



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

**OCTOBER 15, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan. It was also available via Zoom and YouTube, per the Governor's Executive Order.

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 none.

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

**Due to technical difficulties, the Board reviewed and discussed the following until YouTube was up and running.**

**Under Superintendent's Report-**

➤ **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:

- Truancy
- Remote Learning- there was discussion among the Board
- Additional costs for tech. devices.

**Consent Agenda Items:**

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

- Minutes from September 14, 2020, Regular Board Meeting
- September Financial Reports and Bills of \$1,746,535.64

There was one new hire:

- Whitney Buffa - Special Education School Social Worker

There was one resignation:

- Madison Herbart – School Psychologist

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 Thompson, supported by Member Sochocki, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

#### **➤ Board Showcase:**

- Superintendent Locke announced that Director of Finance, Jen Vidak, had the Board Showcase. Mrs. Vidak started by thanking her team and auditors; she then introduced auditor Tyler Baker CPA, from Maner Costerisan, who reviewed the audit report. He indicated that the audit went very smoothly. Mr. Baker gave a presentation to the Board via Zoom. He also provided a hard copy of the audit results. Before closing, Mr. Baker reviewed the audit letter to the Board of Education. He gave kudos to Mr. Klumpp, Jennifer Vidak, and the Business office staff for good audit preparation. There were comments, questions, and discussion among the Board. The Board and Superintendent Locke acknowledged the leadership of Mark Klumpp for receiving a good audit year after year. Mark Klumpp congratulated Jen Vidak for a job well done.

**Under “MOISD Department Updates/News”-** Superintendent Locke and the Board these at the beginning of the meeting.

### **Under “Board Business”**

#### **A. ACTION ITEMS:**

**No. 10... Consideration of 2020-2021 Employee Handbook.** The Administration is seeking approval of the 2020-2021 Employee Handbook as presented. Mark Klumpp, Assistant Superintendent, reported to the Board the updates/additions from Lusk Albertson/Miller Johnson.

Motion by Member Browers supported by Member Wyman to approve the 2020-2021 Employee Handbook as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**No. 11... Consideration of Reconfirmation of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan.** The Administration is seeking your Consideration of Reconfirmation of the Mecosta- Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan. Superintendent Locke reviewed the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation Documentation. There were discussions and comments among the Board.

Motion by Member Thompson supported by Member Speese to approve the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Under “Discussion/Informational Items”** - Superintendent Locke reported on:

➤ **Legislative Update-**

- **House passed many bills-** These bills make holding employee sand employer harmless for anything that happened while these executive orders had been issued and have since been made obsolete. There is currently a lot of clean up going on legislative wise.
- **Emergency Orders and Directives** - Schools are still maintaining and implementing what we had already been doing.

➤ **Operational Update**

Assistant Superintendent Mark Klumpp reported the following to the Board:

- Discussed daily operations and steps the MOISD has been following. Everyone is doing a great job.
- We continue to provide PPE and have ample supplies, spray guns are being used on buses and in buildings. We are doing our part to protect staff and students.
- He reported on COVID cases as of today. We are working closely with the Health Department.
- A new custodian was hired on October 14, 2020.
- COVID numbers are taking off in our region right now, and we are trying to stay one step ahead of the process. We are being vigilant, and Mr. Klumpp sent reminders to staff, encouraging everyone to familiarize themselves once again with COVID protocols.

➤ **MOISD Board Retreat**

Superintended Locke reported on the Board Retreat and discussed the following:

- Board Self-Evaluation
- Committee Work and Committee Meetings
  - Superintendent Locke will reach out to committee members to arrange meetings in November or December

➤ **Board Communication**

- No discussion at this time

**C. Under “Future Items”**- the following was discussed:

- October 23, 2020- All-District PD- Allison Nelson
  - Tonya Harrison, Director of Gen. Ed., gave an update to the Board.
- 2020 MASB Delegate Assembly – November 5, 2020
  - Virtual meeting, no voting this year. The Board should have received a link to register if they are interested in attending. They can register themselves.
- 2020 MASB Annual Leadership Conference (Virtual), November 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Let Patience know if you would like to participate.

- Member Wyman informed the Board that there is a workshop on the Revised Open Meetings Act through MASB on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

**Public Comment**

- Peggy Cone, MOISD Bus Driver, addressed the Board, thanking them and letting let know how good it feels to be back to work.
- Director of Technology, Fred Sharpsteen, thanked Ryan Boochard for all his hard work while employed at the MOISD. Mr. Boochard has accepted the Tech Director position at CCA.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Wilkerson, President

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Mike Wyman, Secretary