MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
OCTOBER 18, 2010
7:45 P.M.

Board President Robert Shouse called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was taken with the following members answering “present”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members Kiah and Thompson were absent.

The Board recognized Grant Severs for being selected Senior of the Month for the month of September.

Superintendent Reuschel shared the following information:
- The Administrators’ Compensation Report has been completed and is also available on the District website.
- The District received a Freedom of Information Act Request on October 5, 2010, and the response has been sent.
- Reviewed the schedule of fund raisers and service projects undertaken by extra and co-curricular groups.
- There are three positions open on the Board of Education for the April 5, 2011, election.
- Proposal from Terry Krehbiel regarding a trip to TheaterFest January 6-8, 2011.
- Increase in premium for renewal of Board package, auto, workmen’s compensation, and umbrella insurance is primarily due to increased loss ratio in workmen’s compensation.
- E2T2 compliance monitoring visit indicates grant is performing well and being managed according to requirements.

Mr. Randall Smith, Director of Operations & Maintenance, provided a brief overview of summer 2010 Fire & Life Safety projects, and the work accomplished by O&M and custodial staff over the summer. He commended the custodians for the wonderful job they did readying the schools for opening and recognized the Board for their commitment of the funds necessary to insure the Macomb students have a safe, clean environment in which to learn.

Member Adams moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the September 20, 2010, regular Board meeting; Treasurer’s Report; Investment Report; Monthly Board Report; Bills and Payroll; Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (.05 levy); Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (combined); Activity Account Reports; Food Service Report; and, Financial Authorizations. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Clark seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the September 20, 2010, regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve action upon recommendations for Certificated, Educational Support, and Co-Curricular personnel. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Second reading was conducted on proposed changes to the following Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits:

2:70-E  4:60-E  6:120-AP3, E1  7:90
2:160  5:280  6:130  7:150-AP
2:200-AP  5:330  6:300-E2
2:260-AP1  6:120-AP3  7:50-AP

Member Klems moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the changes as presented. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed final plans for Veteran’s Day activities in each building.

Superintendent Reuschel gave a brief overview of the proposed 2010 District levy. She announced that the Board would conduct a public hearing on the levy at its November meeting, prior to considering approval of the levy, in accordance with the Truth in Taxation requirements. Although the increase in the levy is 4.99% and the requirement for a hearing does not apply unless the increase is 5% or more, Superintendent Reuschel recommends holding a hearing to insure that nothing stands in the way of the District capturing all funds possible. Member Adams moved, and member Colvin seconded, to authorize the administration to publish the required resolution and public hearing notices. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Klems seconded, to take receipt of the official audit of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Superintendent Reuschel stated that the Board would conduct further discussion regarding the audit at the November Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Colvin seconded, to accept the bid for the drilling of wells for the MJSHS geothermal project from Tri-County Irrigation in the amount of $643,000. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board viewed the 2010 Illinois State School Report Cards and member Colvin moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve the school improvement plans for Lincoln and Edison elementary schools and Macomb Junior and Senior high schools. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the MSHS Band and Choir All State trips and the MSHS Band Spring trip. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Colvin seconded, to declare a list of District property surplus for sale or disposal. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve the optional “Board of Election Candidate Publication Statement” and appoint Lisa Mooney and Velvet Taflinger as representatives of Board Secretary Matthew Clark for the purpose of accepting candidate papers and petitions.
Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a report of Fire & Life Safety work on the MSHS Field House. Member Adams moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the work as completed. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Klems seconded, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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President

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Date

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Secretary