



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

**FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom and YouTube. This meeting of the Board was held virtually per the MDDHS Emergency Order. The public was asked to contact Patience Nemeth, Executive Assistant to the Superintendents', at [pnemeth@moisd.org](mailto:pnemeth@moisd.org) if they wished to attend the meeting.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Wyman, Cathy Browers, Larry Sredersas,  
Mark Sochocki, Sheri Thompson, Marie Wilkerson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Heidi Speese

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" There was one: new hire at this time: Jake Kinsland, Innovative Engineering Teacher.

President Wilkerson then asked if there were any "**Communications.**"

**Consent Agenda Items:**

Under the "Consent Agenda" for Board approval are the:

- Minutes from January 11, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from January 11, 2021, Personnel & Public Relations Committee Meeting
- Minutes from January 11, 2021, Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting
- January Financial Reports and Bills \$2,452,309.96
  
- There was one new hire: Jake Kinsland, Innovative Engineering Teacher.
- There was one resignation: Doug Ward, Innovative Engineering Teacher.
- Per Board policy, Board member and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only. There were none at this time.

There was a motion by Member Sochocki, supported by Member Thompson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Mark Sochocki, Cathy Browers  
Larry Sredersas, Marie Wilkerson

NAYES: None

Absent: Heidi Speese

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Under "Superintendent's Report"**

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- **Board Showcase:**

Superintendent Locke announced that Special Projects Director Karen Roy had the Board Showcase. Early Childhood presentation on how we do preschool in the "COVID" world right now. Various pictures of children in the daily routine. The staff is super excited to be back with their students. Superintendent Locke asked Mrs. Roy what impacts COVID has had on enrollment and how it looks for the upcoming school year (2021-2022). Karen Roy stated we are getting calls regarding enrollment. In previous years, we served around 160 kids; this year, we are around 100. We will continue to enroll up until March. We are trying to ease some of the stressors that caregivers and students are going through right now. Mark Klumpp, Assistant Superintendent, indicated that this program is highly regulated with licensing, and we are having a hard time finding substitutes. If you hear of interest in subbing, sent them our way. There were comments, questions, and discussion among the Board.

- **Department Updates:**

Superintendent Locke reviewed the report and asked the Board if there were any questions or feedback. There were comments from the Board on various sections of the report.

- **MOISD Updates/News-** Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- **Vision to Learn:** this has been a long but productive process. All the locals, except for Reed City, have partnered with VTL. Students have been given exams and glasses if needed, free of charge. Superintendent Sweet in Reed City is pursuing conversations with their Board members.
- **Extended School Year:** Dr. Rice, State Superintendent, and his idea of extending the school year.
- **Summer School Program:** Looking at a robust summer school program designed very intentionally and focused on specific learning loss. Tonya Harrison would be tasked with this project. He talked about the challenges and cost coverage for this program.
- **Mid-Year Performance Data:** Where students are at and how to address specific learning loss for students.
- **Internet Connection/Service:** The MOISD sent an internet survey in the early spring- 60% of parents indicated they have adequate internet, but we have found that is not the case. Member Sredersas stated that there is a new internet that has been out for a couple of months, Starlink.

## **Under "Board Business"**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**No. 19... Consideration of Reconfirmation of the Mecosta- Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan.** Superintendent Locke reviewed the January 2021 Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation documentation with the Board. There were no questions from the public.

There was a motion by Member Sredersas, supported by Member Thompson, to approve the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Mark Sochocki, Cathy Browers  
Larry Sredersas, Marie Wilkerson  
NAYES: None

ABSENT: Heidi Speese

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**No. 20... Consideration of Purchase of a Bus**

The administration sought approval of the purchase of a 2022 Integrated CE S Bus with a lift from MidWest Transit Equipment for \$111,759.00. Mr. Klumpp, Assistant Superintendent, reported details to the Board. Superintendent Locke reiterated that the MOISD transports all Special Education students that attend ISD programming, which is a change from previous years.

There was a motion by Member Sochocki, supported by Member Sredersas, to approve the purchase of a bus from MidWest Transit as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Cathy Browers, Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Mark Sochocki,  
Larry Sredersas, Marie Wilkerson  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Heidi Speese

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**ACTION ITEM: No. 21... Consideration of 2021 MASB Board of Directors**

The Board discussed the five candidates for the Region 3 Board of Directors.

There was a motion by Member Thompson, supported by Member Browers, to approve Jill Fennesy to represent Region 3 on the MASB Board of Directors.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Mark Sochocki, Cathy Browers  
Larry Sredersas, Marie Wilkerson  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Heidi Speese

**Motion carried unanimously.**

*\*Patience Nemeth, Executive Assistant to the Superintendents, will submit this vote on behalf of the Board.*

**Under "Discussion/Informational Items,"** – Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- **Legislative Update:**
  - School Aid Budget – supplemental budget tied to House bill 4049.
  - Governor department appointees- The Senate has denied appointees at this point
- **Operational Update**
  - COVID Vaccine: All but six MOISD employees that wanted the vaccine have received the vaccine.
- **MOISD COVID protocols:** We are maintaining all protocols and have had relative success with keeping our programs up and operating. We do not anticipate anything changing from face-to-face instruction.
- **First Reading of Board Policies:** Bylaws and Policy 1002: Meetings of the Board of Education; 2006 Behavior-Student Bullying; 8002- Americans with Disabilities Act/Section 504.
  - Assistant Superintendent Klumpp reviewed the redline policies with the Board.

- **Review of Acceptable Use Policy 8001, CIPA, and E-rate**
  - Superintendent Locke indicated that Fred Sharpsteen, Director of Technology, would report, and we would allow time to take questions and/or feedback from the general public.
  - Fred Sharpsteen reviewed the following:
    - Review of the Acceptable Use Policy 8001 and CIPA Child Internet Protection Act. He explained how the MOISD takes steps to protect our students and keep them safe. Fred spoke about the MOISD Internet safety policy, including measures taken to restrict minor's access to inappropriate or harmful materials on the internet, safety and security on online communications, unauthorized disclosure of student personal information, unauthorized access by minors. E-rate – Fred explained what and why E-rate exists and what E-rate provides. This is addressed in the handbook that the MOISD Board approves every year.
    - Fred asked for questions, and there were no questions from the Board or the general public.

**Under "Future Items"-** the following was discussed:

- District-Wide PD with Allison Nelson – February 12, 2021
  - ½ day of PD, then staff receive ½ pm off.
- MOCC Career Expo 2021 – virtual sessions through February
  - Reach out to Mike and/or Caleb if you would like further information.
- MASB 2021 winter Institute – February 19-21, 2021, (live online webinar)
  - Contact Patience if interested in attending
- MOISD Biennial Election – June 7, 2021 (filing deadline date May 10, 2021)
  - There are three members up for re-election

**Upcoming Events-** the following was discussed:

- 100<sup>TH</sup> Day of School – February 8, 2021
- March Reading Month – Education Center – can not extend the offer to read to the students this year due to COVID.

**Public Comment**

- No public comments

Marie- appreciates the administrators attending the Board meetings. Thank you to Patience Nemeth for the Board Appreciation gifts.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Wilkerson, President

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Mike Wyman, Secretary