

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

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, September 9, 2019, in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

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

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Sheri Thompson,
Cathy Browsers, Mark Sochocki, Marie Wilkerson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Speese

Under 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: There was a motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Wyman to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Minutes from the August 12, 2019, Regular Board Meeting
- Payment of August bills and approval of the August financial reports
- The hiring of:
 - Diana Bitler - Teacher for the Early Childhood Special Education Program
 - Katharine Rice –Teacher for Special Education – Resource Room at the Education Center
 - Cortney Krugman – Speech and Language Pathologist
 - Jordyn Stromback – Speech and Language Pathologist
 - Jamie Knape – Special Education Supervisor
 - Christy Miller – Planner/Monitor and Special Education Supervisor
- Resignations: Social Worker, Roni Crisman
- Per Board policy, Board members and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board. There are two at this time: Marie Wilkerson and Mike Wyman, 2019 Annual Leadership Conference, November 8-11, 2019, at the Grand Traverse Resort.

Motion carried unanimously.

Under “Superintendent’s Report”:

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- Superintendent Locke announced that Jennifer Vidak, Director of Finance, had the Board Showcase. Superintendent Locke introduced Mark Klumpp, Assistant Superintendent, and Jennifer Vidak, Director of Finance. Mr. Klumpp then introduced Jeffery Staley, CPA, and Tyler Baker, CPA, from Maner Costerisan, who reviewed the audit report. The auditors indicated that the audit went very smooth, especially with the transition from Mr. Higgins to Jennifer Vidak. The auditors gave kudos to Mr. Klumpp, Jennifer Vidak, and the Business office staff for such good audit preparation, following Board Policies, and processes.

Department Updates:

Superintendent Locke discussed Department Updates. The Board commented on sections of the Department Update Report.

MOISD Updates/News:

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- Vision to Learn Program: He discussed the program and how a student transitions through the program. He reported that all LEA districts, except one, would be participating in the program.
- School Budget and late-breaking news
- Lusk Albertson Board Policy – Member Wyman also reported on the policy updates and process with Lusk Albertson.

Under Board Business “Action Items,” the following was discussed:

There were no action items

Under Board Business “Discussion/Information Items,” the following was discussed:

- MOISD Board Meeting – The October Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019, to allow Administrators and MOISD Board members to attend LEA Board meetings.
- Strategic Planning Update: Member Wyman expressed what a great working and informative retreat was held this year. Tina was excellent at working on Core Values and Mission.
- Board/Administrator Representation at LEA Board Meetings in October
 - Big Rapids Public Schools – October 14, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. in High School Media Center
 - Chippewa Hills School District – October 14, 2019 – 6 p.m. at Weidman Elementary
 - Crossroads Charter Academy – October 10, 2019 – 6 p.m. in CCA Media Center (Elementary)
 - Evart Public Schools – October 14, 2019 – 7 p.m. in Board Room of Central Office
 - Morley Stanwood Community Schools – October 21, 2019 – (workshop 6:30 p.m.)7:00 p.m. in High School Media Center
 - Reed City Area Public Schools – October 21, 2019 – (work-study 6 p.m.) 7 p.m. in the Porteous Academic Center

- Mr. Locke has communicated to the LEA Superintendents that MOISD representatives will be at their Board Meetings.
- Patience Nemeth will send out a list of Board and Admin. members that will be attending each meeting.
- Board Communication: We intend to reach out monthly to LEA Board members and share key information while encouraging them to reach out to the MOISD to share highlights and featured information that is going on in each district. This information can be shared at various district Board meetings.

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

- MASB (*Michigan Association of School Board Members*) Leadership Conference – November 8-11, 2019, Member Wyman and President Wilkerson will be attending.
- Cathy Browers reported on the MASB Summer Institute. She indicated it was very informative and a great experience. Cathy indicated that she was complimented on what a functional Board the MOISD has. She also gave kudos to Patience Nemeth for the preparation of Board packets.

Public Items – There were none

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary