

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

OCTOBER 17, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 17, 2019, in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

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

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cathy Browers, Mark Sochocki

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any “**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**” There were two Action Items added: Action Item: No. 12... Consideration of Suspension of Section 0000 Bylaws, Policy 0131.0 Bylaws and Policies, and Action Item: No. 13... Consideration of Lusk Albertson Board Policies

There was a motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Wyman to approve the additions to the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from the September 09, 2019, Regular Monthly Meeting
- Minutes from the September 27, 2019, Special Board Meeting
- September Bills and Financial Reports
- The hiring of:
 - Christi Waldman, Special Education Social Worker
 - Carol Ray, Special Education Vision Impaired Teacher Consultant
 - Monica Dukes, Special Education Teacher Consultant
 - Rachel Frank, Special Education Teacher of the Hearing Impaired
- Resignations: Cathy Methner, Payroll/Benefits Specialist

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

There was a motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Speese to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Under “Superintendent’s Report”:
Board Showcase:**

- Superintendent Locke announced that Fred Sharpsteen, Director of Technology, had the Board Showcase. Mr. Sharpsteen started by thanking the entire technology team, which included all MOISD technology staff, LEA Technology Directors and staff, and MOP Co-Op staff. He discussed how important collaboration between all members is. Mr. Sharpsteen also thanked the students from MOCC, Technology Program, for their help setting up Chromebook carts and for their continued support. He showed the Board a presentation on the technology department and reviewed department touchpoints, tickets and response times. Mr. Sharpsteen discussed future technology needs with a five-year projection. He discussed the MOTech Leadership Group; this group includes members from each district. Mr. Sharpsteen showed a video on the homework gap and discussed project Moonshot. There was discussion among the Board. The Board gave Kudos to the Technology team.

Principals Month:

- Superintendent Locke recognized the following principals for their outstanding performance and wonderful leadership for principal's month: Pat Carven, Caleb Martz, Jenny Knopf, and Mike Miller.

Department Updates:

- Superintendent Locke discussed Department Updates. He asked Karen Roy, Director of Special Projects, to explain the TEACH Grant Program. The TEACH Grant Program provides up to \$4000 a year to students who are planning to become teachers in a high-need field in a low-income area, who agree to teach for four years at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency. Superintendent Locke asked Mike Miller, Director of CTE, if the MOCC Culinary Restaurant, The Starting Place, is up and running, and he indicated that it is. Mr. Miller will get the times and menu to Patience to send out. The Board commented on sections of the Department Update Report and indicated that they appreciate the updates and expressed how important they are.

MOISD Updates/News:

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- The Construction Trades Home initial offer did not go through. The house is back on the market, and there is another offer.
- Superintendent Lock asked Vice President Thompson, who is also a member of the MOP Council to highlight details from the last MOP Co-Op meeting. Vice President Thompson expressed the importance of local district council members or their alternates attending with regularity to help communicate the messages back to their districts. She reviewed shared services and how these shared services help the district(s) save money.

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

- **No. 09...Consideration of PAC Appointment – Crossroads Charter Academy.** Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Sredersas to approve the appointment of Amy Grandy as the PAC representative for Crossroads Charter Academy. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- **No. 10...Consideration of PAC Appointment – Reed City Area Public Schools.** Motion by Member Speese and supported by Member Sredersas to approve the appointment of David Scharlow as the PAC representative for Reed City Area Public Schools. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- **No. 11...Consideration of PAC Appointment – Big Rapids Public Schools.** Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Wyman to approve the appointment of Shavon Jane as the PAC representative for Big Rapids Public Schools. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- **No. 12...Consideration of Suspension of Section 0000 Bylaws, Policy 0131.0 Bylaws and Policies.** Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Wyman to approve the Suspension of Section 0000 Bylaws, Policy 0131.0 Bylaws, and Policies to suspend the two separate readings of the Lusk Albertson Policies.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Cathy Browers and Mark Sochocki

Motion carried unanimously.

- **No. 13...Consideration of Lusk Albertson Board Policies.** Superintendent Locke referenced the completed Lusk Albertson, Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education Bylaws and Policy Book. Motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Speese to approve the Lusk Albertson Board of Education Bylaws and Policies: 0000 Series- 8000 Series.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Cathy Browers and Mark Sochocki

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- First Reading of Lusk Albertson Board of Education Bylaws and Policies was not discussed as it was carried out in an action item.
- Superintendent Locke reported on the MASA Fall Conference.
- Board/Administrator reported on the following LEA October Board Meetings
- Big Rapids Public Schools – October 14, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. in High School Media Center
- Chippewa Hills School District – October 14, 2019 – 6 p.m. at Weidman Elementary
- Crossroads Charter Academy – October 10, 2019 – 6 p.m. in CCA Media Center (Elementary)

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- Evert Public Schools – October 14, 2019 – 7 p.m. in Board Room of Central Office
- Budgets: School Aid Fund: Superintendent Locke discussed the budget and gave the Board a handout that referenced the estimated district impacts for most sections under P.S. 58 of 2019, for each district. There was discussion among the Board.
- Board Communication: Superintendent Locke and Vice President Thompson will discuss what communication to send. Possible Starting Place menu and coupons will be sent with this communication. The MOISD Board communication letter from Marie Wilkerson was not shared at the LEA Board meetings.

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

- MASB (*Michigan Association of School Board Members*) Leadership Conference – November 8-11, 2019, Member Wyman and President Wilkerson will be attending. They will share at the November or December Board meeting.
- Superintendent Locke will talk to the LEA Superintendents about Board enhancement and what classes may interest them.

Upcoming MOISD events were discussed:

- *October 22nd Project Outreach, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., MOCC*
- *October 24th Get Your Career in Gear, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., MOCC*
- *October 25th Education Center - PBIS Assembly at 1:00 p.m.*
- *October 31st Halloween Parade at the Education Center – 1 p.m.*

Public Items – There were none

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary