

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

**MOP<sup>2</sup> MINUTES**

**June 20, 2018**

A meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and CTC Programs Advisory Council (MOP Co-Op) was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 8 a.m. in the Parsons Room of the Administration Building, 15760 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

**Members Present:** Sheri Thompson (Mecosta Osceola ISD), Sherry Anderson (Chippewa Hills), Pete Kent (Big Rapids), Gerald Nichols (Ewart), and Steve Locke (MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director).

**Members Absent:** Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood), Kim Venema (Crossroads), and Jesse Kailing (Reed City)

**Others Present:** Mark Klumpp, Fred Sharpsteen, Mike Miller, Patience Nemeth, and Mary Ann Mendenhall

MOISD Superintendent Steve Locke called the meeting to order at 7:58 a.m.

**Minutes** – Pete Kent made a motion, supported by Sheri Thompson, to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2018 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Bi-Monthly Supervisors' Reports** – Superintendent Locke invited Mark Klumpp, Mike Miller, and Fred Sharpsteen to share information about their respective programs. Assistant Superintendent Klumpp reported that we had five school social worker positions to fill at the MOISD, and one of the candidates we hired was the MOP social worker at Reed City. In addition, the MOP social worker who was assigned to Ewart was hired by Ewart. We now have two MOP social worker vacancies. There is currently a shortage of social workers. We will try our best to fill the two MOP positions.

CTE Director Mike Miller reported there are currently three programs running at Meceola Tech—CNA, a ServSafe certification class was held, and a Corrections Academy. The Corrections Academy is pulling students from Bay County, Osceola County and Clare County. A Medical First Responder class is being offered right now in the evening. He reported that we are looking to expand in the area of manufacturing. They are looking at what types of training might be needed by businesses. He reported that there are over 45 students signed up for the CTE Construction Trades Program.

Superintendent Locke went on to say that Governor Snyder's Marshall Plan has funding for programs like Meceola Tech with an emphasis on skilled trades training. We are line

on what the state wants us to do. Some of the funds available require matching funds. Business partnerships are another piece. We are in a good spot.

Director of Technology Fred Sharpsteen reported there is a large gap getting internet connection with appropriate speeds to the homes in our rural area. They are currently working with the Library League to see how they might be able to tie into the local schools. Spectrum Health and Ferris State University are also part of the collaboration. Literacy is tied in to the whole technology piece. The governor is looking at a state-wide plan to get internet connectivity. There is no one solution to getting high-speed internet to every area.

Assistant Superintendent Klumpp told the Council that the collaboration with MOTA is ending in August. Our transportation department will now be located across the street from the ISD campus on a piece of land we purchased at an earlier date. There is a Quonset hut on the property that we will be utilizing. We are still doing some MOP mechanic work for Crossroads. A question was raised about the cost of getting the new area ready for the transportation department. Aside from the land (which was purchased awhile ago), we will probably be spending around \$40,000.

Mr. Klumpp also reported that the MOP truancy officer continues to do a good job. We are trying to work with both Osceola and Mecosta County Courts. The payroll specialist in the Business Office is doing a great job, and Jenny Rounds (Evert Reads) is in her third and final year.

Superintendent Locke has had a conversation with the LEA superintendents about expansion of the MOP. He explained that contrary to what some people think, the ISD does not make money from the MOP, and it doesn't cost the LEAs to participate. Pooling resources is a good way to be more cost effective. Areas of possible sharing would be landscape services, field maintenance, and summer groundskeeping. Business services is the most logical area for sharing.

**Merit Pay** – Mr. Locke would like MOP Council to talk to their districts to promote MOP merit pay. A question was raised about the possibility of receiving a list of MOP employees used by each district.

**Miscellaneous** – MOP Council liked the having the various directors present at the meeting to give an overview of what is happening in their departments. A question was raised about the possibility of an announcement in the paper to show when the Starting Place Restaurant is open. Spectrum Health is looking at ways to communicate healthy eating to the community. They had a demonstration kitchen at one of the farmers' markets in the hopes of impacting good cooking on the community. Discussed the possibility of collaborating with the LEAs and community agencies.

With no further business to discuss, there was a motion by Pete Kent and supported by Gerald Nichols to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Mendenhall  
Recording Secretary