

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

**November 12, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 12, 2018, 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 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Larry Sredersas, Mike Wyman, Greg Babbitt, Sheri Thompson, Cathy Browers, Larry Emig, and 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: The Administration is pleased to recommend Rachel Lovejoy as EI Teacher - SE.

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

**Consent Agenda Items:** There was a motion by Member Browers and supported by Member Emig to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Minutes from the October 11, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.
- Payment of October bills (\$1,691,934.09) and approval of the October financial reports.
- The hiring of Rachel Lovejoy as EI Teacher.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Under “Superintendent’s Report”:**

- Superintendent Locke announced that General Education had the Board Showcase. Director, Tonya Harrison introduced Early Literacy Coaches: Cathy Wirth, Amy Posey, and one of the third-grade teachers from Ewart, Val Hopkins. They presented on implementing early literacy, classroom libraries and the progress for setting them up, improvement in reading percentages among students, relationships and training. Superintendent Locke indicated that all schools had an opportunity to participate in the Hill Project.
- Superintendent Lock spoke about literacy from Birth to Pre-K and asked Karen Roy to report briefly. Karen Roy reported on literacy and emphasized early support for at-risk children, with a focus on literacy from birth to Pre-K. She indicated childcare providers are receiving the same literacy essentials, so kids are learning the same

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essentials before they come to us. She informed of upcoming training that Jessica Wimmer would participate in.

- Superintendent Locke discussed Department Updates. The Board commented on sections of the Department Update Report.

#### **MOISD Updates/News:**

- Superintendent Locke discussed MOCC – Culinary Arts award-winning chili. Certifications for skilled trade jobs. CTE Director, Mike Miller, is continuing work on the Marshall Plan.
- He asked the Director of Special Education, Kim Tufnell to report on her department. Ms. Tufnell reported on trauma screeners and CHAMPS. She dispersed a training brochure that listed various training available through the MOISD.
- Ms. Roy reported on the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Association Homeless Conference and the Rural Homelessness Data Tool.
- Superintendent Locke asked the Fred Sharpsteen, Director of Technology to report on his visit to Washington to present to the FCC Commissioner.
- Superintendent Locke concluded with acknowledging what talent and skills the MOISD has in their Administration Team and expressed how fortunate we are to have such an eclectic team.

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

**There were none.**

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

- LEA Board Visits: Member Babbit reported on the Morley Stanwood meeting, and Member Thompson reported on the Reed City meeting.
- Member Browers reported on the MASB Conference she attended on September 27, 2018, and some “hot button” topics. Member Browers reported on a County Wide Literacy group being held at Ferris State University.
- Member Wyman reported on the MASB Leadership Conference he attended on November 1-4, 2018.

Superintendent Locke reported on:

- Election results and his continued “Do no harm” tour/meetings with Representative and Senators. Superintendent Locke spoke about Lame Duck/Legislative Priorities.

- Strategic Planning – Policy/Program Committee. Meetings with stakeholder groups and will work with the Administrative Team.
- Dr. Sloane – Pilot Program. Superintendent Lock discussed this program; it is a work in progress now. The goal is to help support students who have trauma or have experienced trauma.

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

- MASB/MASA Joint Conference – February 8, 2018 – Detroit Marriott. He asked for Board Members to let Patience Nemeth know if they would like to attend.

**Public Items** – there were none

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Wilkerson, President

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Mike Wyman, Secretary