

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

**January 8, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, January 8, 2024,, at 9:00 AM in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**Roll call was taken as follows:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mark Sochocki

*\*Via Zoom: Larry Sredersas, for informational purposes only, will not vote.*

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" Addition of Action Item 9: Plasma Cutter, Resignation: Mortensen, SW.

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

- School Board Recognition Month: Superintendent Locke acknowledged appreciation to the Board.

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- Minutes from December 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from December 11, 2023, Policy Committee Meeting
- December 2023 Financial Reports and Bills
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
  - There were the following new hire(s):
    - Lauren Tabor, Speech Language Pathologist.
  - There were the following resignations:
    - Lisa Mortensen, School Social Worker.
- Per Board policy, Board member and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only.
  - There were none

Motion by Member Stickler 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 Fred Sharpsteen, Assistant Superintendent of Technology Services, would present the showcase. She reported and reviewed the following:

- **MOISD prevention of cyber loss through cyber-attacks.**

- AI and Phishing attack breaches. A Risk Assessment for the MOISD has been completed. Asset inventory.
- **Security Policy Development:** Acceptable Use Policy by students and staff. Clear and comprehensive cyber security policies.
- **Access Control: implement strong user authentication mechanisms.**
  - Regularly review and update user access privileges based on roles and responsibilities.
- **Network security:** Firewalls.
- **Data Encryption:** Skyward, SDS, Encrypt end-user devices.
- **Security Awareness Training:** All staff take training on this at the beginning of the year.
- **Endpoint Security:** Implement and regularly update antivirus and anti-malware software on all devices.
- **Regular Audits and Assessments**
- **Backup and Recovery:** Establish a robust backup and recovery plan for critical data.
- **Incident Response Plans:** Next steps. Explained the RPO Objective and Recovery Plan.
- **Continuous improvement**

There were questions and comments 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:

- Opening Day 2024-2025
  - We are working on a collective opening day with LEAs; more information to come. The committee is working on identifying a speaker.
- A combined Superintendents Association Meeting: WSESD, NC RESA, MOISD and Locals, WM & and Manistee ISD @ Baldwin Community Schools will occur on Friday, January 12, 2024. Good collaboration is taking place.
- State of the State Address – Superintendent Locke is attending with Kuntz on January 24, 2024.
- Superintendent Locke will present to the Big Rapids Rotary on January 16, 2024.

## III. BOARD BUSINESS.....President Wilkerson

### A. ACTION ITEMS

- **N0. 08... Consideration of Second Reading of the MOISD Board of Education Bylaws and Policies**

There was a motion by Member Speese, supported by Member Stickler, to approve the following Board of Education Bylaws and Policies as presented for a second reading:

- 1001, 2001, 2003,2005, 2007,3003, 4002, 4003,4004, 4005, 5003, 5006, 5010. 6001, 7009, 8001, 8002, 8003, 8007, 8009

A roll call resulted in the following:

**AYES:** Mike Wyman, Heidi Speese, Wayne Stickler, Randy Ostrander, Marie Wilkerson.

**NAYS:**

Absent: Mark Sochocki

*\*Via Zoom: Larry Seredersas.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- **N0. 09... Consideration of Purchase of MOCC Welding, Plasma CNC Cutting Table**

There was a motion by Member Ostrander, supported by Member Wyman, to approve the purchase of a Plasma CNC Cutting Table from Linde for \$39,000.00.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- **Campus & Student Safety.** Caleb Martz, MOCC Principal, presented the following:
  - **CSTAG/Navigate 360:** All local districts are participating. The handout was given to the Board, and the process was explained.

There were comments and questions from the Board.

- **Blue Envelope**

- **Suicide awareness training tool.** Sponsored for free by Corwell Health. This tool is a training on how to respond. SAFE
- **We are participating in this program at the ISD, and all our locals have been trained or are scheduled to get training.**
- **Operational Update**
  - **Hillcrest Collaboration:** This conversation is picking up steam. A Facilities Committee meeting would be held if we go down that road.
  - **Greenhouse:** The white house is down, and an existing well was left to be used. Gretchen Spedowske has submitted for a Grant to build a smaller greenhouse.

## **C. FUTURE ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **MASA 2023 Midwinter Conference:** January 24-26, 2024, in Detroit
- **MASB Winter Institute 2024:** February 2-3, 2024, Virtual Learning Weekend. Let Patience Nemeth know if you would like to attend.
- **February 12, 2024 Board Meeting:** Budget Amendments

## **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **Mark Bongard** addressed the Board. He thanked the Board for everything they do.

President Wilkerson thanked Mark Bongard, a former Board member who attended the meeting.

**V. ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Wilkerson, President

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Wayne Stickler, Secretary

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