

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

NOVEMBER 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, November 13, 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, Ed Raby and Marie Wilkerson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any “**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**” There was one addition: Action Item 20 – Consideration of Amendment to the Career Center Handbook.

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 Browers to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Minutes from the October 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- Payment of October bills (\$1,625,242.83) and approval of the October financial reports

Motion carried unanimously.

Under “Interim Superintendent’s Report” Mr. Klumpp announced that Special Education would be doing the Board Showcase regarding a pilot online speech program called Presence Learning. Supervisor Christy Miller introduced Jen and Sarah from Presence Learning who gave a presentation regarding their program. Interim Superintendent Klumpp explained that there is a critical shortage of speech pathologists, and the pilot program would be the equivalent of approximately a half-time speech position.

Mr. Klumpp asked if there were any questions regarding the Department Updates.

Interim Superintendent Klumpp announced that three of our districts are participating with the \$12.5 million grant through Western Michigan University for the Reading Now Network.

Mr. Klumpp then gave a legislative update from a meeting he had attended earlier in the day. The governor will veto the gun legislation unless it changes. He wants local boards to have a choice regarding whether they want to allow guns in their schools. In regards to post Labor

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Day, we should continue to plan to operate under the waiver. We are in year two of the three-year waiver. They are working to modify seclusion and restraint to exclude school liaison officers.

Mr. Klumpp then went on to report that due to a clerical error in 2006, the special education millage election in 2015 did not increase the special education assessment but only maintained it.

- Under Board Business “**Action Items**,” the following was discussed:
- **Consideration of Amendment to the Career Center Student Handbook.** Linda Ward explained that the amendment to the handbook is to comply with institutional accreditation for the cosmetology program. Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Wyman to approve the attachments to the Career Center Student Handbook as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- LEA Board Visits – Member Babbitt reported that the Morley Stanwood board meeting went well.
- MASB Leadership Conference – Member Wyman gave a summary of the conference.

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

- AESA Annual Conference – November 30-December 2, 2017

Public Items – Community member Debbie Todd addressed the Board regarding online speech, the PAC meeting and funding for Meceola Tech. Community member Anne Bianchi addressed the Board regarding Meceola Tech funding, online speech and natural gas fumes. Former employee Carol Yacavone addressed the Board regarding online speech concerns.

Discussion – Interview Prep and Selection of Candidates – MASB Consultant Mark Dobias reported that there were four individuals from within the ISD and local districts who applied for the Superintendent opening. There were others outside the MOISD who had applied, but because it was a “local” search, only the four local candidates will be considered. He asked the Board for any comments they might have regarding the applicants.

Consideration of Selection of Superintendent Candidates – There was a motion by Member Browers and supported by Member Sredersas to accept the four local candidates for interviews as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dobias had provided the Board with a draft interview guide and asked if there were any changes needed. The Board decided to keep all 17 questions, and then questions were assigned to each of the Board members to ask the candidates during the interview process. Mr. Dobias reminded the Board to not discuss the candidates between interviews.

The interviews will be held on Saturday, December 9, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. A brief lunch break will take place at noon. The interviews will be held in PD North and South of the Resource Center. Each interview will be approximately 50 minutes long and the candidates will be informed up front to budget their time accordingly.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary