

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

**February 13, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

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

Roll call was taken as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Wyman, Heidi Speese, Wayne Stickler, Randy Ostrander, Mark Sochocki

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** The following members joined the meeting via Zoom for informational purposes only and will not vote.

- Larry Sredersas: Location: Ocala Florida
- Marie Wilkerson: Location, Holiday Florida

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

Vice President Wyman recommended moving the closed session to the last item after the public comment. - there were no objections from the Board.

Vice President Wyman then asked if there were any "**Communications.**"

- There were n.one

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- Minutes from January 9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from January 9, 2023, Facilities Committee Meeting
- January 2023 Financial Reports and Bills
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
  - The administration recommended the following new hire(s) at this time:
    - There were none
  - There were the following resignations 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: MNA 2023 Spring Conference, March 9-10, 2023, in Lansing, MI

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

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

- Board Showcase – Superintendent Lock announced that Assistant Superintendent of Technology Services, Fred Sharpsteen, would be presenting. Mr. Sharpsteen presented the following:

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- MOISD Core Value and Mission
- Differentiated Instruction Strategies using technology/data.
- Classroom experience: each member of the tech team participated in classroom observation. Help to foster learning. Each team member shared their classroom shadow experience.
- MOP Co-Op Roles: Computer technicians provided support to Reed City Area Public Schools. LEA district support can be given when needed.
- Interactive display boards in SE classrooms.

There were questions and comments from the Board.

## B. Department Updates

Superintendent Locke

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

## C. MOISD Updates/News

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- Talent Together: Discussed the Who, What, When, Funding, and Why of the program.
  - Consists of 48 ISD. We will partner with ten universities to develop over 1,000 new teachers in the next three years.
  - The program will follow a registered apprenticeship model. Candidates will be certified for free and paid a living wage while training.
  - Training will begin this fall.
  - Funding: Grown Your Own Grant

## II. BOARD BUSINESS..... Vice President Wyman

### A. ACTION ITEMS

- **No. 09... Consideration of Closed Session for Negotiations Discussion.** This action item was moved to the end of the agenda after public comment. There was unanimous consent from the Board.

### B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- Legislative Update.
  - Senate Bill 12: includes a portion to remove the retention piece of "Read by Grade 3."
  - Teacher Evaluation and Student Growth Data/Component.
  - Governor's budget recommendations.
  - 47a: MPSERS cost offset equalization to include ISDs.
  - Mike Wyman reported on the Views from the Capitol meeting he attended.
  - MEA bargaining in regards to the budget.
- Operational Update
  - Agriscience Program: Gretchen and Steve met with the City to discuss limitations. Mayor and city manager were very excited about the agriscience program.
    - The location of the barn/greenhouse was discussed. We will work with an architect to consider the site layout.
  - Eastwood: BRPS is facing challenges associated with expanding enrollment.
- Reed City Rotary Presentation
- Board Committee Meeting Update-updated list given to the Board
  - Sheri was the chairperson of the Personnel/Policy Committee meeting. Heidi will become the chairperson.

- Programs/Public Relations Committee: Randy Ostrander will replace Heidi Speese.
- MOP: Mark Sochocki was the alternate. He will move to primary. Heidi Speese and Mike Wyman volunteered to be alternates.
- Public Relations Committee
  - The Board will have a page of talking points.
  - LEA March Board visit schedule was given to Board and Admin.

**C. FUTURE ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

- February 14, 2023: MOCC Dress for Success Day
- February 16, 2023: MOP Meeting
- February 17, 2023: Staff PD
- March is Reading Month
  - Patience will schedule; let Patience know if you would like to participate. I will send the schedule
- March 11, 2023: MASB CBA 101 Class (currently, we have 10)
- March 16, 2023: MOCC Career Expo - Job Fair
  - we have 25 vendors currently; we will have about 80. Start at 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
  - Patience will send this event to the Board calendars.

**Closed Session:**

- **Action Item No. 09...Consideration of Closed Session for Negotiations Discussion.** Motion by Member Stickler and supported by Member Ostrander to go into closed session to discuss negotiations.

A Roll Call resulted in the following:

Ayes: Heidi Speese, Mark Sochocki, Wayne Stickler, Mike Wyman, Randy Ostrander

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**There was a short break then the Board went into closed session at 10:10 a.m.  
Return to Open Session, Regular Meeting: 11:06 a.m.**

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS: there were none**

There was a discussion among the Board on the nepotism policy. There was a motion by Member Stickler, supported by Member Speese, to adjourn the meeting.

- F. **ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Wyman at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Wyman, Vice President

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Wayne Stickler, Secretary