

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

October 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, October 13, 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,
Marie Wilkerson, Wayne Stickler

Members Absent: Randy Ostrander

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 September 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- September 2025 Financial Reports and Bills

Personnel Resignations & Appointments

- New Hire(s):
 - *Sarah Vanburen*, School Social Worker
 - *Tracy Walczewski*, Teacher Consultant
- Transfers:
 - *There were none*
- 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.)

- *Steve Locke: MASB Annual Leadership Conference, Traverse City – October 23–24, 2025*

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

II. Superintendent's Report

A Board Showcase

Superintendent Locke introduced Josie Hill, Business Manager, and Tyler Baker, Auditor from Maner Costerisan, who presented the annual audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

- The audit received an Unmodified Opinion, the highest level of assurance, with no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies noted.
- Key audit areas reviewed included internal controls, governance letter, statement of net position, revenues and expenditures (three-year trends), and budget comparisons. Single audit review noted no findings or noncompliance.
- Board members asked questions and offered comments.

B. MOISD Departmental Reports

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

C. MOISD Updates/News

- BR Housing Commission partnership was finalized: MOISD to construct a duplex at Second and Jefferson, to be sold back upon completion. Estimated completion December 2025.
- 32p Grant: There was discussion on Great Start Collaborative programs (Parent Cafés, Mom Power, Dolly Parton Library, Literacy Playgrounds). .
- MISTEM
- MPSERS 147c/147g updates: Josie Hill to provide local loss figures.
- School Aid Bill

III. Board Business

A. Action Items

Action Item No. 13 – Consideration and Approval of Educational Audiology Services Contract

Motion by Member Wyman, supported by Member Sredersas, to approve the contract between MOISD and Independent Contractor Deb Hale for audiology services. Effective September 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Services not to exceed \$6,000.00, with optional remote consultation at \$100/hour (maximum 10 hours).

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item No. 14 – Consideration and Approval of School Psychology Contract

Motion by Member Tiedt, supported by Member Speese, to approve the contract between MOISD and Presence Learning (Annette Howard) for school psychology services. Effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Services not to exceed \$90,000.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Discussion / Informational Items

- **Legislative Update**
Budget status and NMSLA meeting scheduled for 1:00 p.m.
- **Operational Update**
 - Facilities Committee Meeting immediately following Board Meeting.
 - Converting restrooms to single-use
 - Project to be bid after design completion is received.
 - Discussion on proposed MOP Facilities position to assist local districts. (8–10 days per month).
- **Personnel & Policy Committee Report**
 - Policy 8007 discussed; Board recommends reverting to 'sex' without further definition to align with state law.
 - First reading of Policy 8007 completed.
- **Additional Updates**
Recognition of Principal's Month – notes of appreciation to be sent.

New Employees

- Elliott Blair, Custodian
 - Alliya Brown, US-10 Para/Room Monitor
 - Marissa Brown, MOEC Para
 - Amanda Caraballo, MOEC Para
 - Kimberly Mathias, US-10 Para/Room Monitor
 - Nicki McCuaig, Bus Driver
 - Amanda Richardson, US-10 Para/Room Monitor
 - Emma Shauver, US-10 Para/Room Monitor
 - Emily Vanburen, Hillcrest Clerical Support & Lunch Aide
 - *Sarah Vanburen, School Social Worker
 - *Tracy Walczewski, Teacher Consultant
- (*Approved on Consent Agenda)
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C. Upcoming Events

- October 13, 2025: Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting (following Board Meeting)
 - October 14, 2025: MOISD Flu Shot Clinic (multiple locations)
 - October 16, 2025: MOCC Get Your Career in Gear
 - October 23–26, 2025: MASB Annual Leadership Conference
 - October 24, 2025: MOEC Pumpkin Patch/Fall Festival (9 a.m.–2 p.m.)
 - October 28, 2025: MOCC Open House (5–7 p.m.)
 - October 30, 2025: MOEC PBIS Assembly (1 p.m.)
 - October 31, 2025: MOEC Halloween Parade (10–11 a.m.)
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D. Future Items

- November 5–6, 2025: MOCC Public Safety Blood Drive
 - November 5, 2025: Superintendent Evaluation Training (12–2 p.m.)
 - November 20, 2025: MOEC Harvest Dinner (1 p.m.)
 - December 3–5, 2025: AESA Annual Conference
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IV. Public Comment

- Debbie Todd addressed the Board regarding Special Education services for Birth–Age 5 students under state rule 393.5055.
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V. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary