Superintendent Reuschel called the meeting to order in the Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School.

Superintendent Reuschel asked members of the Board, veteran and newly elected, to stand and recite the Oath of Office. New Board members Chris Sutton and Matt Bierman took their seats on the Board, along with returning member Jude Kiah.

Roll was taken with the following members answering “present”: Colvin, Kiah, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Bierman, and Thompson.

Superintendent Reuschel advised the Board of the following:
- IASB will offer workshops for new board members and board presidents.
- The IASB Western Division Governing Committee Meeting will be held on May 5, 2011.
- The initial request for resolutions for the Joint Annual Conference has been received.

The Board recognized Alexis March for being selected Senior of the Month for the month of March.

Superintendent Reuschel, serving as President Pro Tem, asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education (two year term). Member Sutton nominated Dan Colvin, with member Adams seconding the nomination. Following three calls for other nominations with none being heard, Superintendent Reuschel closed nominations. Member Sutton’s nomination of Dan Colvin for President of the Board of Education carried by acclamation.

Superintendent Reuschel thanked Mr. Shouse for his years of service as Board President.

Board President Colvin asked for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education (two year term). Member Thompson nominated Larry Adams, with member Sutton seconding the nomination. Following three calls for other nominations with none being presented, member Thompson moved, and member Bierman seconded, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for member Adams to take the office of Vice President. Motion carried by acclamation.

Board President Colvin asked for nominations for the office of Board Secretary (two year term). Member Adams nominated member Thompson, with member Kiah seconding. Following three calls for other nominations with none being heard, member Kiah moved, and member Shouse seconded, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for member Thompson to take the office of Board Secretary. Motion carried by acclamation.

Mr. Colvin announced that committee assignments would be postponed until such time as he had had a chance to meet with individual Board members to determine their preferences. With regard to the position of Board representative to the IASB Western Division and delegate to the
annual school board conference (two year term), Mr. Colvin recommended that member Adams continue in that capacity. Member Thompson moved, and member Shouse seconded, that member Adams serve as the Board representative to the IASB Western Division and as delegate to the annual school board conference. Members voting “yes”: Shouse, Kiah, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Bierman, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Adams seconded, to adopt the current meeting calendar, effective through June 30, 2011. Member Kiah expressed dissatisfaction with the calendar of meetings, noting that it is inconsistent and inflexible, and agreed that he would like the opportunity for discussion prior to adoption of the next calendar of meetings. Vote was taken on the motion with the following members voting “yes”: Shouse, Kiah, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Bierman, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Mr. John Rumley, MSHS Principal, addressed the Board regarding a proposed schedule change for the 2011-2012 school year. As outlined in the proposal, during the next school year the school day would start 50 minutes later twice a month (about every other Wednesday), allowing time for high school teachers to team from 8:05 – 8:55 a.m. On those days, classes would be shortened to 43 minutes apiece. Benefits of this type of schedule are more flexibility in scheduling, and the opportunity for teachers to team. Logistics of the proposal include setting and disseminating a schedule of the late start days, provision of supervision/academic support for students who come early on those days, and working with the junior high to avoid all students in the building being in the halls at the same time for passing. The desired results of providing teaming time for the teachers are increased buy-in from staff and coordination of delivery of academic services resulting in increased test scores.

Mr. Ed Fulkerson, MJSHS Dean of Students, reported to the Board regarding recommendations for changes to the Student Handbook. Mr. Fulkerson advised that the District Discipline Committee, including Board members Dan Colvin and Ardell Thompson, met to discuss and draft the proposed changes, which include the following: refinement of the guidelines for the student dress code, limitation of college visits to juniors and seniors, allowing use of cell phones during lunch in the Commons, mandatory use of locks on lockers, bus rules, references to specific policies in the Board Policy Manual, and the complete revision of the section on Guidance and Counseling. The Board will review the proposed changes and consider approval at its regular June meeting.

Member Adams moved, and member Shouse seconded, to approve the final 2010-2011 District calendar for submission to the Regional Office of Education. Members voting “yes”: Shouse, Kiah, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Bierman, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve membership in the IESA for Macomb Jr. High School during the 2011-2012 school year. Members voting “yes”: Shouse, Kiah, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Bierman, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
At 8:51 p.m., member Thompson moved, and member Adams 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). Members voting “yes”: Shouse, Kiah, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Bierman, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:56 p.m. Member Adams moved, and member Bierman seconded, to adjourn at 9:57 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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