

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

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, February 10, 2020, in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

Vice President Thompson officially called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Browers, Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson
Mark Sochocki, Heidi Speese

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marie Wilkerson, Larry Sredersas

Under regular order of business, Vice President Thompson asked if there were any “**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**” There was one addition to the agenda: Action Item No. 19. ..Consideration to go into closed session for a personnel issue, this will be added to the end of the meeting.

There was a motion by Member Speese and supported by Member Sochocki to accept addition to the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from the January 13, 2020, Regular Monthly Meeting
- Minutes from the January 16, 2020, Special Board Meeting
- Payment of January Bills (\$2,505,885.65) and approval of January Financial Reports
- Personnel Resignation and Appointments
 - There were no new hires at this time.
 - There were no resignations at this time.

Superintendent and Board member(s) Conference/Travel Request: There are two at this time: Cathy Browers and Mike Wyman to attend the MASB Winter Institute, February 21-23, 2020, in Lansing.

- Superintendent Locke informed the Board that the MOISD closed on the sale of the home located in Ryan's Creek Way.

There was a motion by Member Browers and supported by Member Sochocki to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Under "Superintendent's Report"

Board Showcase:

- Superintendent Locke announced that Career and Tech Education would be presenting the Board Showcase and introduced Director of CTE, Mike Miller. Mr. Miller introduced Information Technology Instructor, Roger Minert. Mr. Minert informed the Board that the course name has changed from Information Technology to Cyber Security and Information Technology (CsIT). This name change will better reflect the major components of the course. He introduced two IT students (Kyle and John) from Reed City Area Public Schools and Crossroads Charter Academy; they shared their experiences, opportunities, and educational strategies with the Board. Kyle became our first IT student to earn his A+ certification. Mr. Minert also acknowledged student, Blaiz Marlow (Reed City Area Public Schools) for receiving an exceptionally high score on his MOS PowerPoint 2019 exam, Blaiz will go on to compete in Certiport's 2020 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship in Dallas Texas. Mr. Minert presented data on the numerous IT job opportunities in the surrounding area. He reviewed the benefits and educational investment opportunities for students who choose to enroll in the CsIT program. He focused on the tremendous learning opportunities, earned college credits for dual enrollment, and the significant cost savings incurred for students. Mr. Minert will attend career days at various LEA locations to help inform students of these opportunities. There were questions and discussion among the Board.

Department Reports:

- Superintendent Locke reviewed the departmental reports, and the Board commented on sections of the report.

MOISD Updates/News:

Superintendent Locke updated the Board on the following:

- Vision to Learn Program: the VTL is working with the LEA's to schedule vision screenings and eye exams. Information received from the Health Department had major gaps, and student numbers were low. More vision screenings will be needed at the LEA's to build a better baseline. Vision screenings are scheduled to begin next week in Big Rapids. Vision screenings take about 15 seconds per student, and we anticipate that comprehensive exams will be scheduled the following week.
- Instructional Rounds: Three districts (BR, CCA, CH) are participating in Instructional Rounds. Superintendent Locke and Tonya Harrison spoke about the HIL (High Impact Leadership) project, early literacy, and the Instructional Round process.

Under Board Business "**Action Items**," the following was discussed:

Action Item No. 19.... was added to the agenda and will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Under **Board Business “Discussion/Informational Items”**:

Superintendent Locke and the Board discussed the following:

- CBA 214 Class hosted at the MOISD – February 1, 2020
 - Member Wyman and Superintendent Locke reported to the Board.
 - Superintendent Locke has encouraged LEA Superintendents to suggest additional MASB CBA classes that could be offered and hosted at the MOISD.
- Legislative Update
 - Governor’s Budget: very positive is the best in the last 20 years in regards to the educational focus.
 - HB4162: would create savings for the state by eliminating the requirement that the MME (MI Merit Examination) include a workforce readiness assessment (ACT) and would amend the Revised School Code to remove that requirement.
 - MI Merit: Senator Bumstead is pushing a bill to amend the MI Merit Curriculum to give more flexibility to our local school district for graduation requirements, more opportunities to allow them to be career and college ready upon graduation.
 - Mr. Locke will email additional legislative notes to the Board.
- Mission, Vision, Core Values
 - The Mission, Vision, and Core Values were worked on at the Board retreat earlier in the year.
 - Superintendent Locke has met with staff at three separate staff meetings (all staff was invited to attend), they are very supportive of the new Mission, Vision, and Core Values. He will present the new Mission, Vision, Core Values at the March or April Board meeting for adoption.
- 31n: is promising but frustrating due to restrictions on how it can be used. LEA’s know students need the help this program will provide. We are still trying to get funds out to our LEA’s.
- Literacy Coaches: the potential of adding two positions, the posting will be out by the end of next week. These positions would not be in effect until the 2020-2021 school year.
- Board Communication: SAP goals handed out to the Board. One goal was to share out to LEA Boards key information from our Board meeting or things happening in the district. The number two goal was communication shared with all staff. Superintendent Locke asked the Board to email if they would like to volunteer for the next communication.

Under **Board Business “Future Items”** the following were discussed:

- MASB Winter Institute, Feb 21-23, 2020 – Lansing: Cathy Browers and Mike Wyman are attending, let Patience Nemeth know if you would still like to attend.
- MASB Spring Institute, April 17-20, 2020, Gratiot-Isabella RESD, Ithaca: more information to come, let Patience Nemeth know if you would like to attend.
- Superintendent Evaluation: conversation in March, April-Closed Session, May – evaluation

Upcoming Events:

- *February 19, 2020 – Career Expo, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., MOCC*

- *LEA Superintendents will be visiting around lunchtime*
- *Dress for Success: include Board in requests for donations*
- *February 20, 2020 – Business After Hours, 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., MOCC*
- *February 28, 2020 – PBIS Assembly, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m., MOEC*
- *March 24, 2020 – MOCC Open House, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., MOCC*

Public Items – Deb Todd addressed the Board regarding a student bussing concern and policy/administrative guideline.

- **Action Item No. 19...Consideration of Closed Session to Discuss a Personnel Issue.** Motion by Member Browers and supported by Member Speese go into closed session.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Cathy Browers, Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson
 Mark Sochocki, Heidi Speese
 NAYES: None
 ABSENT: Larry Sredersas, Marie Wilkerson

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 7:12 p.m.

Motion by Member Browers and supported by Member Wyman to come out of closed session at 7:37 p.m. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Cathy Browers, Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson
 Mark Sochocki, Heidi Speese
 NAYES: None
 ABSENT: Larry Sredersas, Marie Wilkerson

Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Vice President Thompson at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Thompson, Vice President

Mike Wyman, Secretary