



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

**August 10, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, August 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting of the Board was held virtually per the Governor's Executive Order. The public was asked to email Patience Nemeth, Executive Assistant to the Superintendents', at [pnemeth@moisd.org](mailto:pnemeth@moisd.org), if they would like to attend the meeting. The meeting was also broadcast live via YouTube.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cathy Browers

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."** There were none.

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- Minutes from July 13, 2020, Organizational Meeting
- Minutes from July 13, 2020, Regular Board Meeting
- July financial reports and bills of \$ 2,101,010.66
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
  - There are three new hires at this time:
    - Brittney Heikkila – Special Education School Psychologist
    - Matthew Kidd – EMT/Firefighter Associate Instructor
    - Ayla Lockhart – Special Education Planner Monitor and MOP LEA Special Education Supervisor (Evert)
  - There are no resignations at this time.
- Superintendent and Board Member(s) Conference(s)/Travel: there are none at this time

Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Wyman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

NAYES: None

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Under “Superintendent’s Report”**

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

- Superintendent Locke discussed the following:
  - **Preparedness Plan –**
    - Has been the main focus, will discuss more when we get the Action Item below.
  - **Changes within MOISD Admin Team**
    - Christy Miller -Director of Special Education
    - Caleb Martz – Principal of MOCC
  - **2020-2021 School Year:**
    - Return to School Roadmap: the LEA superintendents are as unified as possible. There is a lot of unknown going into this process.
    - How services will be rolled out for the upcoming school year. Our goal is to bring students and staff back as safely as possible
    - Evert Public Schools will be the first to start.

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

**Action Item No. 03...** Consideration of Approval of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Preparedness Response Plan. There was a motion by Member Sochocki Supported by Member Thompson to approve the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Preparedness Response Plan as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

NAYES: None

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Action Item No. 04... Consideration of 2020-2021 Tax Levy Resolution**

The L4029 Tax Rate Request that was previously approved at the May 2020 Board meeting was incorrect. The total mills to be levied was incorrectly listed as 5.0783 mills; however, the correct millage is 5.0780 mills. There was a motion by Member Speese Supported by Member Wyman to establish the 2020-2021 millage levy at 5.0780 mills as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

NAYES: None

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**ACTION ITEM: No. 05... Consideration of 2020-2021 Student/Parent Handbooks**

There was a motion by Member Speese Supported by Member Sredersas to approve the 2020-2021 student handbooks as presented.

- 2020-2021 Education Center Handbook
- 2020-2021 Great Start Readiness Handbook
- 2020-2021 MOCC Student Handbook

➤ A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

NAYES: None

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**ACTION ITEM: No. 06... Consideration of 2020-2021 Employee Handbooks**

There was a motion by Member Wyman Supported by Member Thompson to approve the 2020-2021 employee handbooks as presented.

- 2020-2021 Non-Administrative Handbook
- 2020-2021 Administrative Handbook

➤ A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

NAYES: None

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Superintendent Locke reported on:

- **Legislative Update-** As we are entering into the new school year, there is a lot of uncertainty and anxiety going into the new school year, student safety, and how they are going to adapt.
- Current operational realities and the uncertainty of unemployment have been discussed. Asking for enrollment numbers to be based on fiscal 2019. LEA would use Fall fiscal 2019 enrollment numbers for budgeting purposes for this year.
- **75% attendance and hours requirement:** discussed the current requirement. Due to the flip-flopping of face to face and virtual, we are looking for flexibility.
- **August estimated revenue conference: has not been done before.** There is talk about what the numbers might resemble. August revenue estimations may not be dire enough; numbers may be worse than what was predicted in May.
- **Governor Press Conference:** to be held on Friday
- **GEER Funding**

- **MOP/MOISD Shared Special Education Services:** Superintendent Locke explained these positions and asked Christy Miller, Director of Special Education, to explain what these services may look like. Mrs. Miller indicated that currently, Ewart Public Schools and Big Rapids Public Schools have chosen to participate. She reported to the Board on the intention of these services. Superintendent Locke will take these positions to the next MOP meeting for approval.

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

- Board Workshop/Retreat- September 22, 2020 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- August 24, 2020: MOISD-Wide Professional Development
  - LEA’s will participate via Zoom from their building, and employees will be spread across campus as safe and responsible as possible.
- August 25, 2020: MOISD Opening Day
  - Superintendent Locke will send information to the Board shortly.

**Upcoming Events/Items**

- Audit Presentation – October Board meeting
- September Board meeting will take place face to face.

**Public Items –**

- Sara Molennar – Para-educator, addressed the Board regarding returning to school.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Wilkerson, President

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Mike Wyman, Secretary