

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

APRIL 9, 2018

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, April 9, 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.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Wyman, Greg Babbitt, Larry Sredersas, Cathy Browsers, Ed Raby, Sheri Thompson, 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 were none.

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

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

- Minutes from the March 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- Payment of March bills (\$2,218,327.74) and approval of the March financial reports
- Fifth-year probationary status to School Psychologist Hailey McCullough; Speech Pathologist Alyssa Csernai; Special Education Teachers Victoria Deadwyler, Sarah Jordan¹, and Kayla Hammermeister; CTE Instructor Mike Schmidt; and GSRP Teacher Rose Gruber.
- Fourth-year probationary status to CTE Instructor Joy Paquette.
- Third-year probationary status to Speech Pathologists Janelle Agren and Megan Medler; School Social Worker Shelly Davis; School Psychologist Karen Goll; and Physical Therapist Jennifer Hardesty¹.
- Second year probationary status to Speech Pathologist Annelise Folkema; School Psychologist Madison Herbart; Resource Room Teacher (US 10) Krista Tiedt; Title I Teacher/ELA Consultant Kimberly Habra; and CTE Instructors Kelli Bolin and Amy Golden-VanScoy.

¹Hired mid-year

- Administrative contract extensions through the 2019-20 school year are as follows: Mark Klumpp, Karen Roy, Karlene Rader, Pat Craven, Tonya Harrison, Kimberly Tufnell, Beth Bond, Mike Miller, Christy Miller, Carol Phelps, Fred Sharpsteen and Linda Ward.

Motion carried unanimously.

Under “Superintendent’s Report,” Mr. Locke turned the meeting over to Director of Special Projects Karen Roy for the Board Showcase. She explained that tonight’s showcase would be about Great Start and how they do the engagement piece and the whole community piece. She introduced Kalee Coss, Tricia Smith-Bennett and Laurie Kohn who gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Great Start Collaborative and the GSRP focus.

Superintendent Locke asked Linda Ward to give a brief update about Meceola Tech. She told the group that on March 20, the first Meceola Tech CNA course was offered. Career Connect students are also involved with the CAN course. The course is 120 hours. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to test out and receive their certification. Future classes on the horizon for Meceola Tech are Advanced Welding, a medical first responder course, and a Corrections Academy. The MOCC is officially accredited now, so Cosmetology students will now be able to apply for scholarships.

Superintendent Locke then invited Director of Technology Fred Sharpsteen to update the Board. Director Sharpsteen reported on the positive collaboration with the Tech Directors. They put out an RFP for a firewall. Six bids came back from four different vendors and the group chose a vendor. They were all able to come together and make a common decision.

Director of Special Education Kim Tufnell then gave a brief update about what is going on in her department-- Special Education Re-imagination, CHAMPS and positive behavioral supports. Her staff is talking about how to maximize time in front of students. They talked about the possibility of putting some of the Education Center programs in the local districts.

- Under Board Business “**Action Items**,” the following was discussed:
- **Consideration of Literacy Resolution.** Motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Browsers to approve the Literacy Resolution as presented. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration of Resolution of Support: School Finance Research Collaborative.** Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Babbitt to approve the resolution as presented. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Accountant Mark Higgins reviewed the 2018-19 budget draft with the Board. The local districts will approve it at their May meeting and then the MOISD Board will vote to approve the budget in June. Superintendent Locke told the Board he might have a conversation in the future regarding dipping into fund balance.
- Superintendent Locke updated the group about a legislative meeting he attended earlier in the day.
- Mr. Locke shared a handout with the Board regarding The Michigan School Safety Reform Plan which is supported by many agencies. The question is what is the cost and what do we get from it.
- Superintendent Evaluation – Board was given the Superintendent evaluation form to complete before the next meeting. At the next meeting, they will go into closed session to review the results with Superintendent Locke. In June the Board will vote to continue the Superintendent’s contract. Mr. Locke asked the Board to let him know if they have any questions when filling out the evaluation form.
- Board Self-Evaluation – The Board will talk about the evaluations at the conclusion of tonight’s meeting. They will be discussed in more detail at one of the upcoming Board workshops.

Future Items – The County School Board meeting is on April 25. There will be a presentation on trauma and how it is impacting schools.

The Board will have workshops after their June and July meetings.

Community Conversations – Christy Miller shared a flyer about the upcoming “Community Conversation” which will be held on April 17 to talk about increasing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Public Comment – Parent Brenda Hall addressed the Board regarding a special education concern; Parent Anne Bianchi wasn’t present, but had Debbie Todd share an email with the Board; Debbie Todd addressed the Board regarding the Transition Program at the Ed Center and a school improvement fee.

Consideration of Closed Session for Update on AFSCME Negotiations. Motion by Mike Wyman and supported by Sheri Thompson to go into closed session for an update regarding AFSCME negotiations. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into closed session at 7:48 p.m.

Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Babbitt to come out of closed session. **Motion carried unanimously.** Board came out of closed session at 8:09 p.m.

Board Member Browers expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to read to students during March is Reading Month and would like to continue.

With no further business, there was a motion by Member Wyman and supported by Member Babbitt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary