

MOP² Agenda
(Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and CTC Programs)
August 19, 2021, at 8 a.m.

This meeting was held in the Parsons Room of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD building at 15760 190th Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Steve Locke (MOP Director, MOISD Superintendent).

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

Member Absent: Pete Kent (Big Rapids), James Swartzendruber (Crossroads), Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood), Sheri Franklin (Reed City)

Others Present: Fred Sharpsteen, Christy Miller, Patience Nemeth

2. Establish 2021-2022 MOP² Officers

- a. Director - Sheri Thompson nominated Steve Locke for MOP Director. There was a motion by Sheri Thompson, supported by Gerald Nichols, to appoint Steve Locke as MOP Director. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- b. Recording Secretary- Patience Nemeth was nominated as MOP Recording Secretary. There was a motion by Sherry Anderson, supported by Gerald Nichols, to appoint Patience Nemeth as MOP Recording Secretary. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Adopt June 17, 2021, Meeting Minutes** - There was a motion by Sherry Anderson, supported by Sheri Thompson, to adopt the June 17, 2021 MOP Minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Set Meeting Dates, Times, and Places-

MOP Director/Superintendent Steve Locke proposed changing the MOP meeting schedule to every three months, understanding that a meeting will be allowed as needed. All members of the Council unanimously agreed. Patience Nemeth will send a revised meeting schedule.

5. **Alternates for MOP-** it was discussed that if a Council member cannot attend a scheduled meeting, the absent Council member will coordinate attendance with their alternate and let Patience Nemeth know.

6. MOP Co-Op Positions by District –

An updated position list was given to the Council. However, the new tech position (James Canham) and truancy officer to Reed City needed to be added. Patience will revise the list and distribute it at the next MOP meeting.

7. New MOP Co-Op Positions

- MOP Director/Superintendent Locke and Fred Sharpsteen, Director of Technology, discussed the increasing need for a MOP repair technician with the Council. The Council was in unanimous agreement that this position is needed.

8. MOP Supervisor Reports

MOP Director/Superintendent Locke asked Christy Miller, Director of Special Education, to give an update on Special Education. She reported the following:

- Big Rapids Public Schools Special Education Supervisor
 - Jesse Gilding is the SE supervisor for MOISD BRMS and MOISD BR Satellite Programs. She explained what his role looked like and discussed the following:
 - Managing caseloads
 - Overview of teachers
 - Challenging IEP's
- Ayla Lockhart, Evert Public Schools Special Education Supervisor, is sitting on the admin. team in Evert and her input is well received in discussions and decision making. The goal is to get Jesse integrated into the Big Rapids admin. team, so he also can be part of the decision-making process and be included in those discussions.
- Reed City Area Public Schools and Pine River are currently sharing a Special Education Supervisor.
- Future hope is that Morley Stanwood and Chippewa Hills School District will share a Special Education Supervisor.

MOP Director/Superintendent Locke asked Fred Sharpsteen, Director of Technology, to give an update on Technology. He reported the following:

- MOP Repair Technician: this position will be posted. We have found a place to store parts that can be reused.
- Chad Marshall has been hired as an employee of Reed City Area Public Schools.
- Fiber locator: we recently purchased a fiber locator that can be used during construction.
- Power outage: recently, we had the opportunity to help another district during a power outage. The big issue is that power outages result in no internet across the MOISD district. The MOISD loaned the district a generator for three days until power was restored.

Superintendent Locke reported that the following MOP employees had been hired directly by RCAPS:

- John Hinken/Mechanic
- Robert Longberry/Maintenance
- Greg Windquist/Groundskeeper

These MOP employees were working exclusively for RCAPS, so this is a logical step. There was discussion among the Council.

Superintendent Lock reported on the following, and there was discussion among the Council:

- Meceola Tech – 107 B- Alternative Education funds.
- Career Connect -We are going to back out of the career connect portion due to insufficient enrollment.

- MiLeap Grant – Awarded to Michigan Works- the MiLeap grant assists job seekers in transitioning from education and training programs to high-skill, high-wage careers, resulting in industry-recognized credentials and reduced educational debt.
- Meceola Tech: CTE Navigator, Shelby VanScoyoc, has resigned. This position will not be filled. Holly Kage, the current MOCC secretary, will be fulfilling these duties.

9. Other:

The Council discussed the following.

- COVID
 - MDHHS recommendations, currently there are no mandates.
 - Local Boards have a large number of people with input.
 - Mecosta & Osceola vaccination rates are among the lowest in the State.
 - The new list of COVID symptoms
 - Antigen Testing

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth
Recording Secretary