

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

JANUARY 8, 2018

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, January 8, 2018, 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. She welcomed Steve Locke as the new MOISD Superintendent.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Wyman, Greg Babbitt, Sheri Thompson, Cathy Browers, Ed Raby and Marie Wilkerson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Sredersas

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any “**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**” There were none.

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

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

- Minutes from the December 9, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- Minutes from the December 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from the December 12, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- Payment of December bills (\$2,028,544.07) and approval of the December financial reports
- Approval of Benjamin Bryant as a Secondary Resource Room Teacher for US 10.

Motion carried unanimously.

Under “Superintendent’s Report” Mr. Locke announced that it was Board Appreciation Month and thanked the Board for all they do for our students.

Superintendent Locke then turned the meeting over to Director of Special Projects, Karen Roy, for the Board Showcase regarding Early Childhood Literacy. Ms. Roy shared that the Administrative Team was doing something collaboratively regarding literacy, and she shared handouts with the Board. She also shared a Google sheet which the Board will be given access to in the near future.

Due to the holiday break, there were no Department Updates. Superintendent Locke called on some of the administrators to give updates. Accountant Mark Higgins explained how things will work with the 3% ORS refunds to employees. He also reported the MOISD will be holding an auction to sell surplus items on Saturday, January 13, at 10 a.m. in the Miller Wing. Director Tufnell reported on the PAC and Michigan Alliance for Families. She shared two handouts. The PAC will be meeting this Thursday. We are supporting Michigan Alliance for Families with \$10 gas cards for parents to attend training sessions. They are hoping for good participation from parents. If any of the Board members would like to attend one of the training sessions, they were asked to let Mary Ann or Superintendent Locke know. Director Harrison updated the Board on the Early Literacy Grant. We are able to offer more services because the state increased the grant money. Linda Ward then updated the Board regarding Career Connect. The 107b grant is paying everything for Career Connect. Career Connect provides value-added technical training at no cost to the students. It provides them with an opportunity to get training for which they otherwise might not have an opportunity. It was also noted that a 61c grant for \$135,000 allowed us to purchase equipment for welding and allied health.

- Under Board Business “**Action Items**,” the following was discussed:
- **Consideration of Superintendent’s Contract.** Personnel Committee Chair Sheri Thompson explained the contract process. It was also reviewed by Thrun Attorney Kevin Harty. **A roll call vote resulted in the following:**

AYES: Cathy Browers, Mike Wyman, Greb Babbitt, Ed Raby, Sheri Thompson and Marie Wilkerson.

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Breakfast with the Legislators – Board members were asked to contact Superintendent Locke or Mary Ann if they want to attend the breakfast with the legislators. The van will be leaving at 7:45 a.m. on January 22.
- Winter Institute – Superintendent Locke had information regarding the Winter Institute (February 23-25) in Mt. Pleasant.
- There will be a Legislative Town Hall on January 15 at 11:30 a.m. on the MOISD campus sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Board members were asked to let Mr. Locke or Mary Ann know if they were interested in attending.

Public Items – President Wilkerson thanked Mark Klumpp for his help during the transition period, Fred Sharpsteen for his technology assistance the night of the second interviews and Mary Ann Mendenhall for her help during the Superintendent search process. Community member Deb Todd addressed the Board regarding ISD climate and culture.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary