

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

December 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Education Office of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members Present: Mike Wyman, Patrick Tiedt, Heidi Speese
Marie Wilkerson, Wayne Stickler, Randy Ostrander

Members Absent: Larry Sredersas

I. Regular Order of Business

President Wilkerson asked if there were any Additions or Changes to the Agenda. There were none. Corrections related to Action Item 21, Options A and B, were noted and will be discussed by Superintendent Locke.

President Wilkerson then asked if there were any communications. There were none.

Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes from November 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.
- November 2025 Financial Reports and Bills

Personnel Resignations & Appointments

- New Hire(s):
 - *There were none*
- Transfer(s):
 - *There were none*
- Resignation(s):
 - *There were none*
- Retirement(s):
 - *There were none*

Conference Requests (Board/Superintendent) (Per Board policy, overnight travel and reimbursement must be Board-approved.)

- *There were none*

Correction to November 10, 2025, Minutes

Motion by Member Tiedt, supported by Member Stickler, to amend the November Board minutes by adding the Roll Call to Action Item No. 15, where the roll call was properly taken.

Motion by Member Tiedt, supported by Member Stickler, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Board Showcase

Superintendent Locke introduced Assistant Superintendent Jodi LaFeldt, who presented on Special Education Services with a focus on continuous improvement and accountability. She presented the following:

- *The Power of Us* – Continuous Improvement & Accountability System
- IEP Development and Implementation
- EPLI / START Coaching Model – Building capacity through evidence-based practices.
 - EPLI training led by Grand Valley State University.
 - Julie Plummer reported on implementation progress and staff learning.
- Seclusion and Restraint
 - Ukeru Training: Trauma-informed approach used prior to CPI.
 - Nearly all MOEC staff and all SE satellite staff trained.
- Lead Paraprofessional Pilot
- Paraeducator Bootcamp – Tools and strategies to strengthen classroom support.
- MTSS and Basics of Special Education.
- Supervisors partnering with local leadership: Shared Leadership in Motion.

B. MOISD Departmental Reports

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

C. MOISD Updates/News

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- Single Audit Update: Maner Costerisan notified that the MOISD Audit was positive.
- Great Start Collaborative 32p Outlook
 - One position: Business Office assistance and social media efforts expanding.
 - One position: Family & Support Services at MSCS funded through 31n.
- Construction Trades House
 - Mechanic Street house nearing completion; walkthrough scheduled
 - Second Street duplex: concrete phase underway. Bid challenges noted; rebidding
- Proposed School Board Finance Training: EPS & MOISD
- School Finance Software Transition – Full changeover will be in April
 - All local districts are moving to Skyward Finance.
 - Potential MOP Business Services Position Discussion.
- New SE Supervisor to serve as primary US-10 supervisor and ISD-wide Transition Coordinator.
- Maintenance Directors Meeting: The first meeting was hosted by MOISD and received very positive feedback.
 - Sam Wiltheiss facilitates. Another meeting will be hosted.
- MOISD Special Education Millage Disbursement: formula discussed.
- Donation from John Stadtfield: MOEC

III. Board Business

A. Action Items

Action Item: No. 20... Consideration and Approval of Special Education Teacher Contract

Member Speese made a motion, supported by Member Ostrander, that the MOISD Board of Education approve the contract between the MOISD Aya Education, Emily Ensing, for Special Education Teaching services. This agreement will be effective from December 8, 2025, through June 4, 2026 (2025-2026 School Year). Services will not exceed \$45,920.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Action Item No. 21 – Consideration and Approval of Resolution for Conditional Opt-In for 31aa

Funds. Member Stickler made a motion, supported by Member Tiedt, that the MOISD Board of Education approve Option A.

Superintendent Locke presented two options:

- Option A: Remain opted in until December 30
- Option B: Opt out immediately

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Mike Wyman, Patrick Tiedt, Heidi Speese, Marie Wilkerson,
Wayne Stickler, Randy Ostrander

NAY: None

ABSENT: Larry Sredersas

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion / Informational Items: Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- **Legislative Update**
 - 5044: ABA in Schools (Applied Behavior Analysis): private practitioners providing services to students while at the school.
 - House Bills from the last legislature were discussed. Possible Supreme Court activity anticipated in February or March.
 - **Operational Update**
 - MOCC rooftop unit installed.
 - Locker room renovation underway; completion expected around spring break.
 - **AESA 2025 Conference:**
 - Members Wilkerson, Tiedt, Stickler, and Superintendent Locke reported.
 - **New Employees**
 - *There were none.*
- (*Approved on Consent Agenda)

C. Upcoming Events

- December 8, 2025: CSTAG Training
- December 9, 2025: MOEC- Santa Shop 9 -11:30 & 12:30-3.
- December 10, 2025: New Teacher Training Series
- December 18, 2025: MOEC PBIS Assembly, 1 p.m.

D. Future Items

- December 24-Jan 2, 2026: Winter Break

IV. Public Comment

- *There were none.*

V. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary