



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

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan. It was also available via Zoom and YouTube, per the Governor's Executive Order.

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  
Mark Sochocki, 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 was one addition to the Consent Agenda. Personnel Appointment of Micah Beckman, Social Worker.

President Wilkerson then asked if there were any "**Communications.**" There were none.

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- Minutes from August 10, 2020, Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from August 14, 2020, Special Board Meeting
- July financial reports and bills of \$1,826,066.31
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments

There are four new hires at this time:

- Megin Boes - Special Education Speech and Language Pathologist
- Olivia Martin – Special Education Speech and Language Pathologist
- Ronald Suemnick – Resource Room Teacher- Secondary- MRYH
- Cheryl Wright – MOISD Special Education Supervisor and MOP LEA Special Education Supervisor (Big Rapids)

There are three resignations at this time.

- Kathy Blatchford – Speech and Language Pathologist
  - Marisa Bullard- School Social Worker
  - Elsa Klepp – GSRP Lead Teacher
- Superintendent and Board Member(s) Conference(s)/Travel: there are none at this time

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Under “Superintendent’s Report”**

➤ **Board Showcase:**

Superintendent Locke announced that Director of Special Projects, Karen Roy, had the Board Showcase. Karen presented to the Board on 32p, Great Start Collaborative, and Parent Coalition. She spoke about the following programs: Rock the Crock, a partnership with Angels of Actions, providing Talking is Teaching infused menus with each meal set. Mom Power, Car Seat Clinics, and Together2Thrive. She discussed and reviewed funding, current enrollment for GSRP, and staffing. Mrs. Roy discussed McKinney-Vento Homeless Education and the data collection tool. She presented information on the Early Childhood Administrator Network (ECAN) and Talent 2025 childhood support network. She explained what the GSRP Program looks like and showed pictures of students in the classroom following current guidelines for social distancing and some creative ways of getting that accomplished. There were comments, questions, and discussion among the Board.

➤ **Department Updates:**

Superintendent Locke reviewed the departmental reports, and the Board commented on sections of the report.

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

- **Vision to Learn Program:** Big Rapids and CCA were able to engage that process last year. Free glasses were sent home to students in packets. Morley Stanwood is currently working with VTLP and scheduling screening. Superintendent Locke with check with Reed City Public Schools again to see if they would like to participate. MOISD LEA’s are the only rural districts currently working with VTLP.
- **GSRP** – current status, oversight from governor’s office addressing this program. He spoke about funding and the availability of slots and unused slots.

**Under Board Business “Discussion/Informational Items,”**

**ACTION ITEM: No. 09...Consideration of Approval of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan.** The Administration is seeking your approval of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan. Superintendent Locke explained the guidelines and requirements of this plan to the Board. States how we are going about our business. Christy Miller, Director of Special Education, reported to the Board.

Motion by Member Browers supported by Member Thompsons to approve the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Superintendent Locke reported on:

➤ **Legislative Update-**

- **Days and hours** requirement and 75% attendance guidelines. New plan for how pupils are being counted and how funds are distributed. Will take this into account during pandemic learning.
- **State budgets**-What is the funding going to look like? Schools have been operating since July 1 without a budget. Numbers are not as bad as projected in August, better than expected.
- **Health Department**- really good data and information. We are working really well together at this time. We are following their lead and advice.
- **Operational Update**

Assistant Superintendent Mark Klumpp reported to the Board on the daily operations and steps the MOISD is taking to protect students and staff. Everyone has stepped up, and it is showing. He reviewed precautions and safety measures being used throughout the MOISD and LEA satellite buildings. He spoke about working closely with the Health Department and indicated that they are very responsive and helpful. He discussed the following:

- Cleaning Protocols/buildings/busses. Custodian cleaning specialist, cleaning common touchpoints every four hours in all buildings.
- Cleaning supplies and PPE's provided to staff
- Isolation rooms
- QR codes
- Distribution center for locals for N95 masks.
- Divider shields
- Q & A on website

The main objective is safety for students and staff. He thanked everyone for stepping up and indicated he is proud of the staff and students.

- **MOISD October Board Meeting- Thursday, October 15, 2020**
- **Board/Administrator Representation at LEA Board Meetings in October**
  - Put on hold at this time
- **MOISD Wide Professional Development**
  - Tonya Harrison, Director of Gen Ed, reported on the district-wide training provided in conjunction with Allison Nelson. Allison Nelson will come back for four more full days for district-wide training. She will also work with principals at five principal meetings.
- **MOISD Opening Day**
  - Superintendent Locke reported on how this was conducted at various locations across campus.
- **Board Communication**

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

- Board Retreat- September 22, 2020, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 2020 MASB Delegate Assembly – November 5, 2020
  - Virtual meeting, no voting this year. Let Patience know if you would like to participate.
- 2020 MASB Annual Leadership Conference (Virtual), November 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Virtual meeting, no voting this year. Let Patience know if you would like to participate.

**Upcoming Events/Items**

- Audit Presentation – October Board meeting
- October Board meeting will still take place on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. as scheduled.

**Public Comment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Wilkerson, President

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Mike Wyman, Secretary