

MOP2 Agenda
(Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and CTC Programs)
February 16, 2023, at 8:00 am

This meeting was held in the Parsons Room of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD building located at 15760 190th Ave., Big Rapids, MI 49307. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 am by Steve Locke (MOP Director/MOISD Superintendent).

Members Present: Emily Bongard (Morley Stanwood), Sherry Anderson (Chippewa Hills), Sherry Franklin (Reed City), Gerald Nichols (Ewart), Patience Nemeth (Recording Secretary), and Steve Locke (MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director).

Members Absent: James Swartzendruber (Crossroads), Pete Kent (Big Rapids), Mark Sochocki (Mecosta Osceola ISD)

Others Present: Fred Sharpsteen, Gretchen Spedowske, and Christy Miller

MOP Co-Op Director/MOISD Superintendent Steve Locke called the meeting to order at 8:03 am

- A. **Adopt Minutes:** Member Anderson made a motion, supported by Member Bongard, to approve the minutes from the **November 17, 2022**, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. **New MOP Member:**
- MOISD: Mark Sochocki. Member Thompson resigned from the Council due to the location of her new home.
 - MOISD Alternate: Heidi Speese & Mike Wyman
- C. **MOP Supervisors Reports**

Assistant Superintendent of CTE Services, Gretchen Spedowske, reported on the following:

- Meceola Tech Enrollment Numbers.
- Current courses for Winter 2023 January 9-March 22, 2023
 - CNA/CPR/First Aid - 0
 - Welding Fundamentals, Mig/Tig, Stick (Advanced) - 8
 - Welding, Yoplait - 12
- 2023 Spring course offerings - April 3-May 31, 2023
- Advertising
- Career Expo: will be held March 16, 2023

- Yoplait: They asked the MOISD to provide welding training. Twelve Yoplait staff took the offered training course.

Superintendent Locke and the Council discussed the following:

- Motion Project
- FSU Opportunities
- Potash expansion in the Ewart community
- Opportunities for students

There was discussion among the Council regarding the increased population and influx of students entering local schools.

Assistant Superintendent of Technology Services, Fred Sharpsteen, reported on the following:

- Technology
 - MOP Co-Op program - Reed City Public School technology coverage was provided until a new MOP technician was hired. He explained the advantages of using the MOP program in these instances.
 - Community partnership and work with FSU for hard drive disposal. Technology informs the locals when this will occur, and LEAs send devices to be destroyed.
 - Data Center Project
 - A look behind the curtain. Wall switches: for each district, show where there are outages.

Assistant Superintendent of Special Education Services, Christy Miller, reported on the following:

- Pat Craven, the MOP SE Supervisor at Reed City Area Public Schools. Has been busy with the following:
 - Assisting with special education service programming, primarily at the high school
 - General supervision and monitoring work with Ayla Lockhart.
- Parent Advisory Council : The following districts need committee members: Reed City, Chippewa Hills, and Crossroads Charter Academy. Parents must have a child with special needs.
- PAC Make a Difference Awards.

Other Discussions

Superintendent Locke and the Council discussed the following:

- New MOP Finance/Business Office/HR position. Superintendent Locke and local superintendents are in conversations regarding this position:
 - What would that look like? Cost?
 - Value added in considering a business official.
 - A Business Services Coordinator would have expertise in this position.

- Could mentor new business officials, contract negotiations, budgets, HR issues, and head up transportation and building projects.
- Preliminary discussion and now looking at structure.
- Sheryl Presler will be doing this for the MOISD & Mark Klumpp could be a possible MOP option.

Superintendent Locke will bring this back to the Council if we move forward with this position with details. This is still in the idea stage.

- Member Bongard suggested a new MOP position: Clinical Social Work Intervention/Supervisor (Part-time need). She has received calls from two other local district social workers. There is a need for Clinical Social Work supervision. She will bring more information to the Council in May. Clinical Social Workers are required to have One hour per week, and they are paying out of their own pocket.
 - Superintendent Locke indicated it would be beneficial to bring to the Superintendent meeting to present the need.
 - 31N funds: Need a licensed social worker to coordinate. Possibly making one of them a lead.

The Council discussed and agreed that there is a need for this position.

- Member Bongard is the lead on the crisis response team.
 - She will provide Superintendent Locke with a list of individuals on the crisis response team.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth
Recording Secretary