



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

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom and YouTube. This meeting of the Board was held virtually per the MDDHS Emergency Order. The public was asked to contact Patience Nemeth, Superintendent's Executive Administrative Assistant, at pnemeth@moisd.org if they wished to attend the meeting.

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

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Sredersas

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."**

Consent Agenda Items:

Under the "Consent Agenda" for Board approval are the:

- Minutes from February 8, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
- February Financial Reports and Bills \$2,452,309.96

- There were no new hires at this time.
- There was one resignation: Carol Ray, Teacher Consultant for the Visually Impaired.
- Per Board policy, Board member and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only. There were none at this time.

There was a motion by Member Thompson, supported by Member Browers, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Mark Sochocki, Cathy Browers,
Heidi Speese, Marie Wilkerson

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Larry Sredersas

Motion carried unanimously.

Under "Superintendent's Report"

- **Board Showcase:**

Superintendent Locke announced that Director of General Education Tonya Harrison would present the Board Showcase. Mrs. Harrison presented on Title IX. She gave an overview of Title IX and reviewed the new updates and legislation changes and explained how they impact MOISD students and staff. She reviewed new terminology, staff involved in the process, the definition of sexual harassment, and the three types of harassment. Mrs. Harrison described the process, investigation, and decision process that is followed by the MOISD. There were comments, questions, and discussion among the Board.

- **Department Updates:**

Superintendent Locke reviewed the report and asked the Board if there were any questions or feedback. There were comments from the Board on various sections of the report.

- **MOISD Updates/News-** Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- **MOP Program:** Technology continues to be a primary source of use for this program. The Director of Technology, Fred Sharpsteen, has some great ideas to support the local districts. There was discussion among the Board.
- **Local Board Updates:** Member Thompsons asked if there was any feedback from the local Boards regarding the Department Updates. Currently, there has not been much, if any, feedback.
- **March is Reading Month:** There will be no in-person reading at this time. However, we can record readers and place the video in the Google drive for teachers to use in their classrooms, or you can read live to a classroom via Zoom. Contact Patience Nemeth or Superintendent Locke if interested.
- **MOISD Annual Report:** This is a work in progress. The intention is to have it ready to go by May. The goal is to present Board members, stakeholders, local districts with a better idea of all of the things we are doing and how we are progressing in those initiatives.

Under "Board Business"

ACTION ITEMS:

No. 22... Consideration of Reconfirmation of the Mecosta- Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan. Superintendent Locke reviewed the report for the February 2021 Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation documentation with the Board. He reported attendance rates and indicated there is no plan to change anything up at this time. There were no questions from the public.

There was a motion by Member Sochocki, supported by Member Speese, to approve the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Mark Sochocki, Cathy Browers,
Heidi Speese, Marie Wilkerson

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Larry Sredersas,

Motion carried unanimously.

No. 23... Consideration of Second Reading and Approval of Miller Johnson Board Policies

The Board has completed the first reading and is now approving the following Board policies:

- 1002 Meetings of the Board of Education
- 2006 Behavior-Student Bullying
- 8002 Americans with Disabilities Act/Section 504

There was a motion by Member Thompson, supported by Member Browers, to approve the Board policies as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: No. 24... Consideration of PAC Appointment

At its February 15, 2021, meeting, the Morley Stanwood Community Schools Board of Education voted to recommend Jessica Routley as the Morley Stanwood Community Schools representative to the Parent Advisory Committee. The Administration was recommending the appointment of Jessica Routley and seeking Board approval.

There was a motion by Member Wyman, supported by Member Speese, to approve the appointment of Jessica Routley as the PAC representative for Morley Stanwood Community Schools.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Under "Discussion/Informational Items," – Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- **Legislative Update:**
 - **ESSER II** – was signed into law by President Trump. As a part of that package, Michigan received a 1.9 billion dollar package allocated to schools. 90% of those funds were to be distributed via Title I allocation. To date, none of those dollars have been disbursed to school districts. Superintendent Locke also discussed legislative issues related to ESSER II.
 - **House Bill 4097 and 4908** – explained these bills and how House Bill 4908 is tied banded to the supplemental spending House Bill 4097. If House Bill 4908 is not passed, there are sections of House Bill 4907 that they will not pass as well.
 - **American Rescue Plan Act**- discussed the new federal stimulus package that is in the process of being signed by President Biden.
 - Most of these federal dollars are allocated to local school districts.
 - **Budget:** we still yet to have a budget for the state for the next fiscal year.
 - **Legislative Ask:** we continue to ask our legislators to address student performance, growth data, and teacher evaluation.

- **Operational Update-** Assistant Superintendent Mark Klumpp reported the following:
 - **Relaxed regulations on meetings:** has allowed us to host some ISD-wide in-person training.
 - **Health Department and new COVID protocols** have been put in place for employees that have been vaccinated. We have constant communication and consulting with the Health Department.
 - **MOISD COVID protocols:** we are maintaining all standards and protocols. We did get clearance for outside activities for students from the Health Department.
- **Summer School Plan:** we are moving forward with our idea of integrating summer camp with summer school. There has been a lot of work and discussion on this topic. The program has been rolled out to the local superintendents. There is a lot of excitement from Reed City Area Public Schools and Ewart Public Schools, and they are planning on using this as their summer program. Local Mecosta County schools are also really interested in this idea. This is very exciting, and Director of General Education Tonya Harrison will be heading up this program.
- **Credit Recovery:** there has been preliminary discussion regarding possibly offering credit recovery at the high school level through the Career Center. This would be offered primarily to 9th and 10th grade students. Local district superintendents are excited about this opportunity as well. More information will be provided at a later date.

Under "Future Items"- the following was discussed:

- **April Board Meeting:** we are waiting to see if there is action from the legislature to see if they extend the virtual option. There is a bill that could extend the virtual option to December 2021. Currently, we are planning a face-to-face meeting in April.

Public Comment

- There were no public comments

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary