

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

**May 12, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Education Office of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll call was taken as follows:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Wyman, Wayne Stickler, Heidi Speese, Randy Ostrander, Marie Wilkerson, Larry Sredersas, Mark Sochocki

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" Amend the order to move Action Item No...32 closed session to the end of the meeting.

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

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- Minutes from April 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from April 10, 2025, Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting
- April 2025 Bills and Financial Reports
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
  - The Administration was recommending the following new hire(s):
    - Josh Bull, Assistant Superintendent of CTE Services.
  - There were the following resignations at this time:
    - Shelby Chase, Technical Assistant & LRE Coach (June 2025)
  - There are the following retirements at this time:
    - Bonnie Byers, Occupational Therapist (June 2025)
    - Gary McIntyre, CTE Manufacturing Instructor (June 2025)
    - Elizabeth Smith, Teacher Consultant DHH (June 2025)
    - Cindy Swymeler, SE Teacher (June 2025)

Also on the consent agenda for Board consideration are the probationary professional staff recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year and the one-year administrative contract extensions as follows:

**Fourth-year probationary status** to Occupational Therapist **Dana Berthiaume**; School Psychologist **Carli Bowman**; Speech Pathologist **Alexandra Kreger**; Social Worker **Samantha Sanchez-Rivera**; Speech Pathologist **Kayla Schumaker**; Speech Pathologist **Allyson Gray**.

**Third-year probationary status** to Teacher Consultation **Tricia Bailey**; CTE Instructor **Gary Poortvliet**; CTE Instructor **Eric Richardson**; Speech Pathologist **Andrew Schinsky**; Speech Pathologist **Lauren Tabor**; and School Social Worker **Jodi Wright**.

[Second-year probationary status](#) to Speech Pathologist **Toni Browley**; Teacher **Carrie Harvey**; Occupational Therapist **Elizabeth Quinn**; Teacher **Robert Raven**.

[Administrative contract extension recommendations](#) through the 2025-2026 school year are as follows: **Amanda Kimball, Jodi LaFeldt, Sheryl Presler, Fred Sharpsteen, Josie Hill, Jenny Knopf, Kristen Larson, Ayla Lockhart, Caleb Martz, Kara Schafer, Elizabeth Slack, and Andrea Strickler.**

Per Board policy, the board must approve Board members' and Superintendent's conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement.

- Steve Locke: MAISA Summer Conference, June 18-20, 2025, Frankenmuth, MI

There was a Motion by Member Sredersas, Supported by Member Ostrander to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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

### **A. Board Showcase**

Superintendent Locke announced that SE will have the Board showcase. Jodi LaFeldt discussed the following:

- The Prickly Perk cart came into the Board meeting to sell coffee and sweets.
- Mrs. LaFeldt highlighted areas where MOISD individuals were acknowledged.
- Local Success is Our Success, People First, Make a Difference Awards
- Everyone Together, Student Focused
- ECSEP Referral data reviewed. 51 students coached; 31 students are going to their local districts.

There were comments from the Board.

Superintendent Locke: The MOISD is exploring options of expanding opportunities for the adult transition classrooms. We are looking at possible summer positions.

### **B. Department Updates**

Department updates were reviewed. There were various comments from the Board.

There were comments and questions from the Board.

### **C. MOISD Updates/News**

- Superintendent Locke reported on the following:
  - AI
  - MOISD SE Millage Election: results documentation was given to the Board. Superintendent Locke reviewed the results and comparisons between 2015-2025 election. December 2036.
  - Headley:
  - Mecosta-Osceola County School Boards Association Meeting:
    - Heidi and Marie thought it went well and liked the small roundtable group.
  - April LEA Board Meetings and MOISD Board and Administration
  - General Fund Budget Recommendations: Superintendent Locke reviewed some feedback that he has received from the locals.
  - US 10 Schools: Superintendent Locke has a conversation with Set Seg. He reviewed the specifics.

### III. BOARD BUSINESS.....President Wilkerson

#### A. ACTION ITEMS

##### **ACTION ITEM: No. 33...Consideration and Approval of MOISD MOCC HVAC System Replacement.**

\*correction of the title of Action Item from MOISD MOCC Building Door Access to MOCC HVAC

There was a Motion by Member Speese, supported by Member Wyman, to approve the bid approve the bid from Hurst Mechanical be accepted, not to exceed \$137,211.80.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

#### B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- Installation of Asphalt or Concrete Pavement for the transportation parking lot. We are going to re-examine the scope of this project.

Legislative Update

- State-wide cell phone ban policy for students and staff. Currently we have a cell phone policy for students/staff.

Operational Update

- Biennial Election: Three candidates for three positions.
- Homeless Students and Status
- 2025-2026 US 10 Calendar was reviewed and agreed upon by the MOISD Board

New Employees

- \*Josh Bull: Assistant Superintendent of CTE Services
- Breanna Lintemuth: Para at MOEC

*\*Approval Via Consent Agenda*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- MOCC American Red Cross Blood Drive: May 14-15, 2025, 8–3:30 p.m.
- May 16, 2025: MOEC Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m.
- May 20, 2025: MOEC Senior Tack Walk/Clap Out at 1 p.m.
- May 21, 2025: MOEC Graduation at 10 a.m.
- May 30, 2025: MOEC PBIS Assembly at 1 p.m.
- June 2-6, 2025: Meceola Tech Corrections Academy, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
- June 4, 2025: Last day for Students
- June 5, 2025: Last day for MOISD Staff
- June 5, 2025: MOISD-Wide Administrator Appreciation, at 12 p.m.

#### FUTURE ITEMS

- MOISD Biennial Election, June 2, 2025, at 9 a.m.
- Superintendent Evaluation, June Board Meeting
- Regular Board Meeting, June 9, 2025, at 9 a.m.
  - 2025-2026 Budget Assumptions
- Special Board Meeting, June 23, 2025, at 9 a.m.

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- 2024-2025 Final Budget Amendments

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.**

**ACTION ITEM: No.... 32 Consideration of Closed Session for Negotiations Update.**

There was a Motion by Member Sochocki, Supported by Member Ostrander to update the Board regarding negotiations.

**Roll Call:**

**AYE:** Mike Wyman, Wayne Stickler, Heidi Speese, Randy Ostrander,  
Marie Wilkerson, Larry Sredersas, Mark Sochocki

**NAYE:**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**The Board took a quick break. 10:20**

***The Board went into closed session at 10:25 a.m.***

There was a motion by Member Stickler to go into open session, Motion supported by Member Ostrander.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

***The Board went back into open session at 11:14 a.m.***

**V. ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Wilkerson, President

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Wayne Stickler, Secretary