

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

March 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, March 11, 2019, 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 6 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Babbitt, Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Sheri Thompson, Marie Wilkerson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cathy Browers, Larry Emig,

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.**” There were none.

Consent Agenda Items: A motion was made by Member Thompson, and supported by Member Sredersas, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Minutes from February 11, 2019, Regular Monthly Meeting
- Minutes from February 11, 2019, Closed Session
- Minutes from February 11, 2019, Programs and Policy Committee Meeting
- Minutes from February 11, 2019, Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting
- February Bills and Financial Reports of \$1,592,238.31
- Personnel Resignations & Appointment – there were none
- Superintendent and Board Member(s) Conference(s)/Travel – There were two travel requests for Superintendent Locke to attend the MAISA – Spring Meeting in Ann Arbor March 14, 2019 - March 15, 2019, and the MAISA Summer Conference in Midland June 26, 2019 – June 28, 2019. Superintendent Locke informed that he would be attending the MAISA – Spring Meeting but would not be staying overnight on March 14, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Under “Superintendent’s Report”

- Superintendent Locke announced that Tonya Harrison, Director of General Education, had the Board Showcase. Tonya Harrison indicated she was going to walk through the process of Instructional Rounds. Mrs. Harrison explained the purpose, inquiry process, and the goals of Instructional Rounds. She explained the necessity of using a Network of Educators, the “Who”, the “Look Fors”, and the “Report Outs”. Mrs. Harrison emphasized the importance of building effective communication between the

Network of Educators, the teacher, and the school to help with effective learning, teaching, improvement plans, and professional development planning.

- Ms. Harrison discussed the HIL (High Impact Leadership) Project; she indicated that all elementary schools were able to take part. She stated that Cohort A is wrapping up and Cohort B will start 2019-20.

Department Reports:

- Superintendent Locke announced that March was reading month and encouraged everyone to participate in reading at the schools if they were available. He mentioned the farm animal decorations that are up at the Education Center.
- Superintendent Locke asked teacher, Kathleen Rau, to speak on the Adult Transition Center 2 (ATC2) video that was created. Ms. Rau indicated that they collaborated with Roger Meinert, the MOCC Digital Video Production students, and Meijer to film a story about a student lost in the store. The ATC2 students will watch this video to help remind them what to do in these situations and when to use their emergency cards. Meijer has indicated they are going to use this as an opportunity to train their staff members as well.

MOISD Updates/News:

Superintendent Locke discussed/addressed the following:

- The current number of snow days...23. He explained they continue to work with legislators on the snow day legislation. The Superintendents met with the NMSLA group today and were encouraged by what they heard. As of today with no legislation help, the last day is June 24, 2019. There was a discussion among the Board regarding this issue.
- Pre-Labor Day Waiver, there is a Public Hearing scheduled for March 19, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in the PD North and South Room of the MOISD Resource Building. Our waiver is expiring this year, and we are looking for a three-year waiver. Superintendent Locke explained the requirements for applying for a waiver. He indicated we expect a conditional waiver until our Early Middle College program is fully approved.

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

- **Action Item No. 20...Consideration of Pact Appointment.** Motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Wyman that the MOISD Board of Education approve the appointment of Diana Bitler as the PAC representative for Chippewa Hills School District.

Motion carried unanimously

- **Action Item No. 21...Consideration of Approval of the 2018-19 Budget Revisions.** Accountant Mark Higgins summarized the high points of each fund. Mr. Higgins indicated that he would have a projected budget for next year for the Board at the next Board meeting. There was a Motion by Member Wyman and supported by Member Babbitt that the MOISD Board approve the 2018-19 budget revisions as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

- **Action Item No. 22...Consideration of Closed Session for Negotiations update.** It was decided to move Action Item No. 22 (closed session) to the end of the agenda.

Action Item No. 23...Consideration of Purchase of Truck - CTE. Superintendent Locke indicated that this purchase was approved last June 2018, the truck was ordered, but the vendor never delivered. Superintendent Locke asked Mike Miller, Director CTE, to speak on the need and use for the truck. Mr. Miller also indicated that the purchase could be applied toward our 25% match needed for the Marshall Plan if the grant is approved. This truck is on the lot and can be delivered within two weeks. There was a Motion by Member Babbitt and supported by Member Thompson that the MOISD Board of Education approve the purchase of the truck from Todd Wenzel at a cost of \$33,811.96 plus delivery of \$1.00 per mile (approximately \$400).

Motion carried unanimously

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

Superintendent Locke reported on:

- Board Self- Evaluation, Superintendent Evaluation, and Strategic Action Plan. Superintendent Locke stated that he would like to tie the three of these items together.
- Board Self-Evaluation – Superintendent Locke gave the Board Members revised/updated version and asked for feedback and recommendations for areas in blue print. The goal is to make the evaluation relative to a School Board and align the Board Self-Evaluation more closely to that of the Superintendent Evaluation. He asked the Board to communicate feedback and recommendations to him, and he would have Patience Nemeth, Executive Assistant, revise. There was a discussion among the Board.
- Superintendent Evaluation – Superintendent Lock indicated he would like to have a closed session next month. There was a discussion among the Board.
- Strategic Action Plan – The Board would like this to be a “moving piece.” Superintendent Locke discussed Administration feedback from the stakeholder interviews and the themes that were pulled from the data. Focus on: increased communication, culture, programs/services, student success in each department and actions steps to evaluate and improve. A goals statement will be added to each Board agenda, so goals are addressed at each Board meeting. There was a discussion among the Board.
- Mid Michigan Partnership- Superintendent Locke had Mr. Miller report on the progress. It is moving forward, and the progress is going well.
- Lusk Albertson – Board Policy – Superintendent Locke explained their process compared to Neola. There was a discussion among the Board.
- Government Budget/Legislation – Superintendent Locke discussed the June budget that is currently in legislation.

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

- County School Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 2019. David Ladd, Lobbyist from Kelly Cawthorne, will be presenting. We also have two legislators that will be attending.
- MOISD Biennial Election – Monday, June 3, 2019. The deadline to file with the County Clerk is May 6, 2019. Superintendent Locke informed the Board that if they needed election paperwork to please see Patience Nemeth, Executive Assistant. Information is also available at the County Clerk.

Public Items – Lisa Nielsen addressed the Board regarding Board Policy changes and Committee meetings.

- **Action Item No. 12...Consideration of Closed Session to Negotiations Update.** Motion by Member Wyman and supported by Member Babbitt go into closed session to discuss negotiations.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Gregg Babbitt, Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Sheri Thompson,
Marie Wilkerson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Cathy Browers, Larry Emig

Motion carried unanimously.

There was a short break then the Board went into closed session at 7:24 p.m.

Motion by Member Thompson and supported by Member Sredersas to come out of closed session at 8:15 p.m. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Gregg Babbitt, Mike Wyman, Larry Sredersas, Sheri Thompson,
Marie Wilkerson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Cathy Browers, Larry Emig

Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary