

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

September 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Education Office of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

Call to Order

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at **9:00 a.m.**

Roll Call

Members Present: Mike Wyman, Heidi Speese, Larry Sredersas, Patrick Tiedt,
Randy Ostrander, Marie Wilkerson, Wayne Stickler

Members Absent:

I. 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

- Minutes from August 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- August 2025 Financial Reports and Bills

Personnel Resignations & Appointments

- New Hire(s):
 - *Matthew Smith*, MTSS Specialist
 - *Heidi Stange*, Early Literacy Coach
- Transfers:
 - *Tricia Bailey*, SE Supervisor
- Resignation(s):
 - *There were none*
- Retirement(s):
 - *There were none*

Conference Requests (Board/Superintendent) (Per Board policy, overnight travel and reimbursement must be Board-approved.)

- *There were none*

Motion: Motion by Member Stickler, supported by Member Ostrander, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

II. Superintendent's Report

A Board Showcase

- Amanda Kimball, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, presented on Early Literacy and Professional Learning Initiatives for the 2025–2026 school year. She also discussed the following:
 - New Teacher Learning Series
 - Literacy Data
 - MTSS
 - Great Start Collaborative initiatives include Parent Café, Talking is Teaching, and the MOISD Childhood Center playgroup located at Hillcrest.

B. MOISD Departmental Reports

- Department updates were reviewed. There were various comments from the Board.

C. MOISD Updates/News

- MOCC Enrollment
 - Big Rapids Housing Commission Partnership: Duplex project
 - Automated Technology
 - TriCounty Schools and MOCC
 - Student Court Case Update
 - Bus Driver Update
 - BeWell Together Magazine: Second release will be out soon.
 - Social Media: Management by Liz Dennis and social media links were discussed.
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III. Board Business

A. Action Items

Action Item No. 12 – Consideration and Approval of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Telepractice Services Contract

Motion by Member Speese, supported by Member Tiedt, to approve the contract between MOISD and Solian/VocoVision (Kristen Pontius) for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Telepractice Services, effective September 2, 2025 – June 10, 2026. Services not to exceed \$90,250.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Action Item No. 13 – Consideration and Approval of Purchase of AC/DC Training System for the MOCC Automated Technology Program

Motion by Member Ostrander, supported by Member Stickler, to approve the purchase of an additional set of AC/DC trainers for the Automated Manufacturing Technology Program at a total cost of \$49,149.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Discussion / Informational Items

Operational Update

- GSRP is fully operational; the Hillcrest building is open.
- MOCC rooftop unit installation in progress by Hurst Mechanical.

Legislative Update

- Senator Aric Nesbitt visited MOCC and hosted a town hall on the state budget process.
- School Aid Budget still pending
- UAAL

Board Retreat

- October 7, 2025, 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the Reed City Depot

Superintendent Retreat/Meeting

- Annual MOUs reviewed and signed.

MASB Summer Institute

- Member Tiedt presented a summary report.

New Employees

- Zoe Allen, Bus Aide
 - Marissa Brown, Bus Aide
 - Benjamin Cebelak, MOEC Para
 - Devin Chartrand, Bus Aide
 - Isabelle Dukes, MOCC Para (Welding)
 - Phyllis Fagan, MOEC Secretary
 - Hailey Gallentine, MOEC Para
 - Jack Prescott, Bus Aide
 - Chelsey Ruhl, GSRP Aide
 - Matthew Smith, MTSS Implementation Specialist*
 - Heidi Stange, Early Literacy Coach*
 - Debora Stevens, MOEC/Mecosta Para
 - Alexis Tincher, MOEC Para
 - Lacey Wade, MOEC Para
 - Nancy Wencil, Business Office Specialist
- (*Approved on Consent Agenda)

C. Upcoming Events

- September 10, 2025: New Teacher Training Series (4–8 p.m.)
- September 11, 2025: MOCC 9/11 Event (AM & PM sessions)
- September 12, 2025: MOEC Welcome Back Bingo (9:30 a.m. & Noon)
- September 12, 2025: MOISD Community Playgroup at Hillcrest (9:30–11 a.m., every Friday)
- September 26, 2025: MOEC PBIS Assembly (1:00 p.m.)

Future Items

- October 13, 2025: Audit Presentation – October Board Meeting
- October 16, 2025: MOCC “Get Your Career in Gear” – 10th Grade Tours
- October 23–26, 2025: MASB Annual Leadership Conference
- October 28, 2025: MOCC Open House
- December 3–5, 2025: AESA Annual Conference

Public Comment

- *There were none.*

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary