

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

**AUGUST 14, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wayne Stickler, Heidi Speese,  
Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Randy Ostrander,  
Marie Wilkerson, Mark Sochocki

**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 July 10, 2023, Organizational Meeting
- Minutes from July 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
- July financial reports and bills
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
  - The administration was recommending the following new hire(s):
    - There were none
    - There were the following resignations:
      - Arianne Hyrns, 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

Motion by Member Stickler and supported by Member Sredersas to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Under "Superintendent's Report"**

**MOISD Departmental Reports:**

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**II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.....Steve Locke, Superintendent**

**A. Department Updates – There are no Department Update Reports this month.**

- Department Reports will return in September.

**B. MOISD Updates/News**

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- Open MOISD positions.
- Business Manager Academy: Currently, 15 individuals are enrolled from our LEAs and ISD.
- Monday, August 21, 2023 Staff return. Students return on Wednesday.
- GT Norman move (GSRP, Early On).
- Technology: All interactive boards have arrived. The Board will tour a classroom after the next Board meeting to see them in use.

**III. BOARD BUSINESS.....President Wilkerson**

**A. ACTION ITEMS**

- There were none.

**B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

**• Operational Update**

- Agriscience and Natural Resources – Greenhouse project. This project is moving forward.
- Removal of the white house across the street: We await a third price quote for asbestos abatement.
- Fence Projects:
  - There is a new fence around the SE MOEC building. It was funded by the estate donation and determined by the planning committee.
  - MOCC fence
- NMSLA Summer Conference: Mike reported to the Board.
- Social Media Lawsuit: Vape lawsuit. The same attorney group is now looking for plaintiffs (schools included) against social media companies.
- MISEC: Energy cooperative, 15-year commitment. The Board discussed savings, caps, and price per kilowatt/hour and committing a portion to green. Board consensus was positive.
- LEA Superintendent Retreat: Hosted at Legends Ranch. Bob Schindler presented, and the Assistant Superintendents of each department gave departmental presentations.
- MOISD Admin Retreat: Hosted at Crystal Mountain. Kevin Sutton presented professional learning. MTSS overview and MOISD Opening Day planning. This year's book study: Customer Rules.
- MOISD 2023-2024 Student/Parent Handbooks were discussed. All changes are noted in the handbooks for Board Review. Let Patience know if you see anything you want changed.
  - MOCC, MOEC, GSRP
- MOISD Financial /Banking Approach

- Huntington Bank. We will schedule a Finance Committee meeting before the next Board meeting to discuss.

### **C. FUTURE ITEMS**

- August 21, 2023: MOISD Opening Day - Invited the Board to attend.
  - Wellness and Wellbeing: Sheryl Presler will head up our Wellness Program. #BeWell
- August 24 is the 1st day for students. MOCC or MOEC Busses pull in about 8:15 a.m. to welcome kids back. Invited the Board to attend.
- Correction: September 11, 2023, Board Meeting: will be held at MORC building main campus.
- Patience is working on a location for the October 9, 2023, Board meeting and retreat.
- MASB Annual Leadership Conference: Traverse City, November 9-12, 2023  
Delegate Assembly: Mike Wyman. Patience will send out details.
- AESA Annual Conference: California, November 29-December 1. Patience will send out details. Let her know by September 19, 2023.

### **D. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Audit Presentation – October Board Meeting

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were none.

**V. ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Wilkerson, President

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Wayne Stickler, Secretary