



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

JANUARY 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, January 11, 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 if they wished to attend the meeting.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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.**" Superintendent Locke acknowledged School Board Recognition Month and thanked our Board for their leadership and flexibility.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

- Minutes from the December 14, 2020, Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from the December 14, 2020, Personnel & Public Relations Committee Meeting
- Minutes from the December 14, 2020, Programs & Policy Committee Meeting
- December financial reports and bills of \$1,909,354.80

There were no new hires at this time.

There were no resignations at this time.

Per Board policy, Board member and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only. There were none.

Motion by Member Thompson, supported by Member Speese, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Mark Sochocki, Heidi Speese,

Larry Sredersas, Marie Wilkerson

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Under "Superintendent's Report"

➤ **Board Showcase:**

- Superintendent Locke announced that Career & Technical Education Director Mike Miller had the Board Showcase. Mr. Miller reported that Justin Fox would be presenting on Swivel and turned the meeting over to him. Justin Fox presented on Swivel; previously, the ISD had a couple of teachers this tool. Now with remote teaching, the use of this tool has increased. It supports learning in the classroom as well as students learning from home. Justin demonstrated how the tool works and how the camera follows the instructor around the room. This enables the teacher to teach students in the room and remote students without being glued to the computer. Students can have conversations with each other just as if they are together in the classroom. He demonstrated the different options: Second camera, split-screen, and group discussion. Matt Kidd reported how he had used Swivel in the EMT and Fire program. Mr. Fox indicated that teachers seem to be open to Swivel being used in their classrooms, and he is excited about influencing them to use this tool. There were comments, questions, and discussion among the Board.

➤ **Department Updates:**

Superintendent Locke indicated that there were no Department Update Report this month due to the holiday break.

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

- Just before break: The Governor lifted the suspension for high school students. All LEA's, except for Chippewa Hills, are back face to face. They are scheduled to come back on January 19, 2021.
- We continue to follow all of our daily protocol and QR check-in. This will be encouraged for the next few months.
- COVID Vaccine: the vaccine was made available to educators. A few of our staff members were able to get their vaccine last Friday at DHD#10. The vaccine does not insulate, having to be quarantined due to close contact.
- Allison Nelson: Trauma training, PD, and principal's meeting will move ahead using Zoom. The next PD is January 18, 2021, with BR and MOISD for a ½ day. The other districts are participating with full days later in the year.

Under "Board Business"

A. ACTION ITEMS:

No. 17...Consideration of Approval of 2020-21 Budget Amendments/Revisions

The Administration was seeking Board Approval of the 2020-2021 budget revisions as presented. Jennifer Vidak, Director of Finance, reported to the Board. Mrs. Vidak reviewed the

General Fund, Special Education Fund, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Fund, Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative (MOP COOP) Fund, and the Capital Project Fund.

Motion by Member Sochocki supported by Member Wyman to approve the 2020-2021 budget amendments/revisions as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Mark Sochocki, Heidi Speese,
Larry Sredersas, Marie Wilkerson

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously.

No. 18... Consideration of Reconfirmation of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan. The Administration was seeking Board Consideration of Reconfirmation of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan. Superintendent Locke reviewed the December 2020 Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation Documentation with the Board.

Motion by Member Browers supported by Member Sredersas to approve the December 2020 Reconfirmation of 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, Heidi Speese,
Larry Sredersas, Marie Wilkerson

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously.

No. 19... Consideration of Approval of District COVID Leave

Superintendent Locke reported that the Personnel and Public Relations Committee met before the Board meeting. He indicated that FFCRA leave expired at the end of December, and the ISD is proposing a District COVID leave. If an employee contacts COVID while working or has a close contact while at work, the ISD would extend District COVID leave. This leave would not be available if the exposure happens when the employee is not working. If the employee would be expected to work, if able, and not take district leave. This DCL would expire on June 31, 2021, or if the legislature were to enact a COVID Leave. The committee is recommending Board approval of District COVID Leave.

Motion by Member Thompson supported by Member Sredersas to approve District COVID Leave as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Mark Sochocki, Heidi Speese,
Larry Sredersas, Marie Wilkerson

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Under "Discussion/Informational Items"

Legislative Update- - Superintendent Locke reported on:

- **NMSLA Group**
- **Teacher Assessment and Student Growth Data-** especially during the past year.
- **CARES Act-** LEA districts are looking at how to utilize these dollars
- **Revenue Estimating Conferences**
- **School Aid Fund**
- **Operational Update**
 - Superintendent Locke reported the following to the Board:
 - Continuing health screenings and following protocols
 - Working closely with the Health Department
 - Vaccinations- will be available to staff as soon as possible. We are encouraging them to do so.
 - COVID numbers- nationally and regionally
 - Reestablishing a sense of normal for students and staff

C. Under "Future Items"- the following was discussed:

- **Acceptable Use Policy/E-Rate:** Superintendent Locke as Fred Sharpsteen, Director of Technology, to report to the Board. Discussed requirements of having a public hearing/meeting the entails how we protect students with systems, policies, and procedures here at the ISD.
- **Board Meetings:** will be virtual through March 2021.

Public Comment

- No public comments

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary