

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

May 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, May 11, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting of the Board was held virtually per the Governor's Executive Order. The public was asked to email Patience Nemeth, Executive Assistant to the Superintendents', at pnemeth@moisd.org, if they would like to attend the meeting. The meeting was also broadcast live via YouTube.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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:

- Minutes from April 20, 2020, Regular Board Meeting
- April Financial Reports and Bills of \$3,289,025.43
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
 - There are no new hires at this time.
 - There are no resignations at this time.
- Per Board policy, Board members and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only.
 - There are none at this time.

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

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Under “Superintendent’s Report”

Board Showcases:

- Superintendent Locke introduced Karen Roy, Director of Special Projects, to present the Board showcase. Ms. Roy discussed how teachers are interacting with students. She introduced the following teachers: Amie Neubecker, Megan Gebhardt, and Kellie Bolin, they spoke about their experiences, family involvement, rewards, challenges, and successes of teaching students virtually. Karen Roy shared her thoughts about this model of delivery and process of pulling people together for the showcase. Staff have been very aware of what students and families need during this time, and she is very proud. The Board commented and expressed kudos for all their hard work. They were impressed with their focus on supporting students and parents, and by the teamwork shown by all staff and departments.
- Superintendent Locke informed the Board on current conversations relating to what the fall of 2020 will involve. Currently, we are pushing for data and pushing for delaying any type of decision making so early in the process.

Department Update Reports:

- Superintendent Locke reviewed the departmental reports, and the Board commented on sections of the report. Member Wyman indicated that with everything going on right now, the reports are even more beneficial and priceless.

MOISD Updates/News:

Superintendent Locke updated the Board on the following:

- Continuity of Learning Plans: our approach to providing learning opportunities for students in all of our ISD programs. CLP’s are posted on the MOISD website and the LEA’s have them posted on their websites. Plans have recently been amended due to executive orders.
- Contingency Learning Plans: are plans for the Special Education Department, their response for meeting students where they are and meeting their immediate needs are best able to be met.
- Superintendent Locke asked the tech department to see how many people have accessed these plans; the results were not favorable.
- MOISD Wide Professional Development: is currently planned for August 24, 2020. This training will include all staff from our constituents and is presently scheduled at Ferris State University. Training will be trauma-based. We want to go from trauma-informed and become trauma-responsive and competent practices. Tonya Harrison, Gen Ed Director, and her team, and Allison Nelson will lead this. This includes training throughout the year and meeting with the LEA principals do perform case studies. We are excited about this collaboration. More information will come at a later date.

- MOP: Superintendent Locke explained the purpose of the MOP program; the purpose is not to be a third-party contractor. He informed the Board that the MOP payroll specialists intends on resigning at the end of this school year. This position will go back into the hands of Big Rapids Public Schools.

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

- There were none

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

- Biennial Election: no seats are up for reelection.

Superintendent Locke reported on:

- Legislative Update:
 - Last week Superintendent Locke had Patience Nemeth invite local legislators to attend the LEA Superintendent meeting; the following legislators attended: Senator VanderWall, Senator Outman, and Representative VanSingel. The following was discussed budget for state revenue through taxes, the potential for backfill of loss revenue. Encouraging local legislators to advocated for flexibility and how they are spent. What the fall will look like for students returning to school.
 - Education: what decision process is going to guide how education moves forward. Conversations are starting about what school will look like in the fall.
- Budget:
 - Potential impact: looking at various budgetary options for next year
 - Stimulus packages
 - School Aide Fund for 2020-201: looks pretty dire with a significant decrease in per-pupil dollars.
 - How will this affect the hiring of new staff?
 - Enrollment numbers and enrollment standpoint
 - The MOISD is ready to help support the LEA’s. Preliminary strategy conversations are taking place now.
- COVID 19
 - How will this affect enrollment for next year?
 - Revenue loss due to COVID 19
 - Emotional/Social trauma COVID 19 has caused for students and families.
 - 31N funds- flexibility in funds to support students when school resumes.
- Vision to Learn
 - Ann Durkee reported to Superintendent Locke that a lot of families, especially in Big Rapids Public Schools and Crossroads Charter Academy, had received their glasses. Some were sent home with food baskets. We are awaiting feedback from students and families.
- Superintendent Evaluation: will continue with this process

- We will revisit this in June, if allowable.
- President Wilkerson asked the members of the Board to complete the Superintendent evaluation tool and email to Patience Nemeth.
- **Board Communication:**
 - Member Sredersas sent out a communication to all staff.
 - Member Wyman wrote a letter to the LEA's Boards; the letter was emailed and mailed to the LEA Board Secretaries.
 - The Board will contact Superintendent Locke to let him know who will complete the next Board communication.

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

- July 13, 2020 - MOISD Organizational Meeting
- There will be a Special Board Meeting in late June for the 2019-2020 end of the year budget. This will give a more accurate budget picture before we close out the books for 2019-2020 - date TBD.

Upcoming Events:

- April 29, 2020 – County School Board Meeting is canceled with hopes to reschedule.
 - Possible date in June/July – Peter Spadafore is interested in presenting.

Public Items – There were no comment's through Zoom or YouTube

President Wilkerson expressed thanks to Member Sredersas and Member Wyman for sending out their communications. She expressed gratitude to Superintendent Locke and all involved team members for all their hard work in compiling the Continuity of Learning Plans and to Superintendent Locke for getting them approved for the LEA's. Member Wyman also commented on the above.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary