

# **MOP<sup>2</sup> Agenda**

## **(Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and CTC Programs)**

### **August 20, 2020, at 8 a.m.**

This meeting was held in the Parsons Room of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD building and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 801 a.m. by Steve Locke (MOP Director, MOISD Superintendent).

1. Members Present: Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood)-via Zoom, Sherry Anderson (Chippewa Hills), Sheri Thompson (Mecosta Osceola ISD), Gerald Nichols (Evert), Christine Mund (Reed City)-via Zoom, and Steve Locke (MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director).

Member Absent: Pete Kent (Big Rapids), James Swartzendruber (Crossroads)

Others Present: Mike Miller-via zoom, Christy Miller, Patience Nemeth

#### **2. Establish 2020-2021 MOP<sup>2</sup> Officers**

a. Director - Sheri Thompson nominated Steve Locke for MOP Director. There was a motion by Sheri Thompson, supported by Sherry Anderson, to appoint Steve Locke as MOP Director. **Motion passed unanimously.**

b. Recording Secretary- Sherry Anderson nominated Patience Nemeth as MOP Recording Secretary. There was a motion by Sherry Anderson, supported by Gerald Nichols, to appoint Patience Nemeth as MOP Recording Secretary. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Adopt June 18, 2020, Meeting Minutes** - There was a motion by Sheri Thompson, supported by Gerald Nichols, to adopt the June 18, 2020 MOP Minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **4. Set Meeting Dates, Times, and Places-**

Sherry Anderson proposed that the council move time to at least 9 a.m., most council members agreed. Patience Nemeth will send a Doodle/survey to the council to arrange a meeting time to accommodate the council. The meeting time will be adopted at the next meeting.

5. **Alternates for MOP-** there were no changes to the current council alternates.

#### **6. New MOP Co-Op Positions**

- LEA Special Education Supervisor Positions
- Superintendent Locke discussed these positions with the council.
- Meeting turned over to Christy Miller, Director of Special Education: Mrs. Miller explained these positions to the council and indicated that our goal is to help districts support students. LEA Individuals that are currently serving at the Special Education Supervisor in their district are spread thin. We are looking to partner with them- the MOISD just interviewed for the Evert Public Schools positions. This position would serve at the MOISD Planner/Monitor and Evert Public School Special Education Supervisor. Ayla Lockhart, formerly the Reed City Area Public Schools supervisor, was hired for this position. She is currently in her second week; we are working with Evert Public school on what this position will look like.

- The MOISD just interviewed for the Big Rapids Public Schools position. This position will serve as the Special Education Supervisor for the MOISD Special Education Satellite Classroom Supervisors and the Big Rapids Public Schools Special Education Supervisor. This position will be even more seamless as the MOISD Satellite classrooms they supervise will be our Big Rapids Satellite Classrooms.
- Superintendent Locke- explained that hiring Ayla Lockhart has opened some need in Reed City, which we will assist Superintendent Sweet and Reed City Public Schools with as much as possible.
- Crossroads- Superintendent Locke spoke with them yesterday. They are working on hiring a new superintendent, and they will look at the special education supervisor services at a later date, once they are settled. This would be a nice balance to a shared position.
- Sherry Anderson - reported that she mentioned the shared services of a special education supervisor at her Board meeting. There were some questions on how the position would be split and the cost. Superintendent Locke explained these positions and split percentages. Local superintendents are aware of these savings.
- Superintendent Locke: proposed to the council that MOP approve the LEA Special Education Supervisor positions. There was a motion by Sheri Thompson, supported by Gerald Nichols, to approve the Special Education Supervisor Positions. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Superintendent Locke asked Mike Miller, Director of CTE, to give an update on Meceola Tech.

- Mr. Miller reported the following:
  - The MOISD is in process with the state regarding the 107 grant. This grant supports students working on high school diplomas and GED.
  - Microsoft specialist class
  - Construction- working on finding an instructor for this class. Has spoken with some local contractors.
  - Truck driving school- the most recent course is not going to run due to low enrollment. First-class completed successfully. He discussed the class and the process. We continue to advertise.
  - Enrollment: was staggered to coincide with LEA start dates.
  - The MOISD has dove deep and is looking at costs and tuition rates. A document has been developed that is used to figure cost and the minimum number of students that need to be enrolled to support programs.
- Superintendent Locke discussed the following:
  - Financial solvency and asked Mr. Miller to report on what we have heard about 107 grant. Mr. Miller indicated nothing specific. The 107 grant is in the final year of the initial legislation. For it to continue, it would have to be reauthorized. One individual is fully funded through his grant, and multiple employees are partially funded by it. Loss of financial supplement would be @ \$150,000/year.

## 7. MOP Co-Op Positions by District

- The council was given a list of current MOP Co-Op Positions by district.

## 8. Other:

- Board- any questions about MOP, where are we headed?
- How are we positioned for the new few months? We are a bit more insulated as we are not funded on a per-pupil basis. Tax revenue-based- will show at a slower rate.
- We need to look at positions that are not shared- this was discussed with the Reed City Superintendent. There was a discussion about what may need to be done in the future.

- Christine Mund will connect with Mr. Sweet to explain the purpose of the MOP.
- Legislation: A package of bills was shared that kind of parallels the Governor's guidelines, but not exactly. There are some additional requirements and reporting needs. Virtual Charter schools are not held to the same standard.
- Our superintendents are a bit frustrated by this but have a good handle on it.
- Budget: still none
- Pupil Count: 75-25 split, currently we do not know what the allowance is going to be.
- Can we count the virtual students? There are some guidelines on this that we will follow. Charter schools do not have the same requirements.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth  
Recording Secretary