

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.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 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Speese

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" There were none. President Wilkerson recognized the significance of the day of 9/11.

President Wilkerson then asked if there were any "**Communications.**" There were none.

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from August 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
- August financial reports and bills
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
 - The administration was recommending the following new hire(s):
 - Gary Poortvliet, Instructor of Auto Technology.
 - Eric Richardson, Instructor of Construction Trades.
 - Samantha Sheridan, Speech Language Pathologist.
 - There were the following resignations:
 - There were none.

Per Board policy, Board member and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only.

- Steve Locke – MASA Fall Conference: September 20-22, 2023, Traverse City, MI.
- Steve Locke – 2023 MNA Fall Conference: October 4-6, 2023, Bellaire, MI.
- Marie Wilkerson - MASB Annual Leadership Conference: November 8-12, 2023, Lansing, MI.
- Mike Wyman - MASB Annual Leadership Conference and Delegate Assembly: November 8-12, 2023, Lansing, MI.

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

Under "Superintendent's Report"

MOISD Departmental Reports:

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

A. Board Showcase

Superintendent Locke announced that Amanda Kimball, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, would be presenting. Ms. Kimball reported on the following:

- An overview of what the General Education Department is doing this school year.
- MTSS has been implemented at the MOISD, Big Rapids, and Reed City Schools.
- Explained the "why" and the outcomes of MTSS. Tier 1,2,3
- Student expectations and behavior support.
- If done correctly, the goal is to get fewer students referred to SE. So students can be helped to stay in Gen Ed.

There were questions and comments from the Board.

B. Department Updates

- Department updates were reviewed. There were various comments from the Board.

B. MOISD Updates/News

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- Talent Together: The ISD is one of 48 ISD's participating. This program is designed to reduce barriers such as cost, time, and location to get candidates the necessary teaching credentials. Sheryl Presler serves as the Talent Together Ambassador.
 - FSU and representatives from Talent Together are scheduled to meet next week.
- MiPSE: Special Education Platform was discussed.
- MTSS: The primary focus is on Big Rapids Public Schools, Reed City Area Public Schools, and Evart.
- Special Projects Coordinator: Mark Klumpp has been assisting the LEAs with several unique projects. He also continues to move the AgScience project forward.
- Sherly Presler continues to provide leadership in the Human Resources and Business Office and is on the ISD Admin Team. She is also heading up #BeWell, Talent Together, and has completed employee handbook revisions.

III. BOARD BUSINESS.....President Wilkerson

A. ACTION ITEMS

- There were none.

B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

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• **Operational Update**

- Agriscience and Environmental Studies
 - Asbestos Abatement: white house across the street.
 - Site plan review from the City of Big Rapids is scheduled for next week, Wednesday. Mr. Klumpp and Mrs. Spedowske will attend.
 - We are currently going out for bids for the greenhouse build.
- Classroom, Offices, and Meeting Spaces
 - The transition from Eastwood to GT Norman is essentially complete. RCAPS has been fantastic to work with.
- EEM: Name Change -Eastwood Early Childhood Center to MOISD Early Childhood.
- House Bill 4761 Prelabor Day Start Prohibition
- A Finance Committee meeting was held prior to the Board meeting.
 - Member Sochocki reported. Another Finance Committee meeting will be held in November.
- MOISD Board Policy Updates.
 - We will have a Policy Committee Meeting will be held in November.
- Our Brothers Keepers Homeless Shelter was discussed.

There was discussion among the Board.

C. FUTURE ITEMS

- The October 9, 2023, Board Meeting will be held at 9 a.m. at the Depot in Reed City, followed by the MOISD Board Retreat.
- Audit Presentation – October Board Meeting. Lunch at noon
 - The audit Presentation will be sent to the Board before the October meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Debbie Todd addressed the Board.

V. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary