Board President Robert Shouse called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members Kiah and Adams were absent.

The Board recognized Xavier Zahnle, daughter of Gayle and Ken Zahnle, for being selected Senior of the Month for the month of January, 2011.

Mr. Shouse congratulated Austin Miller and Phillip Norton on making it to the State Wrestling Tournament. Mr. Shouse also noted that there is proposed legislation that would force consolidations of school districts and cut funds for transportation significantly. He urged those concerned about the proposals to contact their local representatives.

Superintendent Reuschel shared the following information:
- Condolences to the family of Hiram Minor.
- Congratulations to Edison and MJHS for receiving the ISBE Academic Excellence Award for 2010.
- Two FOIA requests received and responded to: Voxatatis and lease for postage meter.
- Information from Aramark regarding the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act.
- Letter from WIU Athletic Director thanking Dave Wetmore and the MSHS Pep Band for performing at a WIU basketball game.
- Congratulations to Xavier Zahnle for making the All State Academic Team, and to Cassie Combs for being nominated.
- Letter from attendee at Jr. High Wrestling Regional Tournament thanking crews for exceptional maintenance of the building and the high quality environment.

Mr. Steve Miller, PMA, addressed the Board regarding the current and projected financial status of the District. He commended and credited the Board and past and present administration for practices that have kept the District in comparatively good shape through increasingly difficult times. Projections indicate a widening deficit over the next five years, but Mr. Miller allowed that continued careful management of funds could slow that trend.

Mrs. Kelly Carpenter, Principal of MacArthur Early Childhood Center, and members of the MacArthur staff presented examples of students learning reading, spelling, fine motor skills, cooperation, math and science concepts and how technology is used to teach children at the preschool age. Technology currently used includes iPads, iPods, math manipulatives, and SMART Boards.

Mr. Shouse advised that item 10.12 of the Consent Calendar, “Monthly Food Service Report”, would be considered separately.

Member Colvin moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve items 10.1-10.11, and 10.13: Minutes from the January 18, 2011, regular Board meeting; Minutes from the January 31, February 9,
and February 10, 2011, Special Board meetings; Treasurer’s Report; Investment Report; Monthly Board Report; Bills and Payroll; Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (.05); Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (combined); Activity Account Reports; and, Financial Authorizations. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Member Thompson abstained. Motion carried.

Christina Smith, Aramark Food Service Director, reported to the Board on the District’s food service program. She advised that breakfast and lunch participation numbers have increased, due in part to the inclusion of more home cooked style meals to the menu. The annual Thanksgiving meal was well received and Mrs. Smith expressed appreciation for the use of the home economics room during preparation/execution of the meal. The 7th annual stuffed bear giveaway at MacArthur and Lincoln was a success. District employees and the community responded overwhelmingly to a request for donation of bears, enabling Aramark to pass some of the animals along to the police and fire department for use in comforting small children. National School Breakfast week is anticipated to increase participation to 45-50% over the usual 24%, and plans for the summer food service program and the Fresh Fruits and Veggies grant are also underway. Mrs. Smith reported one major setback for the year: the breakdown of the steam kettle. However, Aramark and the District have collaborated to replace the vital, and expensive ($15,000), piece of equipment, with Aramark financing $5,000 of the cost at 0% over the next three years. In response to member Shouse’s question regarding the frequency with which chicken items have appeared on the lunch menus, Mrs. Smith responded that the loss of the steam kettle mid-year was the cause. Mr. Shouse also advised that students who are in Wind Symphony and eat lunch later often find the deli and taco lines are closed and don’t get the same meal selections as the other students. Mrs. Smith advised that the contract between Aramark and the District contains specific parameters regarding times the deli, pizza, and taco lines are available. She noted that students in that group could let Aramark staff know ahead of time if they would like a sandwich or pizza and they would make sure it is available for them.

Member Klems moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve item 10.12 from the Consent Calendar, “Monthly Food Service Report”. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from closed meetings held during the January 18, 2011, regular meeting, and the January 31 and February 10, 2011, special meetings. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Shouse, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Member Thompson abstained. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve recommendations regarding Certificated, Educational Support, and Co-Curricular personnel. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Klems seconded, to release for public inspection minutes from the closed meeting held on July 28, 2010, and to continue to hold indefinitely minutes from closed meetings held on: August 16, September 21, October 20, and November 15, 2010. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Clark moved, and member Klems seconded, to authorize destruction of audio recordings of closed meetings held on February 18, March 9, April 20 (5:05 and 9:20), May 19, June 15, June 22,

Following second reading, member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve proposed revisions to the following Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits:

2:220 4:10 5:30 5:120 6:300 7:100
2:230 4:170 5:30-AP1 5:120-AP 7:50 7:190-AP4
2:250-E2 5:10 5:30-AP2 5:220 7:60 7:270-E1

Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Clark, Co-chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported on that committee’s January 27, 2011, meeting. Member Colvin moved, and member Clark seconded, to adopt reading curriculum materials as presented and recommended by the reading curriculum adoption committee. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

District Architect Russ Middleton addressed the Board regarding the bids submitted for the second phase of the geothermal HVAC system installation at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. He recommended the Board accept the bid of Ryan & Associates from Davenport, IA in the amount of $3,347,000. Mr. Middleton advised that the company is a large established firm with good bonding capacity. He noted that because the work will be done in an existing building, there will likely be change orders throughout the course of the project. Work may begin as early as spring break with a projected completion date of August 2012. Member Thompson moved, and member Klems seconded, to award the contract for the second phase of the geothermal HVAC system installation at MJSHS to Ryan & Associates in the amount of $3,347,000. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:13 p.m., member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to hold a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and to discuss a student discipline case, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(9). Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:23 p.m. Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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