

**Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District
15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307**

MOP² MINUTES

April 19, 2018

A meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and CTC Programs Advisory Council (MOP Co-Op) was held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 8 a.m. in the Parsons Room of the Administration Building, 15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

Members Present: Sheri Thompson (Mecosta Osceola ISD), Sherry Anderson (Chippewa Hills), Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood), Kim Venema (Crossroads), Pete Kent (Big Rapids), Gerald Nichols (Ewart), Jesse Kailing (Reed City), and Steve Locke (MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director).

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Linda Ward, Karen Roy, and Mary Ann Mendenhall

MOISD Superintendent Steve Locke called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Minutes - Sheri Thompson made a motion, supported by Pete Kent, to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Bi-Monthly Supervisors' Reports – Superintendent Locke invited Karen Roy and Linda Ward to share information about their respective programs. Karen Roy shared information about the Ewart Reads program. There is one remaining year of this program that has been paid by the MOISD. There is now a “Mecosta Reads.” They are taking the best practices from Ewart Reads and replicating it. Pieces of the Early Childhood program have also been replicated.

Linda Ward then explained Career Connect to the group. Career Connect is a grant-funded program designed for adult education students who are getting their GED or finishing their high school diploma. In their last year of completion, they can get technical training and a certificate through Meceola Tech. Then they will hopefully be able to get employment. A CTE navigator helps provide support for these students. Career Connect tries to give them all the necessary skills to be successful. So far we have had students go through Welding and CNA.

Linda went on to say that Meceola Tech started off with one welding program and is now up to 14 courses. The Meceola Tech classes generally run nine to twelve weeks. They are planning a brochure so people know what is available. Any adult student can take part in Meceola Tech if they have a high school diploma or GED. We have had a couple of seniors in high school participate similar to dual enrollment. All of the Meceola Tech

programs result in a certificate that will help them with employment. We also want to develop new courses, but resources are an issue. Mrs. Ward is looking at the possibility of apprenticeship programs. She would like to see a bigger community presence. Meceola Tech has a website, Facebook page and Twitter account.

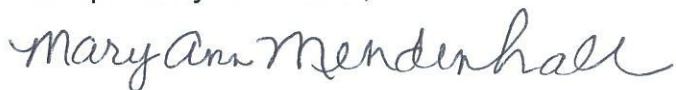
Merit Pay – One application for merit pay was received from the Business Office for Payroll Specialist, Jessica Ross, who does payroll for Big Rapids Public Schools. Motion by Pete Kent and supported by Sheri Thompson to approve merit pay for Jessica Ross. Motion carried.

MOTA Arrangement – We have had a collaborative agreement with MOTA and have a shared mechanic, but we are discontinuing this arrangement and will be using a new location for the bus garage this summer when the agreement expires.

County School Board Meeting – The County School Board meeting is Wednesday, April 25. Dinner is at 6 p.m. followed by a presentation on trauma and poverty. In the fall, we will be offering training to our staff so they will be better equipped with strategies and approaches to helping students who have had traumatic experiences.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ann Mendenhall".

Mary Ann Mendenhall
Recording Secretary