

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

November 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Wyman, Heidi Speese, Larry Sredersas,
Marie Wilkerson, Wayne Stickler, Randy Ostrander

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Sochocki

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" Action item No. 6 was eliminated from the agenda.

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

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from October 9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
- October 2023 financial reports and bills
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
 - The administration was recommending the following new hire(s):
 - Tricia Bailey, Teacher Consultant.
 - There were the following resignations:
 - Britney Nise (Heikkila)
- Per Board policy, Board member and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only.
 - Steve Locke and Wayne Stickler: AESA Nov 28-Decmeber 1, 2023, California.

Motion by Member Serdersas and supported by Member Speese to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Under "Superintendent's Report"

MOISD Departmental Reports:

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.....Steve Locke, Superintendent

A. Board Showcase

Superintendent Locke announced that Gretchen Spedoske would be presenting the showcase. She reported and reviewed the following:

- MOCC is striving to be a valued educational partner with our local districts.
- Meetings with Superintendents, principals, and counselors regarding collaboration, communication, and support.

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- Career Readiness and attendance initiative, process, and goals.
- Caleb Martz, MOCC Principal, reported on R.E.A.D.Y
- Gretchen, Toni King, and Shelli Hallman reported on the attendance program.
 - Why? user-friendly rubric that aligns with program standards.
 - How? Worked with advisory members with industry expectations.
 - Goal: Rubric-friendly, intentional lesson plans, clear student expectations
 - 2023-2024 Term 1-2: 73% of students have missed less than five days.

There were comments and questions from the Board.

B. Department Updates

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

C. MOISD Updates/News

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- Continuing collaboration initiatives with local districts.
- SDS: our current financial software. ISD and local districts are exploring potential new software for managing finance.
- Wellness Committee Update: Ulliance, employee assistance program. Sheryl Presler presented an overall update.

III. BOARD BUSINESS.....President Wilkerson

A. ACTION ITEMS

- No. 04...Consideration of Bids for Snow Plowing & Snow Removal.

There was a motion by Member Stickler, supported by Member Ostrander, to approve Pro-Turf Outdoor Services for snow plowing and snow removal services as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- No. 05...Consideration of Acquisition of Property Donation to the MOISD.

There was a motion by Member Sredersas, supported by Member Speese, to approve the acquisition of property donation from The Big Rapids Housing Commission of the MOISD as presented. The property is at 1006 Mechanic Street, Big Rapids, MI 49307.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Heidi Speese, Randy Ostrander, Wayne Stickler, and Marie Wilkerson

Nays: None

Absent: Mark Sochocki

Motion carried unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- Legislative Update:
 - Superintendent Locke will email the Board with more details on the legislative update. The legislative sessions will stop on the 14th. It does not appear that there will be a log of legislative sessions at the beginning of the new year.
- Operational Update

- Asbestos is finally abated. @\$8000.00. Once the gas is shut off, they will start. We will keep the well for the AgriScience buildings/program.
- Talent Together: State program for teachers or for individuals to become teachers. Training is scheduled. Sheryl Presler and Jessica Ross, HR Coordinator, just completed a presentation to inform individuals of the program. We had eight people attend. This presentation will also be offered to our districts.
- Applications: MItalenttogether.org
- Memorial Donations (Lucia Hanson; Jim Rogers)
- MASB Annual Leadership Conference
 - Marie and Mike reported on conference happenings.
- Finance and Facility Committee Meeting
 - Met at 8:15 a.m., before the Board meeting. A report was given on the following:
 - Funds-cash sweep funds
 - MILAF
 - AgriScience building: space and logistic issues and future casting.
 - Commercial space or vacant property purchase: Superintendent Locke will explore and provide more information at a later date.
 - Adjacent Property-Construction Trades
 - AgriScience – Current bid discussion and exploring possible space that can be used for the AgriScience barn. Superintendent Locke will update the Board as we have more information.

C. FUTURE ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 15, 2023: Safety Day- No School
- November 17, 2023: MOEC Harvest Dinner, 1-2 p.m.
- November 20-22, 2023: Thanksgiving Break - No School
- December 11, 2023: Policy Committee Meeting at 8:15 a.m.
- December 13, 2023: NASB Rural Education Virtual Summit
 - Patience will set this up in a conference room for any Board members who want to attend. Let her know.
- December 13-15, 2023: MOCC Christmas Luncheon- Reservations Only.
 - Let Patience know if you would like to attend.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were none.

V. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary