

**Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District  
15760 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307**

**MOP<sup>2</sup> MINUTES**

**August 17, 2017**

The organizational meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative Advisory Council (MOP Co-Op) was held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 8 a.m. in the Parson's Room of the Administration Building, 15760 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

**Members Present:** Sheri Thompson (Mecosta Osceola ISD), Pete Kent (Big Rapids), Sherry Anderson (Chippewa Hills), Kim Venema (Crossroads), Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood), Mark Klumpp (MOISD Interim Superintendent) and Steve Locke (Meceola Tech).

**Members Absent:** Jesse Kailing (Reed City) and Gerald Nichols (Evert),

**Others Present:** Mary Ann Mendenhall

MOISD Interim Superintendent Mark Klumpp called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Pete Kent made a motion, supported by Sherry Anderson, to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Pete Kent nominated Mark Klumpp to be the MOP Director. Sheri Thompson supported. No other nominations were offered and they were closed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Sherry Anderson nominated Mary Ann Mendenhall for Recording Secretary for the MOP, supported by Sheri Thompson. No other nominations were added and they were closed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Sheri Thompson made the motion to accept the yearly meeting dates and times as presented, supported by Pete Kent. No other discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**New Client** - Interim Superintendent Klumpp reported that St. Peter's has been added to the MOP. They are using our technology assistance.

**New Position** – Mr. Klumpp informed the Board that NEMCSA has approached us to see if we could help out with an Early Childhood Specialist (part time). Early childhood licensing requires them to have this position. Since this is a new position, it needs approval of the MOP Advisory Council. Sheri Thompson made a motion supported by

Lisa Brauher to add the Early Childhood Specialist position to the MOP. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**CTC Update** – Director Locke gave a brief overview of Meceola Tech. He explained that a letter had been drafted for the state superintendent’s office to sign. A meeting was held with the state superintendent’s office and the attorney general. The meeting went well, but later that state superintendent would not sign the letter. Their rationale was that the letter didn’t grant anything that the state didn’t already authorize us to do. Without this, Meceola Tech students aren’t able to apply for financial aid. We will be getting a couple of legislators to help us try to get this language in the Revised School code. From a programming standpoint, it doesn’t set us back.

Mr. Locke informed the council that Meceola Tech will be offering an automotive electronics course and CNA in January. There will be a huge marketing campaign coming up. We will have to wait for our financial aid applications until the state can put something in the Revised School Code. He went on to report that the truck driving academy fell through. We will try to recreate this with a different partner. Students enrolled in the truck driving academy would receive their Class A CDL and there is the possibility of piggybacking so that they could also get bus driver certification.

Interim Superintendent Klumpp explained that a lot of what Meceola Tech does falls in line with Brian Calley’s agenda. We will try to get him on board with Meceola Tech.

Director Locke reported that we are forming an advisory committee for Meceola Tech. We want the advisory committee to give Meceola Tech direction and be the driving force behind Meceola Tech’s programs. We want specific information from our employers so that we are adaptive and responsive to their needs. We want to focus on the content of programs we offer. We have been working with our Tech Department so students can come in at night and get training to help them with additional skills.

We were contacted by Cargill. They would like us to partner with them to provide employee/apprenticeship training. We want to collaborate with other manufacturers.

Adult Ed – We have received grant monies to connect Adult Ed to CTE opportunities. We are one of four ISDs part of this pilot programming. Right now Ewart is the only school in the ISD that offers Adult Ed.

Mr. Locke reported that at some point a CTE Navigator position might be needed for Meceola Tech. This position would work with individuals on new skills for when they move forward—sort of a mentor for life skills. The goal is to help make students successful and teach them new behaviors as well as new motivation skills.

Interim Superintendent Klumpp then reported that he and Accountant Mark Higgins met with two area superintendents that will be having changes in their business offices. At this point, we may pick up one of them in the MOP. We also know about a third district that will be having changes in the future.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Mendenhall  
Recording Secretary