for participating again this year and requested they return next year. MOCC students spoke about their experience.
- Superintendent Locke announced that Tonya Harrison, Director of General Education, had the Board Showcase. Mrs. Harrison presented on Project Outreach. She reviewed the importance of school and student collaboration. There are currently six local high schools involved in this program; this program allows high school students to come together to learn leadership, friendships, relationships, accountability, communication, and connection to their local communities. This year's theme was "Be.." with speaker James Orrigo; he creates videos for young individuals who have cancer. Students from local high schools came together and created a video based on a song, titled "Travel the World", written by a young individual who has cancer. Mrs. Harrison shared the making of the video and the final video and explained that the Project Outreach students and their advisors organized and coordinated this project. The completed video was shared with the family, and they were blown away, the family response was shared with everyone involved. Tonya Harrison has shared this video with the LEA Superintendents and will share the video with Patience Nemeth to distribute it to the Board members.

#### **Department Updates:**

- Superintendent Locke discussed Department Updates; he asked the Board if they had any questions or comments. The Board commented on and highlighted sections of the Department Update Report.
- Superintendent Locke asked Karen Roy, Director of Special Projects, to report on her recent NAEHCY Homeless Conference in Washington.

#### **MOISD Updates/News:**

##### **Superintendent Locke discussed the following:**

- The Vision To Learn Program: Superintendent Locke explained the program and the process. He spoke of the collaboration between the Vision to Learn Program, MOISD, LEA Superintendents, and the Mecosta County Health Department #10. This program is slated to start at the beginning of 2020 and should wrap up around March 2020.
- 31N: Superintendent Locke and Tonya Harrison are completing meetings with the LEA Superintendents on November 12, 2019.
- Literacy Initiative: Tonya Harrison gave an update, explaining that teachers are learning the essentials and instruction tools they need, so they can implement them into what and how they are teaching in their classrooms.

##### **Under Board Business "Action Items," the following was discussed:**

- **No. 14...Consideration of 2019-20 Employee Handbooks:**

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- 2019-20 Employee Handbook
- 2019-20 Administrative Guidelines and Handbook for Secretarial/ Business, Custodial/Maintenance, CTE Para-educators, Early On Home Visitor, GED Coordinator, GSRP, Title I, Transition Coordinator, Truancy
- 2019-20 Administrative Guidelines and Handbook for Administrative Personnel

Motion by Member Browers and supported by Member Wyman to approve the employee handbooks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- **No. 15... Consideration of the Purchase of Education Center Playground Equipment.** Motion by Member Browers and supported by Member Thompson to approve the request for the purchase and installation of the GameTime/Sinclair equipment for the MOISD Education Center playground at a total cost of \$74,817, which includes purchase, shipping of the equipment now and installation in the spring of 2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Under **Board Business “Discussion/Information Items,”** the following was discussed:

- Board/Administrator reported on the following LEA October Board Meetings
  - Morley Stanwood Community Schools – October 21, 2019 – (workshop 6:30 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. in High School Media Center
  - Reed City Area Public Schools – October 21, 2019 – (work-study 6 p.m.) 7 p.m. in the Porteous Academic Center
- Mike Wyman and Marie Wilkerson reported on the MASB (*Michigan Association of School Board Members*) Leadership Conference
- Legislative Update: Superintendent Locke discussed current legislative updates including the budget.
- Board Communication: Superintendent Locke and Vice President Thompson will discuss what communication to send and will combine last month and this month's communication. Possible Starting Place menu and coupons will be sent with this communication.

Under **Board Business “Future Items,”** the following was discussed:

- AESA National Conference

November MOISD events were discussed:

- *November 5, 2019 - Fire safety Assembly at 9:30 a.m. - MOEC*
- *November 22, 2019 – Harvest Dinner at 1:00 p.m. - MOEC*

**Public Items** – There were none

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Wilkerson, President

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Mike Wyman, Secretary