

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

**AUGUST 14, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, August 14, 2017, 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:** Larry Sredersas, Mike Wyman, Greg Babbitt, Sheri Thompson, Cathy Browers and Marie Wilkerson. Member Raby arrived at 6:40 p.m.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any “**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**” There were two additions to the agenda: Action Item No. 10 – Resolution to Suspend Board Policy Requiring Second Reading for New or Revised Board Policies and Action Item No. 11 – Consideration of Revised Board Policy 5630.01 – Student Seclusion and Restraint. There was also an addition to the consent agenda—the resignation of Special Education Teacher Alane Hazewinkel and Speech Pathologist Rachel Dykstra.

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

**Consent Agenda Items:** There was a motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Thompson to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Minutes from the July 10, 2017 Personnel Committee Meeting
- Minutes from the July 10, 2017 Annual Organizational Meeting
- Minutes from the July 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from the July 10, 2017 Closed Session
- Payment of July bills (\$1,712,889.68) and approval of the July financial reports
- Hiring of GSRP Lead Teacher Amie Neubecker
- Resignation of US-10 Teacher Alane Hazewinkel and Speech Pathologist Rachel Dykstra
- Conference request for Interim Superintendent Mark Klumpp, Marie Wilkerson, Sheri Thompson, Greg Babbitt and Mike Wyman to attend the AESA National Conference in San Antonio; conference request for Interim Superintendent Klumpp to attend the

MASA Fall Conference in Traverse City; and a conference request for Mike Wyman to attend the MASB Conference in November.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Under “Interim Superintendent’s Report” Mr. Klumpp reported that there is campus-wide construction going on at the ISD. Part of the construction includes sidewalks around the Ed Center to make walking safer for the students; Phase I of the playground project at the Ed Center is wrapping up; and there are a couple of small projects at the Career Center. Regarding staffing, he informed the Board that the ISD is looking for a speech pathologist and possibly three teachers.

- Under Board Business “**Action Items,**” the following was discussed:
- **Consideration of 2017-18 Tax Levy Resolution.** Accountant Mark Higgins gave an overview of the millage levy. Motion by Member Babbitt and supported by Member Browers to establish the 2017-18 millage levy at 5.2464 mills as presented. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Greg Babbitt, Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Cathy Browers, Sheri Thompson and Marie Wilkerson

NAYES: None

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Consideration of Purchase of Bus.** Interim Superintendent Mark Klumpp explained that the MOISD buses are more costly than the LEA buses because of the lifts. He went on to say that air conditioning and air suspension has made a big difference with our special needs students. Motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Thompson to approve the purchase of the bus from Capitol City for a total cost of \$96,711 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Consideration of Employee Handbooks -** Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Wyman to approve the employee handbooks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Consideration of 2017-18 Student Handbooks –** Motion by Member Babbitt and supported by Member Browers to approve the 2017-18 student handbooks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Consideration of Superintendent’s Evaluation Tool –** Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Babbitt to approve the adoption of the Superintendent’s evaluation tool as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Consideration of Superintendent Search Process –** Sheri Thompson explained that the Personnel Committee felt the best course of action was to engage in a local search with guidance from MASB. Following last month’s Personnel Committee meeting, she contacted Donna Oser at MASB. Someone from MASB would come before the Board and lay out their plan for the search. They would customize the search based on

our needs. It normally takes 12 to 14 weeks to complete a search but since we are not doing a nation-wide search, it might take less time. President Wilkerson stressed the importance of having someone assist in the search to make sure we follow all the ins and outs. If the Board approves the MASB search, Donna Oser would be willing to come here and do a workshop for the Board with a timeline. Motion by Larry Sredersas and supported by Mike Wyman to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation for a "local" search administered by MASB. **Motion carried unanimously.** Sheri Thompson will contact Donna Oser to see if she would be available for a workshop after the September Board meeting.

- **Consideration of Resolution to Suspend Board Policy Requiring Second Reading for New or Revised Board Policies.** Interim Superintendent Klumpp explained that a revised Board policy on Student Seclusion and Restraint is required by law to be in place by the start of school. That is why this one-time suspension of policy is being requested. Motion by Member Babbitt and supported by Member Wyman. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Greg Babbitt, Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Cathy Browers, Sheri Thompson and Marie Wilkerson

NAYES: None

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Consideration of Revised Board Policy 5630.01 – Student Seclusion and Restraint.** Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Browers to approve the revised Board Policy 5630.01 – Student Seclusion and Restraint as presented. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Greg Babbitt, Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Cathy Browers, Sheri Thompson and Marie Wilkerson

NAYES: None

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

The Northern Autism Network presentation by Supervisor Christy Miller is being postponed until the September Board meeting

Member Wyman gave an overview of the NMSLA dinner meeting in Traverse City that the Board and Interim Superintendent Klumpp attended.

AdvancED – Mr. Klumpp reported that the Admin Team has discussed this and talked with MAISA. At this point, we have decided to put it on hold. AdvancED has had changes in leadership. If the permanent superintendent decides to keep pursuing it, that will be his or her choice.

Interim Superintendent Klumpp reported that we have not heard back from the property owners who wanted to be changed to Montcalm ISD.

Private School Money – The injunction has been upheld at this point. This is a victory for the public schools.

Tomorrow we are holding a restorative justice training (all day).

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

- Interim Superintendent Klumpp reminded the Board that they are welcome to come to the opening day activities on Thursday, August 24, 2017.

**Public Items** – There was no comment from the public.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Wilkerson, President

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Mike Wyman, Secretary