



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

DECEMBER 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, December 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom and YouTube. This meeting of the Board was held virtually per the MDDHS Emergency Order. The public was asked to contact Patience Nemeth, Executive Assistant to the Superintendents', at pnemeth@moisd.org if they wished to attend the meeting.

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, Cathy Browers, Larry Sredersas, Mark Sochocki, Sheri Thompson, Marie Wilkerson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" There were two additions: **Action Items:**

- No. 15...Consideration of Suspension of Section 1000 Bylaws, Policy 1003 – Adoption or Amendment of Bylaws and Policies
- No. 16...Consideration of Approval of Amendment of Policy 1002- Meeting of the Board of Education

President Wilkerson then asked if there were any "**Communications.**" There was one: Jehovah's Witness Worldwide sent a packet to each Board member; packets are available for pickup from Patience at the Board of Education Office.

Consent Agenda Items:

Under the "Consent Agenda" for Board approval are the:

- Minutes from November 9, 2020, Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from November 9, 2020, Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting
- Minutes from November 9, 2020, Personnel & Public Relations Committee Meeting
- November Financial Reports and Bills \$1,628,622.68

There was one new hire at this time:

- Brenda Paris, Special Education MoCI Teacher at the Education Center

There were no resignations at this time.

Per Board policy, Board member and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only. There were none at this time.

Motion by Member Browers, supported by Member Wyman, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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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 "Superintendent's Report"

➤ **Board Showcase:**

- Superintendent Locke announced that Special Education- Director Christy Miller had the Board Showcase. Mr. Craven, SE Supervisor-US10, informed the Board that Pete Seager, GED Coordinator -US10 Corridor, would be presenting. Mr. Seager presented to the Board on the GED program. He focused on three key areas: Teamwork & Networking, Student Successes & Student Testimonies, and myths surrounding GED credentials. He contributes to the program's success to the following components: school, home, parents, community, building relationships, having a good system, and resources. He thanked Ewart's community for their outstanding support and the multiple ways they help make the GED program and students successful. Mr. Seager discussed the steps that are followed during the GED process: Identifying eligible students, GED pretesting, staff coordination, and the importance of discussing long term goals with the student. Since 2011 the MOISD has credentialed over 80 students. Mr. Seager spoke about GED testing scores and college readiness. There were comments, questions, and discussion among the Board.

➤ **Department Updates:**

Superintendent Locke reviewed the departmental reports, and the Board commented on and discussed sections of the report.

➤ **MOISD Updates/News-** Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- Update on the Vision to Learn Program: Has been successful and will continue in Mecosta/Osceola Counties.
 - Students are getting free eye exams and glasses
 - Last year: The program was primarily started in Big Rapids and Crossroads Charter Academy; 110 elementary-age students were tested, 92% of the students that needed glasses received glasses.
 - This year the emphasis is on Ewart; 38 students were tested, 88 % received glasses, and in Morley Stanwood, 145 students were tested- 91 % received glasses. The program is getting started in Chippewa Hills and will be going back to the high schools.

Under "Board Business"

A. ACTION ITEMS:

No. 14... Consideration of Reconfirmation of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan. The Administration was seeking Board Consideration of Reconfirmation of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan. Superintendent Locke reviewed the November 2020 Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation Documentation with the Board.

Motion by Member Speese supported by Member Sochocki to approve Reconfirmation of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning 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.

No. 15...Consideration of Suspension of Section 1000 Bylaws, Policy 1003 – Adoption or Amendment of Bylaws and Policies. The Administration was seeking Board Consideration of Suspension of Section 1000 Bylaws, Policy 1003 – Adoption or Amendment of Bylaws and Policies. Assistant Superintendent Klumpp explained that this would waive the two-reading requirement and why it is needed at this time.

Motion by Member Thompson supported by Member Speese to approve Suspension of Section 1000 Bylaws, Policy 1003 – Adoption or Amendment of Bylaws and Policies.

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.

No. 16... Consideration of Approval of Amendment of Policy 1002-Meeting of the Board of Education. The Administration was seeking Approval of Amendment of Policy 1002-Meeting of the Board of Education. Assistant Superintendent Klumpp reviewed the amended policy with the Board.

Motion by Member Wyman supported by Member Speese to approve the of Amendment of Policy 1002-Meeting of the Board of Education.

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

NAYES: Larry Sredersas

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Under "Discussion/Informational Items"

Legislative Update- - Superintendent Locke reported on:

- **Open meetings act-** covered sequentially
- **Current bill regarding substitute teaching** – The requirements have been changed from 60 college credits to GED or HS diploma being sufficient to be a substitute teacher.
- **Critical Shortages and a bill regarding retirees:** Addressing the three-year window and retirees in critical shortage areas
- **Operational Update**
 - Assistant Superintendent Mark Klumpp reported the following to the Board:
 - Staff is doing a tremendous job in efforts from social distancing to disinfecting to handwashing. This comes to light when working with the Health Department and completing contact tracing.
 - We are following MIOSHIA guidelines.
 - More work from home when possible, as well as face to face.
 - We continue to provide PPE and are doing our part to protect staff and students.
 - Superintendent Locke discussed the following:
 - COVID Vaccinations
 - Operational difficulties: quarantine situations
- **Committee Reports**
 - Programs & Policy Committee – as discussed above
 - Personnel & Public Relations Committee- Sheri Thompson, Chair Person, reported
- **Board Communication**
 - No discussion at this time

C. Under "Future Items"- the following was discussed:

- Christmas Party – Canceled for this year

Public Comment

- No public comments

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary