

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

AUGUST 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Education Building of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Stickler, Heidi Speese, Larry Sredersas
Mike Wyman, Randy Ostrander, Marie Wilkerson, Patrick Tiedt

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" An amended copy of Action Item No. 03 was provided.

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

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from July 13, 2026, Organizational Meeting
- Minutes from July 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- July 2026 financial reports and bills
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
 - Rachel Gatehouse, Speech Language Pathologist
 - Emma Lloyd, School Social Worker
 - Morgan Wilson, School Social Worker
- There are the following Transfers at this time:
 - There were none
- There are the following resignation(s) at this time:
 - Nicole Nicolas, Speech Language Pathologist
 - Sam Sanchez-Rivera, School Social Worker
- There are the following retirement(s) at this time:
 - There were none
- Per Board policy, Board member and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only.
 - Steve Locke, MASA Fall Conference, Traverse City, September 23-25, 2026.

Motion by Member Tied and supported by Member Stickler to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.....Steve Locke, Superintendent

A. Department Updates – There were no Department Update Reports this month.

B. MOISD Updates/News

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- **Financial Software Transition:** The District is transitioning from SDS to Skyward

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- Evart is scheduled for October 1, 2026, and Morley Stanwood is anticipated to transition next year.
- **Audit:** Superintendent Locke spoke with the auditor following the on-site work. The auditors are expected to provide a Board Showcase in October.
- **MOP Co-Op:** MOISD continues to explore opportunities to provide support to local districts when needed.
- **MOCC/Transportation Safety:**
- **ALICE Training:** active-shooter training was discussed. Bus drivers from all but one district participated.
 - Four MOISD bus drivers attended defensive driving school.
- **IEP Playground:**
 - Jodi LaFeldt provided the Board with an overview of the system.
 - The system supports educators with IEP development and progress monitoring, with a focus on developing stronger IEPs.
 - Reed City Area Public Schools implemented the system last year.
- **Professional Development:** Steve Seward will return to provide professional development focused on difficult conversations, Cognitive Coaching, and cultivating collaborative cultures.
- **State Superintendent Meeting:** Superintendent Locke reported on his recent meeting with the State [Superintendent](#).
- **MAISA:** Superintendent Locke reported that he was traveling to Lansing to begin his term on the MAISA Board.

III. BOARD BUSINESS.....President Wilkerson

A. ACTION ITEMS

No. 03...Consideration of Approval Speech and Language Services Contract.

Motion by Sredersas, supported by Ostrander, to approve the agreement between the MOISD and Connected Speech Solutions, Kaitlyn Hill. This agreement will be effective from August 18, 2026, through June 4, 2027. Services will not exceed \$143,325.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

No. 04... Consideration of Approval and Purchase of Heavy Duty Mobile Column Vehicle Lift System for the MOCC.

Motion by Wyman, supported by Speese, to approve the purchase of the Heavy Duty Mobile Column Vehicle Lift System from Kessler Equipment Co., at a total cost of \$48,110.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

No. 05...Consideration of Approval and Purchase of a Truck for Operations and Maintenance

Motion by Member Ostrander, supported by Member Tiedt, to approve the purchase of the 2027 Ford F-350 SuperCab Pickup XL 4X4 from LaFonaine Ford Lansing at the cost of \$58,883.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- **Operational Update**
 - MOCC Roof project is well underway.
 - MOCC Bathroom project is complete.
 - Workers' compensation case was discussed.
 - Facilities Director's Summer Conference was successful.
 - Scissor training had about 40 participants.

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- **Legislative Update:** fewer scheduled days of session - maybe 4 left.
 - Superintendent Locke provided an update on pending legislation and its potential financial impact on school districts.
 - Section 31aa
- **MOISD Admin Retreat:** The Administrative Retreat was held the previous week. Coherence and Moral Imperatives were key themes.
- **MASB Summer Institute:** Members Wilkerson, Tiedt, and Wyman provided an update regarding their attendance at the 2026 MASB Summer Institute.
- **2026-2027 GSRP Student Handbook**
 - The Board reviewed and discussed the handbook. The Board unanimously agreed to the changes and approved the handbook.

New Employees:

- Bercot-Holmes: Secretary- MOEC
- Blair, Tracee- Admin Assistant-Hilcrest
- Dickinson, Nicole: Para- MOEC
- Gager, Magdalene: Para- MOEC
- *Gatehouse, Rachel: SLP
- Jones, Kailey: Behavior Coach, Early Childhood
- Kuzee, Daniel: Bus Driver
- *Lloyd, Emma: SSW
- Jennifer May/Wright: Para
- Rosas, Tristan: Para/Food Service- MOEC
- Stinson, Laurie: Bus Driver
- Wencil, Russell: Courier
- Wilson, Andrew: Room Monitor/Para- OYC
- *Wilson, Morgan: SSW

**On Consent Agenda*

- **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- August 12, 2026: New Employee Orientation
- August 12, 2026: MOISD Board Retreat
- August 18, 2026: First Day for Staff!
- August 19, 2026: MOISD Opening Day for All Staff
- August 19, 2026: Education Center Open House, 3:30-5 p.m.
- August 24, 2026: Students' First Day!

- **FUTURE ITEMS**

- 2026 MASB Leadership Conference, Lansing, Oct 15-18-26, 2026, Delegate Assembly
- Audit Presentation – October Board Meeting
- AESA 2026 Annual Conference- December 2-4, 2026, Orlando, Florida.

V. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary