

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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Stickler, Heidi Speese,
Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Sheri Thompson,
Marie Wilkerson, Mark Sochocki

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any “**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**” There was an addition to the Consent Agenda of a personnel appointment of Elizabeth Slack, OT.

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

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from August 8, 2022, Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from August 8, 2022, Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting
- August financial reports and bills
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
 - The administration is recommending the following new hire(s) at this time:
 - Michelle Swinson, Teacher Consultant, EI.
 - There are the following resignations at this time:
 - Heather Jose, Occupational Therapist
 - Katie Kenney, Special Education Teacher
 - Kayla Meyer, Special Education Teacher

Per Board policy, Board member and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only.

- Steve Locke: 2022 MNA Fall Conference, October 5-7, 2022, Shanty Creek, Bellaire, MI.

Motion by Member Speese and supported by Member Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

II. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT.....Steve Locke, Superintendent

A. Department Updates

Superintendent Locke indicated that Tonya Harrison, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services would be presenting the Board showcase. Mrs. Harrison reported on the following:

- Learn, Teach, Coach, GSRP: Early Literacy and Numeracy
- COR Data & Kindergarten Readiness.
- Build coaching teams through adult learning.
- Early math & literacy conferences were shared with the entire GSRP team. The GSRP teams will put initial learning into practice, then will share out in September at the GSRP all team meeting.
- Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, Mrs. Harrison, will share data and update the Board in March.

Superintendent Locke indicated that there has been conversation with local Superintendents regarding kids coming in from the COVID era/generation and adjusting to school. We are discussing how we can help kids to adjust to the “new normal.”

There were questions and comments from the Board.

B. Department Updates

- The Board commented and asked questions on various sections of the Department Update report. The Board commented on various portions of the Departmental Update Report.

C. MOISD Updates/News

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- There was a staffing discussion among the Board.
- COVID Guidelines. The MOISD has started the year with COVID in the rearview mirror. We are operating under normal “pre March 2020” guidelines.
- Employees should stay home if sick. No testing required. No “COVID” sick leave.
- Business as usual with vigilance.
- SE Evert Supervisor & MOISD SE Supervisor- MOP position
- Had a qualified candidate, but Evert hired a supervisor independently.
 - MOISD will monitor this position, but not fill it.
 - MOISD Supervisor: coverage for MOISD supervisor responsibilities
 - Early On: Andi Strickler will help with this program with from Mrs. Miller.
 - Riverview Satellite Classroom: Jenny Knopf
- CTE: Gretchen Spedowski, Assistant Superintendent of CTE talked about new programs being offered.
 - Agriscience & Culinary
 - Teacher Education: Program to help with the shortage of teachers
 - Current enrollment: 502, last year @ 300

- MOCC Open house moved to October. It will be held on October 27th from 5pm -7pm.
 - School Psychologist: the MOISD has one 1st year apprentice and two second year apprentice employees currently working.
 - 105 C legislation: Students transferring schools out of their district (SOC).
 - A School of Choice agreement between the resident district and the enrolling district is signed. Districts are charged for SE & transportation student services. Districts will be charged this year.
 - School of Choice: adheres to some pretty strict deadlines, these deadlines are posted on our website.
 - New Special Education budget and funding was discussed.
 - Update on Sheryl Presler: Is updating the Emergency Operations Plan, she will hand this off to Caleb Martz when she exits.
 - HR responsibilities - are transiting from Patience Nemeth to Jessica Ross .
- There was discussion and questions from the Board.

III. BOARD BUSINESS..... President Wilkerson

A. ACTION ITEMS

- **No. 03... Consideration of Second Reading of the Board of Education Bylaws and Policies.**

There was a motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Sredersas to approve the following Board of Education Bylaws and Policies as presented for a second reading:

- Introduction 0000 Series: 0003,
- Bylaws 1000 Series: 1001, 1002
- Students 2000 Series: 2001, 2006, 2007
- Curriculum and Instruction Series 3000: 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3005
- Personnel 4000 Series: 4003
- Business 5000 Series: 5003, 5004, 5009
- General Policies 8000 Series: 8007, 8011

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Wayne Sticker, Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Mark Sochocki, Sheri Thompson, and Marie Wilkerson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- **No. 04...Consideration of Amendment to Isabella Bank CD.**

There was a Motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Stickler to approve Josie Hill, Business Manager, to be added as designated signatory to the MOISD CD at Isabella Bank.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- Operational Update
 - Occupancy permit for the Transportation facility soon, can move in.
 - Bids for light poles - Isenhart Electric & another bid anticipated. Under the threshold for sealed bids.
- CSTAG Training (Sept 13th)-
- Legislative Update- nothing to report out.
- MOISD Staffing Update - previously discussed
 - Temporary permits for various positions
 - SE Teacher positions - hope to offer and fill before the October meeting.
 - Would like to hire 3 more bus drivers.
 - Para position discussion

C. FUTURE ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- MOISD/WMISD Joint Legislative Breakfast, September 19, 2022
- Marie Wilkerson - MASB Annual Leadership Conference: Traverse City, October 20-23, 2022.
- Mike Wyman - MASB Annual Leadership Conference and Delegate Assembly: Traverse City, October 20-23, 2022.
- Audit Presentation – October Board Meeting
- MASB Election Forecast and What it Means for Our Schools: 9 a.m. - noon, Sept 20, 2022. Webinar: Let Patience know if you would like to attend.
- Region 3 Priority Setting Meeting - Newaygo County RESA. October 26 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Let Patience know if you would like to attend.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

V. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary