

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

April 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, April 10, 2023, 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 9:01 a.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Wyman, Mark Sochocki, Heidi Speese,
Randy Ostrander, Marie Wilkerson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wayne Stickler

VIA Zoom: Larry Sredersas (**informational purposes only*)

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" There were none at this time.

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

Consent Agenda Items:

Under the "Consent Agenda" for Board approval are:

- Minutes from March 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
- March 2023 Financial Reports and Bills
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
 - The Administration is recommending the following new hire(s):
 - Martine Fiting, Teacher Consultant (temp).
 - Mark Klumpp, Special Projects Coordinator (MOISD & MOP)
 - Lenore Weaver, Teacher Substitute at MOEC.
 - There are the following resignations at this time:
 - Brenda Paris, SE Teacher (April 14, 2023)
 - Kelly Tow, School Social Worker (June 30, 2023)

Also on the consent agenda for Board consideration were the probationary professional staff recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year and the one-year administrative contract extensions as follows:

- **Fifth-year probationary status** to Teacher **Diana Bitler**; Teacher Consultant **Monica Dukes**; School Nurse **Brandee Fountain**; Teacher **Aimee Gatrell**; Teacher **Sally Park**; Social Worker **Christi Waldman**.
- **Fourth-year probationary status** to Speech Pathologist **Megin Boes**; Social Worker **Whitney Buffa**; Psychologist **Brittney Heikkila**; Teacher **Brenda Paris**; Teacher Consultant **Tammy Riley**.
- **Third-year probationary status** to Teacher Consultant **Sarah Aljabori**; Speech Pathologist **Sarah Chapin**; Social Worker **Sheri Dailey**; CTE Instructor **Shelli Hallman**; CTE Instructor **Andrew Klimek**; Social Worker **Melissa Shoe**; Teacher Consultant **Rhonda Waldorf**; Speech Pathologist **Alyssa Westmass-Cnossen**; Speech Pathologist **Caitlin Wilk**.

- [Second-year probationary status](#) to Occupational Therapist **Dana Berthiaume**; School Psychologist **Carli Bowman**; Speech Pathologist **Alexandra Kreger**; CTE Teacher **Gary McIntyre**; Social Worker **Samantha Sanchez-Rivera**; Speech Pathologist **Kayla Schumaker**; Occupational Therapist **Elizabeth Slack**; Teacher Consultant **Michelle Swinson**; Speech Pathologist **Allyson Stokely**.
- [Administrative contract extension recommendations](#) through the 2023-24 school year are as follows: **Josie Hill, Amanda Kimball, Christy Miller, Karlene Rader, Fred Sharpsteen, Gretchen Spedowske, Pat Craven, Jaime Knapp, Jenny Knopf, Ayla Lockhart, Caleb Martz.**

Per Board policy, Board members and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board.

- There were the following at this time:
 - Marie Wilkerson, MASB 2023 Spring Institute April 28-29, 2023, in Lansing, MI.
 - Mike Wyman, MASB 2023 Spring Institute April 28-29, 2023, in Lansing, MI.

There was a motion by Member Speese, Supported by Member Ostrander, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Under "Superintendent's Report"

Board showcase: Superintendent Locke announced that Gretchen Spedowske, Assistant Superintendent of CTE Services, would be presenting. Mrs. Spedowske presented the following:

- Welding and AMT enrollment and credentials.
- Mr. Martz updated the Board on program enrollment, availability of open seats, and 2nd year welding admissions.
- Jayna Wekenman, Paraeducator for the welding programs, spoke on program opportunities and discussed 1st and 2nd year welding programs and work-based learning.
- Gary McIntyre, AMT Instructor, discussed this program and the certifications available.
- Yoplait: Evening opportunities for staff training.
- MiWorks: CNA student tuition.
- MOCC Summer Camp: AMT and robotics were added this year. There will be ten camps in the AM & PM.

There were questions and comments from the Board.

Department Reports:

- Superintendent Locke asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Department Updates. Members of the Board commented on various areas of the report.

MOISD Updates/News:

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- MRYH: Is seeking to reopen.
- Contract Negotiation Team: April 11, 2023, will be the first meeting.
- Open teaching positions: Construction Trades, Teacher Academy, Agriscience, Elem MoCI
- Business office.
- Eastwood Building Conversation

Under Board Business

"**Action Items,**" the following was discussed:

- **ACTION ITEM: No. 12... Consideration and Approval of the 2023-2024 MOISD US-10 Calendar** The Administration and AFSME Union had agreed upon the 2023-2024 MOISD US-10 Calendar and were seeking Board approval.

There was a motion by Member Speese and supported by Member Wyman to approve the 2023-2024 MOISD US-10 Calendar presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- **ACTION ITEM: No. 13... Consideration of Bids for Lawn Care Services**
A request for proposal was sent out asking for (two) bids for lawn care services. The Administration was recommending the bid from Pro-Turf Outdoor Services be accepted in the amount of \$260.00 every seven days for Bid #1 and \$150 every seven days for Bid #2.

There was a motion by Member Sochocki and supported by Member Ostrander to approve Pro-Turf Outdoor Services for lawn care services. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- **ACTION ITEM: No. 14...Consideration of PAC Appointment for Chippewa Hills School District.** The MOISD Administration recommends Board approval for Lisa Dore to the Chippewa Hills School District Parent Advisory Council.

There was a motion by Member Ostrander and supported by Member Speese to approve the appointment of Lisa Dore as the PAC representative for Chippewa Hills School District. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Under "**Discussion/Informational Items**":

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- **Legislative Update**
 - 3rd-grade Reading Law
 - Michigan Civil Rights Act
 - Right to Work
 - AFSCME
- **Operational Update**
 - Moving forward with demolition of the house across the street to clear space for the agriscience program (greenhouse). Contract with Morningstar.
 - There will be a meeting with GMB on Wednesday for site planning. Superintendent Locke will share details at an upcoming facilities committee. Mr. Klumpp to work on fundraising and donations.
 - Agriscience up by fall and classroom space in 2024-2025. Agriscience Program: There is instructional space in MOCC for these students.
 - Apple Orchard: Unsure of the status of the orchard. Thinking about what kind of crops and gardens we could have.
 - Thoughts/Ideas: Building spaces-brown building for sale: DT transition spaces and use DT building as a storefront.
 - Career Center Gate project
- **2023-2024 Budget Assumptions- General Fund**
 - Patience Nemeth will send it to LEAs for approval at their May board meeting.- Josie Hill, Business Manager, reviewed the General Fund budget with the Board.
 - The Governor's budget.
 - GSRP is underfunded by @193 thousand dollars.
 - Addition/switchover of LTC and Death benefit
- **MOEC Summer Programming Update**

Under **Board Business "Future Items,"** the following were discussed:

- MOEC EGGstravaganza: April 10, 2023, 9:30 -11:30 a.m. & 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
- CTE Capitol Showcase, Lansing: April 20, 2023
- Superintendent Evaluation Training, Collins & Blaha: April 21, 2023, 12 p.m.
 - Let Patience know if you would like to attend.
- MOCC Honors Celebration: April 27, 2023, at 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 - all districts
- Joint Legislative Meeting and Breakfast: April 28, 2023, at 9 a.m.
 - Let Patience know if you would like to attend.
- MOEC PBIS Assembly: April 28, 2023, at 1 p.m.
- 2023 MASB Spring Institute, Lansing, MI, April 28-29, 2023
 - Let Patience know if you would like to attend.
- MOISD All-Staff Lunch: May 5, 2023
 - Stop by for lunch at noon. Patience will send this to the Board calendar.
- County School Board Meeting – May 22, 2023, 6-8 p.m.
 - Let Patience know if you would like to attend.
- MOEC Graduation: May 24, 2023, more information to follow.
- Biennial Election: June 6, 2023
- Regular Board Meeting, June 11, 2023, at 9 a.m.
 - 2023-2024 Budget Assumptions
- Special Board Meeting, June 26, 2023
 - 2022-2023 Final Budget Amendments
- Superintendent Evaluation – June Board Meeting

Public Items – there were none.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

_ Wayne Stickler, Secretary