

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

September 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Education Building of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

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

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Stickler, Heidi Speese, Larry Sredersas
Mike Wyman, Randy Ostrander,
Marie Wilkerson, Mark Sochocki

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" Consent Agenda: There was an addition of newly hired employees.

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

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from August 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
- August 2024 Financial Reports and Bills
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
- The administration is recommending the following new hire(s) at this time:
 - Kristen Larson- Special Education Supervisor
 - Elizabeth Quinn- Occupational Therapist
 - Jodi Cornelius- Behavioral Health Services Coordinator

SE Paraeducators

- Jaylyn Reeder- RC Elementary RR
- Korynn Palmer- HS MOCI
- Jordon Lofquist- RC MS
- Robin LaMadline- RC MS EI
- There are the following resignation(s) at this time:
 - Patrick Craven, SE Supervisor.
 - Samantha Sheridan, Speech Language Pathologist.

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

- Steve Locke – MNA Fall Conference: October 2-4, 2024, Shanty Creek, MI
- Marie Wilkerson - MASB Annual Leadership Conference: October 24-27, 2024, Lansing, MI.

Motion by Member Sochocki, supported by Member Sredersas, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.....Steve Locke, Superintendent

A. Board Showcase: Superintendent Locke indicated that CTE Services would be presenting the Board Showcase. Caleb Martz, CTE Principal, presented to the Board. He presented the following:

- New Year- New Opportunities
- ISD Mission: Supporting Schools and Student Achievement
- MOCC Mission: Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Career
- 2024-2025 Enrollment Data (*at the same time of year*): 582 (-2.5%). Discussed the growth and loss in each program. We are aligning students with personal and career interests.
- Getting Enrollment Up and Keeping the Enrollment Up
 - Program caps.
 - Welding and culinary arts have changed to a one-year program instead of a two-year one.
- TTS: Sophomore numbers 1-2 are signed up now.
- Costomology: only open to Seniors at this time
- Available sessions for programs: We are considering adding sessions in the PM or changing the schedule to increase student contact time.
- MOCC Open House: October 29, 2024
- Summer Camps
- Work-Based Learning: Currently, 37 students are currently participating in WBL.

Superintendent Locke discussed possibly adjusting MOCC hours, space, 13th year, and Early Middle College options. There was discussion among the Board.

B. Department Updates – There were no Department Update Reports this month.

- Department Reports will return in October.

C. MOISD Updates/News: Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- SE Millage: A handout showed the amount of money the MOISD has distributed back to the LEAs.
 - This is a renewal, not a new millage.
 - Unreimbursed costs and flow-through dollars
- Headley restoration or levy is what we have been leveling. 0.83 mil.
- Seyferth Marketing Firm: they are working on a proposal. We should receive it at the beginning of next week. The proposal will include promotion on the following:
 - Millage - confusing ballot language is usually a "NO" vote.
 - MOISD as a premier employer.
- Eagle Village: Holds a grant/contract with Mecosta and Osceola County to provide day treatment for 12-17-year-olds for wrap-around services to adjudicated students. Eagle Village, BRPS Virtual, and the MOISD are collaborating to provide these services to students. The potential deadline is October 1, 2024.
- US 10: Youth Opportunities (MRYH): Pathways of Hope- EVPS and MOISD are collaborating to provide these services to students.

President Wilkerson stressed how essential it is for the Boards to know what is happening in their districts. There was discussion among the Board.

III. BOARD BUSINESS.....President Wilkerson

A. ACTION ITEMS

• No. 7...Consideration of Approval of School Psychologist Contract.

Motion by Member Wyman, Supported by Member Speese that the MOISD Board of Education approve the contract with MOISD and Soliant/VocoVision for School Social Worker services. This agreement will be effective from September 9, 2024, through June 3, 2025. Services will not exceed \$62,900.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

• No. 8...Consideration of Approval of School Social Worker Contract. Motion by Member Wayne, Supported by Member Ostrander that the MOISD Board of Education approve the contract with MOISD and Soliant/VocoVision for School Social Worker services. This agreement will be effective from September 9, 2024, through June 3, 2025. Services will not exceed \$62,900.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

• No. 9...Consideration of Approval of Speech Language Pathologist Contract.

Motion by Member Speese, Supported by Member Sredersas, that the MOISD Board of Education approve the MOISD and Connected Speech Solutions for Speech-Language Pathology services. This agreement will be effective from August 19, 2024, through June 4, 2025. Services will not exceed \$119,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

• No. 10...Consideration of Approval of Orientation & Mobility Specialist Contract.

Motion by Member Ostrander, Supported by Member Speese that the MOISD Board of Education approve the contract between the MOISD and Montcalm Area ISD for an Orientation and Mobility Specialist. This agreement will be effective from July 1, 2024, through June 4, 2025. Services will not exceed 40 days per year.

Motion carried unanimously.

• No. 11...Consideration of Approval for Furniture Purchase at Hillcrest

Motion by Member Sredesas, Supported by Member Speese that the MOISD Board of Education approve the purchase of office furniture at Hillcrest from Strong Office Company for a total cost of \$28,154.39.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. UNDER BOARD BUSINESS "DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS," the following was discussed: Superintendent Locke discussed/reported on the following:

- **Operational Update**
 - There are 14 position openings as of today
- **Legislative Update**
 - There will likely be no sessions held in Sept or October 2024.
 - School Aid Budget - we are hopeful for a supplemental budget.
 - Lame Duck
 - Superintendent Locke has a legislative update this afternoon with David Ladd.
 - September 18: Advocacy – to meet legislators. Let Patience know if you would like to attend.

- Pole Barn: Agriscience
 - It is in progress. We are hopeful for the October opening.
- Hillcrest:
 - Fred Sharpsteen has been providing many hours to get the space up and running.
 - GSC, Earl-On, and some GSRP Staff are currently occupying the building.

C. FUTURE ITEMS

- Audit Presentation – October Board Meeting
- December 23: Board Retreat - Let Patience know if this will not work for you.
- Marie Wilkerson: 2024 MASB Annual Leadership Conference: Lansing, October 24-27, 2024
- 2024 AESA Annual Conference: December 4-6, 2024, in Orlando, Florida D. Please let Patience know if you would like to attend.

D. UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 11, 2024: GSRP First Day With Students.
- September 11, 2024: New Teacher Training Series, 4 -7 p.m.
- September 24-26, 2024: CPI Train the Trainer
- September 27, 2024: MOEC PBIS Assembly, 1-2 p.m.
(celebration of students and student achievement)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were none

V. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary