

Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District
15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307

MOP² MINUTES

June 19, 2019

A meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and Meceola Tech Programs Advisory Council (MOP Co-Op) was held on Thursday, June 19, 2019, at 8 a.m. in the Parsons Room of the Administration Building, 15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

Members Present: Sheri Thompson (Mecosta Osceola ISD), Gerald Nichols (Ewart), Sherry Anderson (Chippewa Hills), Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood), Pete Kent (Big Rapids), Dominic Pace (Crossroads), and Steve Locke (MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director).

Member Absent: Christine Mund (Reed City)

Others Present: Fred Sharpsteen, Karen Roy, and Patience Nemeth

MOISD Superintendent Steve Locke called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

Minutes: Pete Kent made a motion, supported by Gerald Nichols, to approve the minutes from April 18, 2019, meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Bi-Monthly Supervisors Reports:

Director of CTE – Superintendent Locke reviewed the report submitted by Mike Miller, Director of CTE. He reported the current and upcoming courses being offered through Meceola Tech.: Corrections Academy, Phlebotomy (through Mid Michigan College, and electrical Essential (industry training). The CDL MOCC site has been approved by the State of Michigan, and Tri-Area Trucking is to finalize details. The tentative first class will be in July or August. There was some discussion among the Council regarding these opportunities. Superintendent Locke informed the Council that there were some changes in the supervision of Meceola Tech due to budgetary reasons.

Director of Special Projects- Karen Roy reported on the Ewart Reads program and distributed a three-year project report completed by herself and Jenny Rounds. Ms. Roy reviewed the project need, history, project goals and strategy, components, stats, and the positive impact on students, volunteers, families, and the community. She also discussed the future of the Ewart Reads program. Ewart Public Schools and Jenny Rounds will continue the Ewart Reads program.

Director of Technology- Director of Technology, Fred Sharpsteen updated the Council on the MiSEN network and the continued work with the fiber network. He discussed project Moonshot and reviewed the phases technology is implementing to address the homework gap issues. The goal is to get fiber connections throughout the districts. There

was a discussion among the Council regarding the redundancy in Technology Directors throughout the district and the possibility of a shared Technology Director with a shared tier of technology services.

MOP CO-OP Position Recommendation Form – Transportation Supervisor/Mechanic

Superintendent Locke stated that Reed City Area Public Schools is in need of help with a Transportation Supervisor/Mechanic. He reviewed the Recommendation Form submitted by Reed City Area Public Schools Superintendent, Myra Munroe, for a Transportation Supervisor/Mechanic. Superintendent Locke gave details and answered questions from the Council regarding this position. There was a discussion among the Council regarding the process and intended use of the MOP positions and the possibility of sharing this position in the future to utilized resources.

Pete Kent made a motion to approve the addition of the Transportation Supervisor/Mechanic position, which was supported by Sheri Thompson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOP Equipment Purchase

There was discussion regarding the purchase of a Newstripe 4400 Airless Walk Behind Paint Striper, at the cost of \$2,650.00. This piece of equipment would be purchased and possibly shared within the district. The Council discussed how the equipment would be maintained if shared in the district. The council agreed with the purchase of this equipment but would like a user agreement for each district and a possible charge for maintenance of the equipment.

Merit Pay 2019-2020

Superintendent Locke spoke to the Council regarding Merit Pay; all MOP employee would receive this bonus. The bonus is based on their yearly evaluation ratings as follows: Highly Effective: \$500, Effective: \$300, Mildly Effective: \$100. The Council was in agreement.

Other/Discussion:

Superintendent Locke shared the MOP Co-Op overall operations and budget. He reviewed the 2017-18, 2018-19, and the year-end balance projection for the 2019-20 school year. Mr. Locke reviewed the positions available and suggested the possibility of sharing additional positions that are not currently being shared and the possibility of expanding the use of MOP positons. The Council discussed encouraging their LEA Superintendents to use MOP Co-Op when there is a position opening to expand the use of MOP services and sharing. The Council was given a list of potential services available and a list of current services and what LEA's are using them.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth
Recording Secretary