

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

APRIL 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, April 8, 2019, in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Browers, Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Larry Emig, Sheri Thompson, Greg Babbitt, Marie Wilkerson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any “**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**” There was one addition to the agenda: The administration has received a letter of resignation from James Rogers, MOCC Graphic Communication Para-educators, effective June 29, 2019. Addition of Action Item No. 28...Consideration of Approval for the MOISD to serve as the Perkins V Fiscal Agent. Correction to the agenda: Administrative contract extension recommendation through 2020-2021 of Beth Bond.

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

Consent Agenda Items: A motion was made by Member Thompson, and supported by Member Browers, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Minutes from the March 11, 2019, Regular Monthly Meeting
- Minutes from the March 11, 2019, Closed Session
- Minutes from the March 11, 2019, Programs and Policy Committee Meeting
- Payment of March Bills (\$2,160,987.28) and approval of the January financial reports.
- The hiring of Jaime Knape, School Psychologist.
- The following resignations:
 - Social Worker Tara Horton – effective March 22, 2019
 - CTE Instructor Cindy Derscheid – effective July 1, 2019
 - School Psychologist Karis Blubaugh - effective June 19, 2019
 - EI Teacher Mickey Payton – effective April 4, 2019

- GSRP Lead Teacher Ella Babcock – effective May 24, 2019
- Probationary professional staff recommendations for the 2019-2020 school year and the one-year administrative contract extensions as follows:
 - Fifth-year probationary status to CTE Instructor Joy Paquette.
 - Fourth-year probationary status to CTE Instructor Kelli Bolin; and CTE Instructors Amy Golden-VanScoy; School Psychologist Karen Goll; and Physical Therapist Jennifer Hardesty; Speech Pathologist Megan Medler.
 - Third-year probationary status to Speech Pathologist Annelise Folkema; Title I Teacher/ELA Consultant Kimberly Habra; School Psychologist Madison Herbart; Resource Room Teachers (US 10) Krista Tiedt.
 - Second-year probationary status to CTE Instructor Todd Ballard; Occupational Therapist Brianna Ballew; Speech Pathologist Arianne Boynton; Social Worker Kristin Brookhouse; Teacher Ben Bryant; Social Worker Marisa Bullard; Social Worker Roni Crisman; Social Worker Jamie Deverage; Speech Pathologist Emily Hebert; Teacher Rachel Lovejoy; Social Worker Lindsey LaGrow; CTE Instructor Roger Meinert; Teacher Elsa Pitcel; CTE Instructor Douglas Sickles; Speech Pathologist Emily White; Teacher Mary Kromer.
 - Administrative contract extension recommendations through the 2020-21 school year are as follows: Mark Klumpp, Karen Roy, Karlene Rader, Pat Craven, Beth Bond, Tonya Harrison, Kimberly Tufnell, Mike Miller, Christy Miller, Carol Phelps, and Fred Sharpsteen.
- Superintendent and Board member(s) Conference/Travel Request: there were none at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Under “Superintendent’s Report”

- Superintendent Locke announced that Kim Tufnell, Director of Special Education had the Board Showcase. Ms. Tufnell indicated they were going to present on Trauma-Informed and Responsive schools and the process “How we got here, where we are going, and where we are headed.” Director Tufnell indicated the goal is to build trauma responsive classrooms along with focusing on CHAMPS, behavior, trauma, and literacy for safe and supportive schools. She introduced Behavior Specialist Mike Bausano and School Psychologist, Karen Goll; they discussed trauma factors, interview and screening process, the process of working with students, and the

intentional collaboration needed between everyone in the system: all school personnel, parents, students, and Dr. Sloan. There was discussion and questions among the Board regarding this topic.

Department Reports:

- Superintendent Locke asked if there were any questions regarding the Department Updates, there were no questions. The Board members commented on areas of the report.

MOISD Updates/News:

- Superintendent Locke discussed the following:
 - SkillsUSA, it is doing well, stay tuned. Mike Miller, Director of CTE, gave a brief update.
 - The 31N Grant, currently being worked on, is designed to support general education students.
 - Literacy Essentials
 - Childcare, he asked Karen Roy, Director of Special Projects, to give an update. She discussed the Mecosta and Osceola County child care crisis and the huge shortage of childcare providers, especially for infant and toddler care. There was a discussion among the Board regarding this issue.
 - 9&10 News: What's in the Truck event with Artworks. MOCC participated in this event, and we were well represented by Mike Miller and MOCC students.
 - MidMichigan exploring opportunities and options for the community for next year.
 - Continuing to work with FSU with the Woodbridge program.

Under Board Business “**Action Items,**” the following was discussed:

- **Action Item No. 24...Consideration of the Purchase of Used School Bus.** Assistant Superintendent, Mark Klumpp, reported to the Board regarding busing needs, especially since the MOISD will transport all Special Education students next year. Motion by Member Emig and supported by Member Wyman to approve the purchase of the used bus from Midwest Transit at the cost of \$41,719.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Action Item No. 25...Consideration of Board Policy Provider.** Motion by Member Babbitt and supported by Member Thompson to approve the switch from Neola to Lusk Albertson as the MOISD policy provider.

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Action Item No. 26...Consideration of Designation of Liaison to the School Safety.** Motion by Member Emig Supported by Member Babbitt to approve Mark Klumpp as the School Safety Commission liaison.

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Action Item No. 27...Consideration of Closed Session to Discuss Superintendent Evaluation.** It was decided to move Action Item No. 27 (closed session) to the end of the agenda.
- **Action Item No. 28...Consideration of Perkin V Funds.** Motion by Member Sredersas Supported by Member Wyman to approve the Mecosta Osceola ISD to serve as the fiscal agency for the Perkins V Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

Under **Board Business “Discussion/Informational Items”** the following was discussed:

- 2019-20 Budget Assumptions: Mark Higgins, Accountant, presented and reviewed the budget assumptions for 2019-20

Superintendent Locke reported on:

- The Labor Day Waiver: we are waiting for the LEA’s to approve motions at their April Board meetings for the Early Middle College program. This is the last piece; once we have those back, we can send it on to the State. We expect our waiver will be approved and will no longer be conditional. This should happen in May.
- Legislative Update: Regarding snow days, we should hear in the next couple of weeks if there are any additional forgiven days or legislation. Evaluation process: Student growth may play a role in the evaluation process. Currently, it is at 40% the new percentage will be 25%.
- Board Self-Evaluation: Members received a copy at Feb/March meeting. We will identify a date in May or June for a work session. Goals will also be identified at this time.

Under **Board Business “Future Items”** the following was discussed:

- County School Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 2019.
- MOISD Biennial Election – Monday, June 3, 2019.
- MASB ISD Conference, May 7th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Ottawa Area Intermediate School District. Please let Patience Nemeth know if you would like to attend.

Public Items – Douglas Derschied, from Pineview Homes, addressed the Board regarding 2019-20 staffing.

- **Action Item No. 27...Consideration of Closed Session to Discuss Superintendent Evaluation.** Motion by Member Browers and supported by Member Sredersas to go into closed session to discuss negotiations.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Cathy Browers, Greg Babbitt, Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Larry Emig, Sheri Thompson, Marie Wilkerson

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously.

There was a short break then the Board went into closed session at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Browers come out of closed session at 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary