

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

AUGUST 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, August 12, 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: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Larry Sredersas, Mark Sochocki, Heidi Speese, and Marie Wilkerson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cathy Browers

Under the 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: There was a motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Sredersas to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Minutes from the July 8, 2019, Regular Board Meeting
- Payment of July bills (\$1,770,777.920) and approval of the July financial reports
- The hiring of Carol Ray as Visual Impaired Teacher Consultant.
- The resignation of Special Education Teacher, Sarah Jordan and Planner/Monitor and Special Education Supervisor, Carol Phelps.
- The following conference requests approved by the Board for overnight travel and reimbursement: Cathy Browers for the MASB Summer Institute, Aug 16-18, 2019, at Santy Creek resort in Bellaire. Marie Wilkerson, Sheri Thompson, Larry Sredersas, Mike Wyman, and Steve Locke for the 2019 AESA Annual Conference, December 4-7, 2019 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Motion carried unanimously.

“Superintendent’s Report” - MOISD Updates/News

- President Wilkerson welcomed Jennifer Vidak, Director of Finance.
- Superintendent Locke updated the Board on the Vision to Learn Program; he explained the screening process used for students. Any student that does not pass the exam will go to the mobile vision clinic/on-site, and all qualified students will receive

free glasses at no cost to parents/caregiver. There is continued discussion among the district Superintendents regarding this program.

- Superintendent Locke asked Karen Roy, Director of Special Projects, to report on the Autism Center at Eastwood. This program started July 1, 2019, and is operated by Community Mental Health for Central Michigan. The center will use ABA therapy in a school-based center; most are currently home-based. There are currently 15-18 students in this program that spend half the day in ECSEP and the other half of the day in ABA therapy, five days a week. Currently, families must be a consumer of CMH services to be eligible for this program.
- Superintendent Locke reported to the Board that we are currently interviewing for the Planner/Monitor and Special Education Supervisor position.
- Superintendent Locke complimented Fred Sharpsteen and Mike Schonert for their instrumental work and coordination of tech support with the MOISD and the LEA districts. He reported current position changes/assignment of employees in the tech department: Brandon Walter to Big Rapids Public Schools, Chad Marshall to Reed City Area Public Schools, and reported another tech employee is out on maternity leave, congratulating her on the new addition to her family. He discussed the new MOP Network/Systems Administrator position with the Board.

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

- **Consideration of 2019-20 Tax Levy Resolution.** Director of Finance, Jennifer Vidak, gave an overview of the millage levy. Motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Wyman to establish the 2019-20 millage levy at 5.0859 mills as presented. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Heidi Speese, Larry Sredersas,
Mark Sochocki, and Marie Wilkerson

NAYES: None

Member Absent: Cathy Browsers

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration of the Purchase of a Used School Bus.** Assistant Superintendent Klumpp reported the details on the used school bus to the Board and reviewed the bus handouts. Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Speese to approve the purchase of a used bus from Midwest Transit at a cost of \$31,527.00, including delivery.

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration of Modification to the Special Education Plan.** Superintendent Locke explained the needed modification to the Special Education Plan, primarily related to the student transportation process. There was also a modification note regarding modifying ASD to Resource Room. Motion by Member Thompson and

supported by Member Sredersas to approve the request for modification to the Special Education Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Member Wyman gave an overview of the NMSLA dinner, and Superintendent Locke reported on the speakers.
- Board Retreat: August 27, 2019, from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Patience Nemeth will send details to the Board as the date approaches.
- Lusk Albertson Policy Update: President Wilkerson reported on the continuing process of the policy update meetings. Next meeting is August 28, 2019.
- Facilities/Summer Work Update: Superintendent Locke asked Mark Klumpp, Assistant Superintendent, to update the Board. Mr. Klumpp updated the Board on the various projects that have been completed and are being completed by the maintenance crew. He anticipates all classrooms will be ready for students on the first day of school. He thanked Chris Royer, Head of Maintenance, and all of the maintenance crew for all of their hard work.
- Building Trades Home: Superintendent Locke reported that the house was put up for sale and we have accepted a contingency offer. The next house project location will be in Indian Village.

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

- Superintendent Locke informed the Board that Opening Day for the 2019-20 School Year is August 20, 2019. He indicated that lunch would take place around noon, and staff welcome, and service pins will take place from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. He asked the Board if they were available to stop by.
- MASB Annual Leadership Conference, Grand Rapids November 8-11, 2019. Member Wyman and President Wilkerson are planning on attending.

Public Items – Deb Todd discussed the Modification of the Special Education Plan.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary