

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

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, February 12, 2018, in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

Vice President Thompson officially called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Wyman, Greg Babbitt, Larry Sredersas, Cathy Browsers, Ed Raby and Sheri Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marie Wilkerson

Under regular order of business, Vice President Thompson asked if there were any “**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**” There was one addition to the agenda—Action Item 26—Consideration of Closed Session to Consider AFSCME Contract Negotiations. It was decided to move this to the last item on the agenda.

Vice President Thompson then asked if there were any “**Communications.**” There were none.

Motion by Member Browsers and supported by Member Sredersas to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Action item 26. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda Items: There was a motion by Member Wyman and supported by Member Babbitt to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Minutes from the January 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- Payment of December bills (\$1,733,731.03) and approval of the January financial reports
- Approval of Roni Crisman as a School Social Worker.

Motion carried unanimously.

Under “Superintendent’s Report” Mr. Locke turned the meeting over to Director Mike Miller for the Board Showcase. He shared a brief PowerPoint and explained how professional development is geared toward career readiness and explained how MAPs (My Action Plan) are used as a tool to help students. He introduced Culinary Arts Instructor Jennifer Upham and one of her students, Deanna. Seven students went to regional skills competition where they received first place in the banquet category and will now go on to the state competition. Deanna told the Board about her experience at the Career Center. Then Director Miller introduced Kylee, a CNA student at the Career Center who shared her goal about going into nursing.

Department Updates – Superintendent Locke asked if there were any comments regarding the Department Updates. He told them about the Higher Ground Program designed to help low income individuals who might like to go back for their GED and high school completion and get a technical skill in the process. He also informed the Board that he and Director Tufnell will be meeting with local superintendents to see how we can better help them meet the needs of students with behavioral issues. Superintendent Locke and Director Harrison are trying to find something that really supports literacy across the district. He also thanked Assistant Superintendent Klumpp and Accountant Mark Higgins for the smooth process of refunding the 3% back to employees.

- Under Board Business “**Action Items**,” the following was discussed:
- **Consideration of PAC Appointment.** There was a motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Browers to approve Rachel Green as the Evart Public Schools representative for the PAC. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- Director Sharpsteen shared that they have been working with SEN (State Educational Network) for an opportunity to obtain more bandwidth. We purchased one gig, but there is about 30% growth in the Internet over the course of a year, so by the end of the school year, we will need more bandwidth. We do collaborative purchasing to help reduce the cost.
- Member Wyman and Member Thompson gave a brief summary of the legislative breakfast.
- Superintendent Locke reported that there is a legislative meeting in Lansing on February 14.
- State of the State – A school finance study was done that shows Michigan schools are grossly underfunded. The A to F accountability is going to become a priority again and it looks like there will be a continued emphasis on CTE.
- March 1 is the next PAC meeting.
- MASB Winter Institute – If anyone is interested in attending, please let Mary Ann know so she can get you registered.

Public Items – There was no comment from the public.

- **Consideration of Closed Session to Consider AFSCME Contract Negotiations.**
There was a motion by Member Babbitt and supported by Member Sredersas to go into closed session to consider AFSCME contract negotiations **A roll call vote resulted in the following:**

AYES: Cathy Browers, Mike Wyman, Greb Babbitt, Ed Raby, Larry Sredersas and Sheri Thompson.

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously. Board went into closed session at 6:45 p.m.

- Motion by Member Sredersas and supported by Member Babbitt to come out of closed session. **A roll call vote resulted in the following:**

AYES: Cathy Browers, Mike Wyman, Greb Babbitt, Ed Raby, Larry Sredersas and Sheri Thompson.

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously. Board came out of closed session at 7:03 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary