

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

Meeting Notes

MARCH 09, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, March 09, 2020, 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 6:08 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Marie Wilkerson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cathy Browers, Larry Sredersas, Mark Sochocki, Heidi Speese

Superintendent Locke explained that because there is not a quorum of the Board, there will be no action taken on the Consent Agenda or Action Items.

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

Consent Agenda Items and Action Items - no action taken, all items will be moved to the April 2020 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

Under "Superintendent's Report"

Board Showcase

- Superintendent Locke announced that General Education had the Board Showcase and introduced Tonya Harrison, Director of General Education. Mrs. Harrison presented on the two big initiatives:
 - **The HIL Project:** The High Impact Leadership for School Renewal Project is changing the way school leaders and teachers think, talk, and act to ensure all students learn. The HIL Project supports each participating school through three means:
 - **The Implementation Facilitator and on-site support**
 - **Leadership Summits for the Principal and Teacher Leaders**
 - **Monetary Support**
- MOISD schools involved in the HIL Project: Barryton, Mecosta, Weidman, Brookside, Riverview, and Crossroads Elementary. Focus is on influencing leadership decisions, teacher input through essential practices in early literacy, instructional rounds, and literacy implementation.
- **MiBLSI/Mi-MTSS:**
 - A model of support based on several shared functions across behavior and reading. Including behavior and reading together, Multi-Tiered System of Supports, MiBLSI+district personnel+school staff, and effective

implementation. This is the 3rd year on this initiative; it begins with PBIS and reading systems in elementary and disciplinary reading in secondary.

- The MOISD supports by providing system coaches (six) to each building and district team support. Provides funding for the cost of SWIS, substitutes for building/district meetings, our team members, space for hosting meetings, and provides ongoing professional learning:

Our Goal: is to walk alongside the teachers and building leaders in their learning journey and be the support they need

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 introduced Tricia Smith-Bennett, Family Engagement Specialist, who, in turn, introduced Becky, Parent Ambassador. The two spoke about the Talking is Teaching programs, referral bags, and the success the program has had in our community.

Under Board Business "Discussion/Informational Items":

Superintendent Locke reported on:

- **MASB Winter Institute:** Member Browers and Member Wyman reported.
- **VTL Program:** The program is up and running. Exams will take place at Riverview March 9 & 10; Big Rapids will do exams on middle school students once we are done with elementary students. Brookside exams will take place on March 16. Evert Elementary and Middle School exams will take place in early April. Morley Stanwood Elementary exams will take place on April 8.
- **Section 125:** Jen Vidak, Director of Finance, explained Section 125 (cafeteria plan and benefits program). She indicated that to keep us in compliance; she is in the process of updating Section 125 with the attorney, Steven, this is routine. A new plan will be presented for approval in the coming months.
- **Superintendent Evaluation:** Each Board member has a physical copy; Patience Nemeth will send a digital copy to the Board. This month, Superintendent. Locke will send documentation to the Board to be considered when filling out the evaluation. Superintendent Locke requests a closed session at the next Board meeting to go over the evaluation. President Wilkerson and Patience Nemeth will compile the results, including Superintendent Locke's comments. It is anticipated that at the May Board meeting a decision, based upon the evaluation, whether to extend the Superintendent's contract will be made by the Board.
- **March is Reading Month:** Education Center and GSRP, let Patience Nemeth know if you would like to be scheduled to read, and she will get you scheduled.

- **Coronavirus:** The MOISD website contains information that was distributed to the schools from the District Health Department. We are monitoring communication and taking the lead from DHD and the CDC. Superintendent Locke will be participating in a couple of different seminars, Thurn has one scheduled for March 17. We are aiming for a balanced and reasonable approach.
- **Board Communication:** Larry Sredersas

Under **Board Business "Future Items,"** the following were discussed:

- **MASB Spring Institute:** April 17-18 at Mid Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant, let Patience Nemeth know if you would like to attend.
- **April 24, 2020 - Legislative Breakfast:** Shuttle, we will leave the MOISD parking lot at 8 a.m., Board and Admin. let Patience Nemeth know if you would like to attend.
- **County School Board Meeting - April 29, 2020, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.:** Peter Spadafore, MASA Associate Executive Director for Advocacy and Communication. will be the guest speaker. Dinner at 6 p.m., presentation at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- March 24, 2020 - MOCC Open House, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., MOCC
- March 27, 2020 - PBIS Assembly, 1 p.m.- MOEC
*The Board would like more information on the PBIS assembly from Special Education.
- April 30, 2020 - MOCC Honor's Ceremony, 6 p.m., MOCC

Public Items – there were none.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary