

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

OCTOBER 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Education Office 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: Mike Wyman, Heidi Speese, Larry Sredersas,
Mark Sochocki, Wayne Stickler, Randy Ostrander,
Marie Wilkerson,

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any "**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**" Action Items No. 13 was added, supporting information will be presented.

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

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from September 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
- September financial reports and bills
- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
 - The Administration is recommending the following new hire(s) at this time:
 - Carrie Harvey, SE Teacher.
 - There are the following resignations at this time:
 - Benjamin Bryant, Teacher

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

- Steve Locke: MAISA Fall Meetings, November 7-8, 2024, in Lansing, MI.
- Steve Locke and Wayne Stickler: AESA Annual Conference, Orlando, FL

Motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Ostrander 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 announced the audit would be presented. Josie Hill, Business Manager, introduced Tyler Baker, Auditor, from Maner Costerisan. Tyler indicated the audit went smoothly. Tyler presented the audit report, audit year-end, on June 30, 2024. He reviewed the management letter, the governance letter (copy given to the

Board), and the Statement of Net Position. The MOISD received the highest level of assurance. He reported and reviewed the following:

- Unmodified Opinion- the highest level of assurance.
- Review of Balance Sheet- Total Fund Balances. Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for each department.
- Pension and OPEB review.
- Budget comparison: Revenue and expenditures specific to each fund.
- Single Audit review-no findings or noncompliance noted.

There were comments and questions from the Board.

B. Department Updates

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

- CTE Assistant Superintendent: Mark Klumpp has stepped in as Interim until filled.

C. MOISD Updates/News

Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- Early Childhood Summit: Jodi LaFeldt, Assistant Superintendent of SE, and Amanda Kimball, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services reported on takeaways from the summit. All 56 ISDs were represented by superintendents.
- Staffing: Current open positions.
- Technology Feasibility Study
- MILEAP

III. BOARD BUSINESS.....President Wilkerson

A. ACTION ITEMS

• **No. 12...Consideration of Approval of School Social Worker Contract.** Motion by Member Stickler, Supported by Member Speese that the MOISD Board of Education approve the contract with MOISD and Soliant/VocoVision for School Social Worker services (Kristen Williams). This agreement will be effective from October 7, 2024, through June 4, 2025. Services will not exceed \$103,692.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

- **No. 13... Consideration of Approval of including the Itinerant Evaluation in the CBA.**

Member Sredersas motioned, Supported by Member Ostrander, that the MOISD Board of Education approve the inclusion of the itinerant evaluation in the CBA. Jodi LaFeldt reported to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

- **No. 14... Consideration of Approval of MASB Delegate Assembly Alternate.** Motion by Member Sochocki, Supported by Member Stickler, that the MOISD Board of Education approve President Marie Wilkerson as an alternate for the MASB Delegate Assembly.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- Legislative Update
 - Senate Bill 1025 & 1026
 - House Bill: 5803
 - Senate Bills: 567 & 568
- Operational Update
 - Phishing Emails

- Hillcrest: No student occupancy permits today. But we do have the rest of the permits.
- Agriscience: the Barn progress looks good.
- Bid Threshold
- Transit passenger van
- Our Brothers Keeper

There was discussion among the Board.

- Board Retreat/Strategic Action Plan. December 23, 2024. 10-1:30 at the Depot
- Principal's Month: Kudos to Jenny Knopf, Caleb Martz, Kristen Larson
 - Principals were highlight on our MOISD Facebook page.
- **New Employees**
 - Lawrence Bate: Bus Driver
 - Timothy Engstrom: Para-educator, ECSEP
 - Noah Locke: Para-educator, HS MoCI at MOEC.
 - Aurelia Cruz: Para-educator, Secondary RR at MOEC.

C. FUTURE ITEMS

- October 2024: MASB Annual Leadership Conference in Lansing, MI
- Dec 4-6, 2024: AESA Annual Conference in Orlando, FL

D. UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 17, 2024: MOCC Get Your Career In Gear
- October 29, 2024: MOCC Open House, 5-7 p.m.
- October 25, 2024: MOEC Pumpkin Patch/Fall Festival, 9-11:30 and 12:30-2 p.m.
- October 22, 2024: MOISD Flu Shot Clinic
- October 31: MOEC Halloween Parade, 10-10:20 a.m.
- November 22, 2024: MOEC Harvest Dinner 1 p.m.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were none.

V. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Wayne Stickler, Secretary