

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

November 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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.**” President Wilkerson acknowledged Veterans Day.

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from October 11, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
- October 11, 2021 Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting
- October Financial Reports and Bills
 - The administration is recommending the following new hire(s):
 - There were none at this time.
 - There were the following resignations:
 - Mary Corder, Speech-Language Pathologist

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

Motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Under “Superintendent’s Report”

Board Showcase:

- Superintendent Locke announced that the Director of CTE, Gretchen Spedowske, had the Board Showcase. Mrs. Spedowske introduced Jill Ray as a co-presenter. She indicated they would be focusing on the MOISD mission, core value- student-focused. She presented on the Allied Health and Certified Nursing programs and enrollment numbers. She reviewed the curriculum required for each year and discussed FUS on-site classes and work-based learning. Ms. Ray discussed work-based opportunities and explained that they count toward student training/credits and organizations associated with the MOISD work-based learning opportunities. MOCC will continue to offer a robust curriculum. Mrs. Spedowske plans to meet with multiple work-based learning sites to promote these courses and certifications. She discussed the Michigan Works partnership and early college opportunities. Superintendent Locke discussed WIOA legislation as well as 127b funding. Advertising and marketing were reviewed, and the focus on marketing to parents as it is very little to no cost for the students and parents. There were questions and discussions among the Board.

MOISD Departmental Reports:

- Superintendent Locke acknowledged the Department Update report and asked the Board for feedback. The Board commented on sections of the report.
- The Board would like hard copies of the Department Update report to take to LEA Board visits in the spring.

MOISD Departmental Updates/News:

- Superintendent Locke discussed the following:
 - **Transportation News –**
 - Challenges in the LEA districts
 - Social media interaction
 - National “walkout” day: occurred in one LEA district. Parents were asked to bus students to school.
 - The effect this has on students and parents was discussed.
 - **Project Moonshot:** Director of Technology, Fred Sharpsteen, updated the Board. This group just received a National Award is up for another. He discussed where weaknesses are and how to solve them and discussed the continued work to bridge the digital divide in Michigan. The lack of connections at student homes was discussed.
 - **ISD Services:** Superintendent Locke has been meeting with local superintendents one-on-one to touch base and receive feedback on ISD services. This is part of our Annual Report process, in which we report out on the effectiveness of the MOISD services and partnerships with our LEA’s.

- **McKinney Vento Grant Coordinator:** Director of CTE, Gretchen Spedowske, has managed this grant in the past and is willing to do so again. We are working with MDE to bring this back under our purview. This grant is just under 90K.

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

- **There were none.**

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

Superintendent Locke reported on:

- **Legislative Update**

- **Representative Hornberger:** MASB Association Fees
- **Speaker of the House Jason Wentworth:** school vouchers
- **CRT:** not signed into law

- **Operational Updates:**

- **Today’s Attendance:** around 35 absences. We are seeing high numbers of close contact quarantines.
- **Quarantining Close Contacts:** Superintendents have been talking about the current practice. There does not seem to be any correlation between this practice and COVID mitigation. The
- **Vaccine Mandate and Court Injunction:** we are taking the wait-and-see approach. Superintendent Locke is keeping staff updated.

- **Committee Reports:**

- The Personnel/Policy Committee: met last month to discuss district needs regarding Mr. Klumpp’s upcoming retirement.
- The Programs and Policy Committee: Met before the Board meeting today and discussed ways to get more LEA Board involvement, MOISD services and goals.

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

- November 2021 MASB Annual Leadership Conference & Delegate Assembly, November 11-14, 2021.
 - President Wilkerson and Member Wyman will be attending.
- A Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting will be held next on December 13, 2021, at 5 p.m.
 - Patience Nemeth will send out meeting details.

- **Public Items –**

- Peggy Cone, MOISD Bus Driver. Explained she wanted to express her appreciation and happiness working for the MOISD.

Assistant Superintendent Klumpp updated the Board on the estate. He also informed the Board that the CTE house is listed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary