

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

February 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 9:00 AM 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 AM.

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Via Zoom: Larry Sredersas, for informational purposes only, will not vote.*

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" • Superintendent Locke announced the Board will tour the MOCC CT Trade House after today's meeting for any who can attend.

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

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from the January 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
- January 2024 Financial Reports and Bills

- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
 - There were the following new hire(s):
 - none
 - There were the following resignations:
 - none
- Per Board policy, Board member and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board only.
 - Steve Locke, MAISA General Membership Meetings at Oakland ISD, March 7-8, 2024.

Motion by Member Sochocki and supported by Member Stickler 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 business manager Josie Hill to discuss the amended 2023-2024 school budgets. Mrs. Hill reviewed changes/revisions in revenues and expenditures to the following budgets: General Fund, Special Education Fund, CTE Fund, MOP Co-Op Fund, and the Capital Project Fund.

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There were questions and comments from the Board.

B. Department Updates

- Department updates were reviewed. There were various comments from the Board.

C. MOISD Updates/News

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- Opening Day 2024-2025: This is a work in progress with LEAs for about 800 staff.
 - The keynote speaker has been identified, and breakout sessions are being organized.
 - Location: tentatively Big Rapids HS
 - The purpose: encourage staff and collectively focus on common goals
 - are working on a collective opening day with LEAs; more information to come. The committee is working on identifying a speaker.
- Common Calendar – meeting completed for the 2024-2025 Common Calendar
 - Went very well. Agreed upon the required components. Agreed to common PD days. Most districts will be starting relatively close to the same day.
- Wellness:
 - FSU Basketball game - this week, Thursday
- March is reading month.
 - Let Patience know if you want to read, and she will schedule you.

III. BOARD BUSINESS.....President Wilkerson

A. ACTION ITEMS

- **No. 10... Consideration of Approval of 2023-2024 Budget Amendments/Revisions**

There was a motion by Member Ostrander, supported by Member Stickler, to approve the 2023-2024 budget revisions as presented.

A roll call resulted in the following:

AYES: Mike Wyman, Heidi Speese, Wayne Stickler, Randy Ostrander, Mark Sochocki, Marie Wilkerson.

NAYS:

**Via Zoom: Larry Seredersas- null vote.*

Motion carried unanimously.

- **No. 11... Consideration of PAC Appointment for Chippewa Hills School District**

There was a motion by Member Speese, supported by Member Ostrander, to approve the appointment of Kaycee Wert as the PAC representative for Chippewa Hills School District.

Motion carried unanimously.

- **No. 12... Consideration of Approval of MOU with Kent ISD**

There was a motion by Member Stickler, supported by Member Speese, to approve the MOU between the MOISD and Kent ISD, two-year contract. Year one's estimated cost is \$31,500.00, and year two's estimated cost is \$1,530.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

- **No. 13...Consideration of Approval of Partnership**

There was a motion by Member Sochocki, supported by Member Wyman, to approve agreeing in principle to a partnership with Big Rapids Public Schools in the use of Hillcrest School.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- Governor's Budget Recommendations
 - State of the State- Steve Locke attended with Tom Kunse
 - Increase in per-pupil funding, At-risk dollars, and funding for ISD
 - Pretty robust budget. It is pretty early in the process. Jun 30, 2024 deadline. It must be approved by July 1, 2024.
- Pre-K for All
- Operational Update
 - Fiducius: Grant 27K- to help cover loan repayment. We are going to explore doing this with our local districts.
 - Sale of CTE House-Tour
 - Randy Ostrander, Relator- sold the last two homes, and we would like to use him again. The Board agreed.
- Greenhouse
 - Gretchen has applied for a grant that we are pretty sure we will obtain. We currently have a sealed bid request out for building a smaller greenhouse.
 - Gretchen has applied for a \$100,000.000 fence grant that has been written to see if we can obtain it this way.
 - Pole barn. We will assemble a bid package and gather some bids for that build.
- MASB Board of Directors: no ballot will be received as our representative runs unopposed.

C. FUTURE ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- Steve Locke, MAISA General Membership Meetings at Oakland ISD, March 7-8, 2024
- March LEA Board Meeting Visits
 - Steve will send out some communication.
 - Patience will coordinate and let each Board member know what Admin will be going with them.
- 2024-2025 MOISD Budget- General Fund
 - Will be sent to LEA Boards for approval at their May Board meeting

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURN 10:25 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary

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