

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

**February 14, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, February 14, 2022, in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

Vice President Thompson officially called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Marie Wilkerson

Under regular order of business, Vice President Thompson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" There were none.

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

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- Under the "Consent Agenda" for Board approval are the:
  - Minutes from January 10, 2022, Regular Board Meeting
  - Minutes from January 10, 2022, Personnel and Policy
  - January Financial Reports and Bills
  - Personnel Resignations & Appointments
- The administration was recommending the following new hire(s):
  - Samantha Sanchez-Rivera, School Social Worker
  - Courtney Stegman, Behavior Coach
- There were the following resignations:
  - Jennifer Vidak, Director of Finance

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

- Superintendent Locke, MNA 2022 Spring Conference, March 17-18, 2022 in Lansing, MI

There was a motion by Member Sochocki and supported by Member Sredersas to accept the Consent Agenda as presented with corrections made to the minutes as noted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## Under "Superintendent's Report"

**Board showcase:** Superintendent Lock announced that Tonya Harrison, Director of General Education, would be presenting. Mrs. Harrison reviewed GSRP's goals and MOISD program instruction. She explained that a lot of the learning in the GSRP classroom is developmentally appropriate, and play-based (play and learn) curriculum. She explained the classroom setup and how meet-and-greet occurs each day. There was a live (virtual) demonstration, using Swivel, of Olivia Bolthouse and Barb Buskirk's GSRP Eastwood classroom. The Board watched a science experiment live from the classroom and viewed the learning process in action. Mrs. Harrison explained that the special education team and itinerants have been joining the GSRP team meetings. They are giving good input on physical developmental steps that need to be learned and small motor skills and large motor skills. Assistant Superintendent Mr. Klumpp indicated this program has many restrictions and requirements for these classrooms to run. There were comments and questions from the Board.

## Department Reports:

- Superintendent Locke asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Department Updates. Vice President, Thompson, indicated that she appreciates the amount of effort that goes into these reports. Members of the Board commented on various areas of the report. The Board acknowledged the collaboration with Special Education and coordination with General Education.

## MOISD Updates/News:

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- **School Aide Budget:** Last September districts were required to develop goals. We adopted goals in September and this report is a follow-up required by law. Goals were also developed for the Ed Center and US 10 populations. Superintendent Locke gave the Board a report on how those goals are developing. There was discussion among the Board.
- **Lot in Sunrise Haven:** we are closing on this lot this week.
- **Estate/Donation Update:** Assistant Superintendent Mark Klumpp indicated that we are nearing the finish line of closing on this estate. The MOISD should receive the donation next month. He will report back at the next meeting. He is in contact with the niece to see if we can find a connection with the MOISD and the Special Education program.
- **Reed City Public Schools:** reached out about additional MASB training courses for their Board. We are working on setting up in-person training dates and topics. LEA Superintendents have taken the MASB course list to their Boards. Patience Nemeth will get this scheduled once MASB class is identified.

## Under Board Business

"Action Items," the following was discussed:

- There were none.

## Under "Discussion/Informational Items":

Superintendent Locke reported on:

- **Muskegon River Youth Home:** MRYH has decided to take a pause for six months. This decision was centered on the home side, not the school side. MRYH is a privately owned facility funded by the State. A State worker submitted a report to the State with concerns on the home facility side. There were also some concerns from Texas, and they pulled most of their students. MRYH has always had staffing issues. A new narrative suggests that when the facility reopens, it will be at a smaller capacity. We received short notice of this decision; for the MOISD, there will be eight or so employees that this will affect. We are still at Pineview; currently, there are around 11 students. For staffing, we have avoided layoffs by deploying them to the Ed Center, one to Big Rapids Area Public Schools, and possibly one in Evart Public Schools. Hopefully, we will have a better idea when summer rolls around. There were questions and discussions among the Board.
- **Operational Update**
  - **COVID Data:** There is an updated flowchart for close contact student quarantine. Superintendent Locke reviewed the updated flowchart was reviewed with the Board. He will share a hard copy of the updated flowchart with the Board.
- **2022 MASB Board of Directors Election-** John Siemion will continue to represent Region 3 on the MASB Board of Directors. No election will take place as he ran unopposed.
- **Position Shuffling:**
  - With the current Assistant Superintendent and Director of Finance resignations, there will be some shuffling of responsibilities. We have posted for Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, Business Manager, Human Resource Specialist, and Payroll Specialist. The Human Resource Specialists position will help take some responsibilities off Patience Nemeth's plate.
  - When the Executive Director of Human Resources position was posted, we had three applicants, but they did not have K-12 experience. We are hoping to get qualified candidates by posting these positions.
  - Current Directors will become Assistant Superintendents of their departments.
  - There is a new organizational chart that will be shared at a later date.
  - Superintendent Locke will keep the Board updated on these positions as we move forward.
- **Next month:** Superintendent Locke will give an update on the upcoming budget. He is waiting to see legislative reports. Superintendent Locke will be in Lansing this week for meetings and will connect with legislators.

## FUTURE ITEMS

- District-Wide PD – February 18, 2022
- MOCC Career Expo 2022 – February 23, 2022
  - The Expo will be held in person this year.
  - Currently, 40 employers will be attending.
  - Keep the Board updated.
- MASB 2022 Winter Institute – February 25-27, 2022, (live online webinars)

- Let Patience know if you are interested in attending, and she will get you registered.
- MOEC – March Reading Month – Disney Theme
  - Guest Readers? We will send out more information.
- MOCC Open House – March 24, 2022
  - Will be held in person.
- MOISD Biennial Election – June 7, 2022 (no MOISD seats are up for reelection)

**Public Items** – there were none.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Vice President Thompson at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheri Thompson, Vice President

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Mike Wyman, Secretary