

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

OCTOBER 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, October 9, 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: Mike Wyman, Heidi Speese, Larry Sredersas,
Marie Wilkerson, Mark Sochocki

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wayne Stickler, Randy Ostrander,

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 September 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
- September financial reports and bills
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
 - The administration was recommending the following new hire(s):
 - Hannah Dalgeish, Occupational Therapist.
 - Lisa Mortensen, School Social Worker.
 - 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: MAISA Fall Meetings, November 9-10, 2023, in Lansing.

Motion by Member Sochocki and supported by Member Sredersas 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 the audit would be presented. Josie Hill, Business Manager, introduced Tyler Baker, Auditor, from Maner Costerisan. Tyler presented the audit report, audit year-end on June 30, 2023. He reviewed the management letter, the

governance letter (copy given to the Board), and the Statement of Net Position. The MOISD received the highest level of assurance. He reported and reviewed the following:

- Review of Balance Sheet- Total Fund Balances for all departments.
- Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for each department.
- Pension and OPEB review. Pension: Changes to the retirement system were discussed, along with pension availability.
- Retirement and benefits costs for employer/employee were discussed among the Board.
- Revenue and expenditures specific to each fund.
- Single Audit review- summary of auditors' report.
- 47C & C2

There were comments and questions from the Board.

The Board took a short break at 9:36 a.m. and returned to a session at 9:47 a.m.

B. Department Updates

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

C. MOISD Updates/News

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- MiPSE rollout. Jodi LaFeldt, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education Services, reported to the Board. Currently, we are at about a 35% rollout. The goal is data and accurate data. Superintendent Locke reiterated that communication and collaboration is the key. The change to MiPSE is for the MOSID and the locals.
- MTSS- RCAPS and BRPS.
- Truancy- Fred Sharpsteen, Assistant Superintendent of Technology Services, reported on truancy:
 - We are working on figuring out how to get them back into school.
 - We have two truancy officers at this time - through the MOP program. They service the local schools as well.
- Teacher Academy- Gretchen Spedowske, Assistant Superintendent of CTE Services reported the following: The academy has 18 students out right now from our local districts. If all works out as it should, they should have an associate's degree after their 13th year.
- Talent Together program
- Wellness Initiative #BeWell.
 - Sheryl Presler worked to set up the MOISD with the Adopt-A-Highway program. The MOISD adopted a 3-mile stretch from 21 Mile Road to Meceola Road. Patience will let the Board know the next Adopt-A-Highway cleanup date.
 - An onsite Flu Shot Clinic has been offered to all staff.
 - Healthy and easy recipe book. Students will do the artwork.
 - Several upcoming #BeWell activities were discussed.

III. BOARD BUSINESS.....President Wilkerson

A. ACTION ITEMS

- There were none.

B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- Legislative Update

- House Bill 5021- Pension changes
- Teacher Placement
- Teacher Discipline
- We will work with Miller Johnson to make sure we are in compliance with state law.
- Current Legislative Session- May start as early as Nov 2 & 9. Superintendent Locke will keep the Board informed.
- Teacher Evaluation
- Operational Update
 - Bid opening for Greenhouse: \$760,000.00
 - The MOISD did receive a Laprino grant to furnish the inside.
 - The Board will need more information. We are working on getting that together. Mr. Klumpp will assist with this.
 - Corporate sponsors?
 - Market
 - We will have a Facilities Committee meeting in November to discuss.
 - Principal's Month
 - We will highlight all of our MOISD principals on our MOISD Facebook page.
 - Policy Committee Meeting: December 11, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.
 - Finance and Facility Committee Meeting: November 13, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.

C. FUTURE ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 17, 2023: MOCC Open House, 5–7 p.m.
- October 18, 2023: MOEC, Fire Safety Presentation by Big Rapids Public Safety
- October 25, 2023: MOEC Pumpkin Patch/Fall Festival, 9 - 2 p.m.
- October 25, 2023: MOISD Flu Shot Clinic
 - o 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. - Administration Building
 - o 9:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. - GT Norman Elementary (in the conference room)
 - o 10:10 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. - RC Middle School (in the conference room)
 - o 10:40 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. - Pineview Homes
- October 31, 2023: MOEC Halloween Parade, 9:45 - 10:20 a.m.
 - Contact Patience if you would like to participate.
- November 8-12, 2023: MASB Annual Leadership Conference in Lansing, MI
- November 29-Dec 1, 2023: AESA Annual Conference in California
 - Contact Patience if you would still like to attend.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were none.

V. **ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary