

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

April 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. AM.

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Ostrander

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:

- Minutes from February 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from February 12, 2024, Facilities Committee Meeting
- Minutes from the February 23, 2024, Special Board Meeting
- Notes from March 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

- February 2024 and March 2024 Financial Reports and Bills

- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
 - The Administration is recommending the following new hire(s):
 - Karen Cushway, Physical Therapy Assistant

 - There are the following resignations at this time:
 - There were none

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

- There were none

Also on the consent agenda for Board consideration are the probationary professional staff recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year and the one-year administrative contract extensions as follows:

- [Fifth-year probationary status](#)

- **Fourth-year probationary status** to Teacher Consultant **Sarah Aljabori**; Speech Pathologist **Sarah Chapin**; Social Worker **Sheri Dailey**; CTE Instructor **Shelli Hallman**; CTE Instructor **Andrew Klimek**; Social Worker **Melissa Breasbois (Shoe)**; Teacher Consultant **Rhonda Waldorf**; Speech Pathologist **Alyssa Westmass-Crossen**; Speech Pathologist **Caitlin Wilk**.
- **Third-year probationary status** to Occupational Therapist **Dana Berthiaume**; School Psychologist **Carli Bowman**; Speech Pathologist **Alexandra Kreger**; CTE Teacher **Gary McIntyre**; Social Worker **Samantha Sanchez-Rivera**; Speech Pathologist **Kayla Schumaker**; Teacher Consultant **Michelle Swinson**; Speech Pathologist **Allyson Stokely**.
- **Second-year probationary status** to Teacher Consultation **Tricia Bailey**; CTE Instructor **Megan Cain**; CTE Instructor **Catherine Courtade**; Occupational Therapist **Hannah Dagleish**; Teacher **Christy Miller**;
- CTE Instructor **Gary Poortvliet**; CTE Instructor **Eric Richardson**; Speech Pathologist **Andrew Schinsky**; Speech Pathologist **Samantha Sheridan**; Speech Pathologist **Lauren Tabor**; and School Social Worker **Jodi Wright**.
- **Administrative contract extension recommendations** through the 2024-2025 school year are as follows: **Amanda Kimball, Jodi LaFeldt, Sheryl Presler, Fred Sharpsteen, Gretchen Spedowske, Pat Craven, Josie Hill, Jaime Knapp, Jenny Knopf, Ayla Lockhart, Caleb Martz, Karlene Rader, Elizabeth Slack, and Andrea Strickler**.

Motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Wyman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Under "Superintendent's Report"

MOISD Departmental Reports:

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

A. Board Showcase

Superintendent Locke invited the CTE Assistant Superintendent, Gretchen Spedowske, to present. Gretchen discussed their focus on the MOISD Core Value: Local Success is Our Success. She then turned the presentation over to Caleb Martz, Assistant Principal. Caleb discussed Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO). Catherine Courtade, Agriscience Instructor, and students from Morely Stanwood and Reed City School presented on FFA. The students described their experience participating in the FFA competition. In the Broiler contest- they placed 23 out of 120 and won the silver award. Equestrian- won the silver award. The following was also discussed with the Board:

- FFA Banquet.
- Region 5 leadership camp.
- Tree Bagging
- Volunteering at RC Beef show.
- Market Rabbit - Meat Rabbits.
- Pumpkin & squash patches.
- Community Garden - Rent a plot and grow your vegetables. A grant from MI State Extension will be used for the garden. Some of the food will be donated to the homeless shelter.

- Kelly Hallman, Culinary Instructor, introduced our first work-based learning student, Aiden Eccles, from Reed City. He is dual-enrolled with FSU and will graduate with a certificate in Restaurant Management. He competed at ProStart and placed 11th in the pasta competition. Industry professionals also demonstrated plating food and making pasta. There were questions and comments from the Board.

B. Department Updates

- Department updates were reviewed. There were various comments from the Board.
- Superintendent Locke indicated that a grant had been submitted for a fence surrounding the Agriscience space and a smaller fence around the garden.

C. MOISD Updates/News

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- The Annual Mecosta-Osceola County School Boards Association Meeting is being planned for May.
- MOISD-Wide 2024-2025 Opening Day: Dr. Hodge and Jessica Minahan will be the keynote speakers. Breakout sessions are planned for the afternoon. There will be PD for nearly 1,000 employees.

There was a discussion among the Board.

III. BOARD BUSINESS.....President Wilkerson

A. ACTION ITEMS

- **No 15... Consideration and Approval of the 2024-2025 MOISD Calendars**

There was a motion by Member Speese, supported by Member Stickler, to approve the 2024-2025 MOISD and US 10 calendars as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- **No. 16... Consideration and Approval of Purchase of Bus Wi-Fi**

There was a motion by Member Sredersas, supported by Member Speese, to approve Kajeet as the vendor for the bus Wi-Fi for a total project cost of \$34,481.20. MOISD 20%, estimated cost for Year 1 of \$6,896.25 and Year 2 of \$1,246.38.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- LEA Board Visit Reports
 - Marie- reported on the EPS board visit.
 - Mike Wyman- - reported on the BRPS board visit.
- Operational Update
 - Construction Trades House.
 - Agriscience Greenhouse: is up and being completed.
- Proposed General Fund Budget for 2024-2025
 - Josie Hill reviewed the 2024-2025 projected budget to the Board. Superintendent Locke explained this was a preliminary budget.
 - The General Fund budget is presented to our local school boards at their May board meeting. The LEA will complete its resolution, and then our Board will vote on the budget in June.

- Governors proposal: Pre-K for all.
- Pension System and retirement obligations.
- Charter Schools, retirement, and state aide monies.
- OPED
- Community College Free for Participants.

C. FUTURE ITEMS

- April 8, 2024: LEA Board Meeting Visit- CHSD
- April 15, 2024: LEA Board Meeting Visit - MSCS
- MASB 2024 Spring Institute: April 19-20, 2024 Lansing, MI
- April 30, 2024: MOCC Honors Ceremony (details to follow)
- May 6th, staff Appreciation, 12:30 p.m.
- Advisory Board Dinner – April 18, 2024
 - Let Patience know if you would like to attend.

D. UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 12, 2024: County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee Meeting-Tax Levy
- April 23, 2024: MOCC CareerQuest at FSU, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- April 25, 2024: CTE Showcase- Lansing
 - Public Safety will attend - they will have a display and talk to visitors as they enter.
- May 18, 2023: MOEC Prom/Gala, 5:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
 - Big Rapids Eagles. Prom is from 3-5 p.m., and the Gala is from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. The theme is Frozen.
- May of 2025: SE Millage

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURN 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary