

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

March 10, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Education Office of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 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: Mike Wyman, Wayne Stickler, Heidi Speese, Randy Ostrander, Marie Wilkerson, Mark Sochocki,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Sredersas,

**Zoom: Larry Sredersas via informational purposes only.*

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" There were none.

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

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from February 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from February 27, 2025, Public Relations/Programs Committee Meeting
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
 - The Administration was recommending the following new hire(s) at this time:
 - Nicole Nicolas, Speech Language Pathologist.
 - Kara Schafer, Early Childhood Director.
 - There were the following resignations at this time:
 - None
- Per Board policy, Board member and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only.
 - There were none.

**Correction to Public Relations & Programs Committee meeting notes: Mike Wyman adjourned the meeting, not Heidi Speese.*

Motion by Member Stickler and supported by Member Sochocki to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

A. Board Showcase

Superintendent Locke announced that Amanda Kimball, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, would present the showcase to the Board. Ms. Kimball reviewed the Great Start Collaborative and their Mission and Vision. She introduced Tricia Smith-Bennett, who reported on and reviewed the following Services and Programs:

- Parent Cafe, Mom Cafe, Talking is Teaching, Hillcrest Playgroup

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- Early Literacy Connections: Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Local Library Support, Rock the Crock, Community Baby Shower
- Facebook page: Together 2 Thrive

There were comments from the Board.

B. Department Updates

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

C. MOISD Updates/News

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- SE Millage
 - Just the Facts
 - Explained how these SE dollars, in conjunction with General Fund dollars.
 - Postcard mailers will be sent out to all voters.
 - LEA visits
- April Board Meeting: The proposed general fund budget for 2025-2026 will be presented to the Board and sent to the locals for approval in May.
- Finance & Facility Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled to discuss some MOISD facilities and DT transition students.

III. BOARD BUSINESS.....President Wilkerson

A. ACTION ITEMS

- **ACTION ITEM: No. 26... Consideration and Approval of the 2025-2026 MOISD Calendar.**

There was a motion by Member Ostrander, supported by Member Wyman, to approve the 2025-2026 MOISD calendar as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

- **ACTION ITEM: No. 27... Consideration and Approval of Purchase of Used School Buses**

There was a motion by Member Stickler, supported by Member Speese, to approve the purchase of two used school buses from MidWest Transit Equipment for a total cost of \$146,510.00

Motion carried unanimously

- **ACTION ITEM: No. 28...Consideration and Approval of Fiber Network WAN Point-to-Point Network for Transport**

There was a motion by Member Ostrander, supported by Member Speese, to approve the contract with Charter Communications, 1 Gbps, three-year contract for \$24,480.00.

Motion carried unanimously

B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Legislative Update
 - Executive Orders: Schools' response. Let Steve know if you have any questions or suggestions for moving forward.
 - ESTA
 - Minimum Wage Increase: para-educator subs were increased to meet minimum wage requirements.
- Operational Update

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- First Reading of Miller Johnson Board Policies
 - 2006 Behavior
 - 5014 Supplement, Not Supplant (Perkins V)
 - 6002- Safety and Security
 - 6003 – Firearms and Other Weapons
 - 8002 – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504)
- April LEA Board Visits:
 - Assistant Superintendents will accompany the MOISD Board
- Public Relations/Programs Committee Meeting Report –
 - Discussed the MO County School Boards Association in May
- **New Employees:**
 - Tony Closson: Para at MOCC Diesel Technology
 - Nikki Downey: Para- Riverview
 - Amber Harrell: Para at GT Norman
 - Amber Norvilas: Para at MOEC
 - Samantha Perez: Para at MOEC
 - Kara Schafer: Early Childhood Director

C. FUTURE ITEMS

- March 31- April 4, 2025: Spring Break
- April: LEA Board Meeting Visits
- April 23, 2025: Make a Difference Awards, MOCC at 6:30 p.m.
- May 1, 2025: MOCSBA (County School Boards Meeting), MOCC at 6 p.m.
- MASB 2025 Spring Institute: May 2-4, 2025, Mission Point Resort, Mackinaw Island.
- May 6, 2025: Special Election Millage

D. UPCOMING EVENTS

- March is Reading Month – DINO-MITE!
- March 11, 2025: MOCC – 8th Grade Tours
- March 11, 19, and 26, 2025: Hillcrest Playgroup, 9:30 a.m.
- March 12, 2025: Snack & Chat with Steve- EO at Hillcrest, 8:30 a.m.
- March 14, 2025: No school for students/staff PD
- March 18, 2025: Steve Locke, Rotary Presentation at Noon
- March 20, 2025: MOCC Career Expo
- March 21, 2025: Snack & Chat with Steve- GT Norman, 1 p.m.
- March 28, 2025: MOEC PBIS Assembly, 1 p.m.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Carla McLachlan addressed the Board regarding FFA and Agriscience at the MOISD.
- M. Klumpp: Express thanks to the Board for the bus wash-bay, which has helped maintain our current buses.

V. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:13

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary