

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

December 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, December 9, 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, Sheri Thompson
Marie Wilkerson, Larry Sredersas, 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 then asked if there were any “**Communications.**” Jenny Knopf, Special Education Supervisor, presented a thank you card to the Board from the students at the Education Center for approving the playground structures.

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from the November 11, 2019, Regular Monthly Meeting
- Payment of November Financial Reports and Bills of (\$695,795.51).
- There were no new hires at this time.
- There were no resignations at this time.
- Superintendent and Board member(s) Conference/Travel Request: there were none at this time.

There was a motion by Member Sochocki and supported by Member Thompson to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Under “Superintendent’s Report”

- Superintendent Locke announced that Special Education had the Board Showcase and introduced Christy Miller, Special Education Supervisor/Planner Monitor. Mrs. Miller introduced the Orange Frog team (Pat, Jenny, Michelle, and Traci) and gave a presentation on Orange Frog. Mrs. Miller spoke about the author of The Orange Frog, Shawn Achor, and the story about creating a happier, more productive, more satisfying life and workplace.

She spoke about The Happiness Advantage and The Seven Principles of Positive Psychology That Fuel Success and Performance at Work; the basis is happier people are more productive. She talked about Orange Frog workshops, the purpose of the workshops, and shared pictures, experiences, and outcomes from workshops that have held at the MOISD. There was discussion among the Board.

Department Reports:

- Superintendent Locke asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Department Updates. Members of the Board commented on areas of the report.

MOISD Updates/News:

- Superintendent Locke asked Tonya Harrison, Director of Gen Ed, to report on the Michigan Literacy Summit. Mrs. Harrison talked about literacy goals and the direction we are headed. The intended outcome is to expanded ISD Superintendent Commitments to the Essential Instructional Practice in Early Literacy: Grade K-3 to ensure networking for equity statewide. Nell Duke was a featured speaker; there was discussion regarding her work focusing on early literacy development.
- Karen Roy, Director of Special Projects, spoke about the Mecosta-Osceola Community Engagement Team, family engagement, and “Talking is Teaching.”
- Superintendent Locke updated the Board on the progress with Lusk Albertson and updating the Administration Regulations. There have been a couple of meetings, and the Admin Regs should be completed later this year.

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

- **Action Item No. 16...Consideration of Approval of 2019-20 Budget Amendments.** Jen Vidak reviewed the budget amendments for the 2019-20 fiscal year. She presented budget amendments for the General Fund, Special Education Fund, Career, and Technical Education Fund, and Mecosta-Osceola Cooperative Fund. There was a motion by Member Sochocki and supported by member Thompson to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

A Roll Call Vote Resulted in the following:

AYES: Cathy Browsers, Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson,
Marie Wilkerson, Larry Sredersas, Mark Sochocki

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Heidi Speese

Motion carried unanimously.

Under **Board Business “Discussion/Informational Items”**:

Superintendent Locke reported on:

- AESA National Conference: Board members and Superintendent Locke reported on the conference.
- Reed City Area Public Schools: regarding the resignation of Dr. Munroe and the appointment of Interim Superintendent Dean Mcguire.
- Legislation: 2019-20 Supplemental Appropriations Senate Bill 154 (H-2). Superintendent Locke distributed a handout to the Board and reviewed the appropriation items and appropriation changes. He also discussed the School Aide Fund and possible changes coming in January.
- Board Communication: Member Thompson and Superintendent Locke will work on this communication.
- MASB CBA Class 214- Open Meetings Act: Patience Nemeth is working with MASB to get a class scheduled in January/early February to be hosted at the MOISD. Superintendent Locke will keep the Board updated.

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

- Superintendent Locke discussed the Vision to Learn Program, clarifying that the article in the Pioneer is not the same program that the MOISD districts are offering; the MOISD program will start in January.

Upcoming Events:

- December 18, 2019, Santa Shop - MOEC

Public Items – there were none.

Assistant Superintendent, Mark Klumpp, asked to address the Board, he recognized Jen Vidak, the MOISD Directors, and MOISD Administration for the time and energy that was put into completing the budget revisions. He also noted the timely manner in which it was completed, one to two months early.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary