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 present: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson.

The Board recognized the following individuals:
- Matthew Clark for his service as a Board member from 2007-2011.
- Austin Miller and Phillip Norton, MSHS wrestlers, for their performance at the State Wrestling Meet.

Member Adams thanked the IEA/NEA for their recognition of Cathy Kerr – MacArthur Early Childhood Center teacher, Dianna Clark – District Nurse, and Shirley Adams – MSHS Special Education teacher, with the Crystal Apple Award.

Superintendent Reuschel shared the following information:
- Danny Watson, MSHS Basketball Coach, has been selected IBCA Boys’ Class 1A/2A “High School Coach of the Year” in District 16.
- Thanks to ARAMARK and Christina Smith, Food Service Director, for National School Breakfast Week activities and prizes.
- Thanks to Jan Kreps Gann for Wells Fargo funds donated in support of the baseball program and Edison P.E.

Member Adams moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the March 21, 2011, regular 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; Activity Account Reports; Monthly Food Service Report; and Financial Authorizations. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Clark seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the March 21, 2011, regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Brock Bainter, 8th Grade Social Studies teacher, addressed the Board regarding the use of technology in his classroom. Mr. Bainter advised that his 21st Century classroom is set up with Netbooks, an Elmo, and Flip cameras for use by students. He noted that early in the year he introduced students to the technology through small projects that allowed them to learn about the different technological tools and how to use them. Now, at this stage of the school year, students are
given assignments and projects and can use whatever skills and technological items they choose to complete the assignment or project. Mr. Bainter observed that the students are more motivated to learn and complete assignments because the opportunity to learn about and use the technology is a change from the regular homework/test routine. It also allows a whole new way of presenting information and making it interesting as students use the web to research and find answers to questions on topics covered in class.

Member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to adopt a resolution regarding the importance of Regional Offices of Education and the necessity of continuing to fund them. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board continued discussion regarding cyberbullying. District administrators related their experiences with cyberbullying in their buildings, strategies they use to educate students about the effects of cyberbullying, and how they apply discipline policies and procedures to incidences of cyberbullying. The elementary schools focus on educating students about the negative impact of cyberbullying and encouraging positive behaviors. Incidences of cyberbullying are more prevalent at the middle school level and the topic is dealt with in advisory and through yearly assemblies. A decrease of cyberbullying related issues at the high school level is attributed the greater maturity and strong academic focus of those students. Issues that arise on campus are dealt with per established policies and procedures, but situations that occur off campus are not considered to fall under the purview of school discipline policies/procedures. In response to a question about availability to parents of resources regarding cyberbullying on the District website, Dr. Reuschel advised that Mr. Gegas, the District Tech Integration Specialist, had ordered two pamphlets on the topic that could be posted on the website.

Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve the proposed 2011-2012 District calendar. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the 2011-2012 District Fee Schedule. Member Thompson pointed out that the driver’s education fee would be addressed at a later time. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Clark seconded, to approve the proposed overnight trip for Scholastic Bowl to the 2011 Pace National Scholastic Championship, June 4-5, 2011, at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Following second reading, member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve proposed changes to the following Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits, as presented:

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

Member Colvin reported to the Board on the Curriculum Committee’s March 30 meeting. The committee met to discuss the request to waive the requirement of Board policy 6:310 that students must attend 7 semesters to satisfy minimum attendance requirements for early graduation. He advised that the committee listened to the parent and the student and considered the policies in effect, noting that the District has several alternatives that the student could have pursued, thereby avoiding the necessity of requesting a waiver. Mr. Colvin stated that the recommendation of the committee is that the Board deny the request. Member Colvin moved, and member Clark seconded, to adopt the curriculum committee’s recommendation and deny the request for waiver of the requirement of Board policy 6:310 that students must attend 7 semesters to satisfy minimum attendance requirements for early graduation. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Member Klems abstained.

Board President Shouse reviewed the abstract of votes from the McDonough County Clerk and declared the following individuals winners of the April 5, 2011, general election and duly elected as members of the Board of Education: Matthew Bierman, Chris Sutton, and Jude Kiah. Member Adams moved, and member Clark seconded, to accept Certification of election results from the County Clerk and recognize Mr. Sutton, Mr. Bierman, and Mr. Kiah as duly elected members of the Board of Education. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Member Kiah abstained. Motion carried.

At 7:45 p.m., member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to adjourn sine die. Motion carried by voice vote.

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