

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

**October 11, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

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

Roll call was taken as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wayne Stickler, Heidi Speese, Mark Sochocki,  
Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson,  
Marie Wilkerson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Larry Sredersas

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.**” The Delegate Assembly was discussed.

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- Minutes from the June September 13, 2021, Regular Meeting
- September Financial Reports and Bills
  
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
  - The Administration is recommending the following new hire(s) at this time:
    - There were none at this time.
  - There are the following resignations at this time:
    - There were none at this time.
  
- Superintendent and Board Member(s) Conference(s)/Travel
  - 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.

Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Stickler to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **Under “Superintendent’s Report”**

### **Board Showcase:**

- Superintendent Locke announced that Jennifer Vidak, Director of Finance, had the Board Showcase. Jennifer Vidak introduced Tyler Baker, CPA, from Maner Costerisan, who reviewed the audit report, management letter, and governance letter. Assistant Superintendent Mark R. Klumpp explained the contributions to the capital improvements and gave examples of what that allocation is for. Superintendent Locke asked Mr. Baker to explain the pension liability. Mr. Baker explained the pension liability and explained how the process works. The auditors indicated that the business office staff had everything that was requested and thanked them for such good audit preparation, following Board policies, and processes.

### **MOISD Departmental Reports:**

- Superintendent Locke acknowledged the Department Update report and asked the Board for feedback. The Board commented on sections of the report.

### **MOISD Departmental Updates/News:**

- Superintendent Locke discussed the following:
  - **Education Center Pumpkin Patch –**
    - Will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
  - **Board meetings:** Board meeting will move to the morning starting in January 2022. There is Board excitement about increased interaction with students and better exposure to programming.
  - **Eastwood GSRP Classroom:** is closed through Tuesday due to a staffing issue.
  - **MOCC Starting Place Restaurant:** Director of CTE, Gretchen Spedowske, reported that they hope to open the restaurant soon.
  - **MOCC Cosmetology Services:** Superintendent Locke indicated that we have coordinated MOCC cosmetology services with the Big Rapids Housing Commission for these services and asked Director of CTE, Gretchen Spedowske to report. Mrs. Spedowske reported that cosmetology services will be offered at Parkview High-rise Salon. Salon will open on October 14, 2021 and be open every other Thursday. There are currently 160 individuals on the waiting list.

- **Estate Update:** Assistant Superintendent, Mark R. Klumpp, gave the Board an updated on the estate. Currently in probate court. This will not really have any effect on the MOISD other than the delay.
- **Local Districts-**
  - Reed city Middle School will be closed the rest of this week.

Under Board Business “**Action Items,**” the following was discussed:

- **There were none.**

Under **Board Business “Discussion/Informational Items,”** the following was discussed:

Superintendent Locke reported on:

- **Legislative Update**

- **Critical Race Theory, Senate Bill 460:** It is unlikely that the governor would sign any such piece of legislation. A copy of the legislation is available – contact Superintendent Locke.
- **Seat time Flexibility – 664 and 640:** have been cleared and will be sent to the House next week.
- **Pre Labor Day Start – House Bill 4199:** endorsed by Senator Hornberger. Unsure how the new State Superintendent of Education, Michael Rice, will respond yet. This bill is not well endorsed.

- **Operational Updates:**

- Discussed the letter from DHD 10 and other local health departments.
- **Construction Trades Home:** Assistant Superintendent, Mark R. Klumpp, reported that the home is ready for listing. The relator that was utilize for the last house, Randy Ostrander, will be listing the home for the MOISD. Photos of the home were taken yesterday and paperwork will be signed tomorrow, then the house will be placed on the market. The house will be listed for \$369,900.00. The Board will have to approve and sign off on the sale when an offer is received, this may require a special meeting, dependent on when this were to occur.
- **Principals Month:** Superintendent Locke recognized: Pat Carven, Jenny Knopf, and Caleb Martz for the work that they do and for their expertise and skill.
- **Board Communication-** discussed feedback from the “From Our Board to Yours” information that is sent out to Local Board Members.

Under **Board Business “Future Items,”** the following was discussed:

- Public Relations Committee Meeting: November 8, 2021 at 5 p.m.
- November 2021 MASB Annual Leadership Conference, November 11-14, 2021.
  - If Board members still want to sign-up contact Patience Nemeth.

- Collins & Blaha Superintendent Evaluation Training, October 26, 2021
  - If Board members still want to sign-up contact Patience Nemeth.
- AESA 36<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference in Houston TX, December 1-4, 2021
  - If Board members still want to sign-up contact Patience Nemeth.
- The Board would like a tour of US-10: some date after the 1<sup>st</sup> a.m. Board meeting, possibly a graduation. Patience will find out if any graduations are coming up.

**Public Items** – There were no public comments

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Wilkerson, President

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Mike Wyman, Secretary