

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

March 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, March 14, 2022, in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Mark Sochocki,
Heidi Speese, Wayne Stickler, 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 asked if there were any "**Communications.**" Superintendent Locke acknowledged that President Wilkerson had received the Master Diamond Award through MASB. He also welcomed Superintendent Sweet from Reed City Area Public Schools.

Consent Agenda Items:

- Under the "Consent Agenda" for Board approval are the following:
 - Minutes from February 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting
 - February Financial Reports and Bills
 - Personnel Resignations & Appointments
- The administration was recommending the following new hire(s):
 - Josie Hill, Business Manager
- There were the following resignations:
 - Jake Kinsland, MOCC Instructor of Innovative Engineering

Per Board policy, Board member and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only.

- Superintendent Locke: 2022 MSBO Conference – Grand Rapids, MI - April 26-28, 2022.
- Superintendent Locke: 2022 MASA Fall Conference – Traverse City, MI- September 20-22, 2022.

There was a motion by Member Wyman and supported by Member Stickler to accept the Consent Agenda as presented with corrections made to the minutes as noted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Under "Superintendent's Report"

Board showcase: Superintendent Lock announced that Gretchen Spedowske, Director of CTE, would be presenting. Mrs. Spedowske presented the following:

- Pre Labor Day Start Presentation.
- Early Middle College Program: discussed the cost and free college tuition for families and students.

- She reviewed the Program of Study form, which shows the programs' outline, requirements, expected program outcomes, the number of college credits earned, and the industry-recognized credentials that students can achieve.

Superintendent Locke explained why the CTE Middle College is tied to the Pre Labor Day Waiver and how this is tied to all the local districts. Once approved, the waiver is valid for three years.

Department Reports:

- Superintendent Locke asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Department Updates. Members of the Board commented on various areas of the report. There was discussion among the Board regarding the Muskegon River Youth Home's temporary six-month closure.

MOISD Updates/News:

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- **Forgiveness Days/ End of the School Year:** The tentative last day of school is June 2nd. The waiver process to apply for additional three-days forgiveness was discussed. Many local districts have already applied to MDE and have received approval for three additional days of forgiveness. We will wait another month to ask for our waiver to see if we have additional weather days. This will impact the last day of school. Superintendent Locke will keep the Board updated.
- **2022-2023 Proposed Calendar:** The 2022-2023 proposed calendar does include integrated professional development, and those days are designated toward the student's minimum number of days. The State superintendent has given mixed messages on the topic. The MOISD proposed calendar will stay as-is for now.
- **Staffing Update:** Josie Hill has been hired as the Business Manager. Jessica Ross will move to a newly created position of Human Resource Coordinator; this move creates an opening for a payroll specialist.
- **Estate/Donation Update:** Assistant Superintendent Mark Klumpp updated the Board regarding the estate/donation from Donna and Norma and their connection to the Special Education Center. They were so impressed with the school they wanted to donate to MOISD Special Education Program. Superintendent Locke and Mrs. Miller will keep the niece, Pam, and the Board updated on the progress of this donation.
- **BIDs:** A request for bids for the addition to the bus/garage transportation building was posted. John Statfeld did a ton of donated work. We will schedule a facility committee meeting before the next Board meeting to discuss this.

Board Business

"Action Items," the following was discussed:

- **Action Item: No. 11... Consideration of 2022-2023 MOISD Calendars**

The Administration and MEA union have agreed upon the 2022-2023 MOISD Calendar and were seeking Board approval, pending MDE approval of our Labor Day Waiver application.

There was a motion by Member Thompson supported by Member Speese to approve the 2022-2023 MOISD calendar, pending Labor Day Waiver approval from MDE. **Motion carried unanimously.**

"Discussion/Informational Items":

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- **Legislative/Budget Update:** The budget continues to dominate conversations and appears to be encouraging. However, talking about tax cuts with an increased school aid budget seems

counterintuitive. We will see how the legislature works this out. Superintendent Locke will keep the Board updated.

- **Teacher Educator Evaluation:** there is no change here. Legislation that was in the works did not pass.
- **Operational Update:** COVID data is trending in the right direction. We have not had a reported case in at least four weeks. If an employee misses four days of work, the employee will need a doctor's note to return to work. QR health screening codes will be taken down.
- **Public Hearing for Labor Day Waiver:** March 14, 2022, at 3 p.m.
- **Personnel/Policy Committee Report**
 - Shuffling of positions: as discussed above
 - Possible stipends/sign-on bonus for GSRP program employees (associate teacher and aides).
 - Directors' titles will eventually be changed to Assistant Superintendents of their department.
 - There is a new proposed organizational chart for 2022-2023. Superintendent Locke will keep the Board updated as we move forward.

FUTURE ITEMS

- March Reading Month, Disney Theme: President Wilkerson will read at Eastwood today.
- MOCC Open House, March 24, 2022, 5p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Spring Break, March 28 – April 1, 2022
- April: LEA Board Meeting Visits
 - Big Rapids Public Schools, April 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Media Center.
 - Chippewa Hills School District, April 11, 2022, at 6 p.m. at Mecosta Elementary.
 - Crossroads Charter Academy, April 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the CCA High/Middle School
 - Evart Public Schools, April 11, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the Boardroom.
 - Morley Stanwood Community Schools, April 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the HS Media Center.
 - Reed City Area Public Schools, April 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Patience will coordinate- Directors will accompany Board Members to the Board meeting.
 - Talking points will be handed out at the next Board meeting.
- Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting, April 11, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.
- 2022 MASB Spring Institute, Howell, MI, April 22-24, 2022
 - Let Patience know if you would like to attend.

Public Items – there were none.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary