Board President Dan Colvin 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: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Member Adams was absent.

The Board recognized Ana Petracovici for having been selected Senior of the Month for the month of December.

The Board congratulated the Scholastic Bowl team for their success in the Rotary Tournament. Member Kiah advised that two of the twelve KHQA student athletes of the week were Macomb students, out of a total of 45 names submitted.

Superintendent Reuschel shared the following information:

- FOIA requests received: Two from The Voice and one from WIUM
- Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their donation of $655.63 to the special education program.
- Thanks to First Bankers Trust Company for their donation of $250 to the Snack Sack program.
- Congratulations to the MSHS Speech Team for their second place finish in the weekend tournament.

Member Bierman moved, and member Shouse seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar, as follows: Minutes from the December 19, 2011, special Board meeting; minutes from the December 19, 2011, public hearing on the levy; minutes from the December 19, 2011, 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 (all buildings); Activity Account Reports; Monthly Food Service Report; and, Financial Authorizations. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Colvin, Thompson and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Shouse seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the December 19, 2011, special Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Colvin, Thompson and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Shouse seconded, to approve the following actions regarding personnel: Educational Support Personnel – Change in Assignment, Brandi Johnson; Employment – Amy Knop, Program Assistant. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the proposed SIU Illinois Junior Science and Humanities Symposium trip. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Dr. Chris Sutton reported on the status of the Strategic Plan initiative and on the upcoming Board of Education work session, scheduled for January 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. He advised that the main focus of the work session would on the following aspects of the strategic planning process:

- Participation by the public in the strategic planning process
- Sharing and discussion of responses to President Colvin’s newspaper article regarding the strategic planning process.
- Establishment of timelines for accomplishing and deadlines to reach the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Board President Colvin thanked Dr. Sutton and Mr. Shouse for their hard work on the project.

Member Bierman reported on the January 11, 2012, meeting of the BOE Finance Committee. He advised that the Finance Committee will focus its attention on four topics:

- Policies governing activity funds
- Monthly financial reports to the Board
- Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
- Sick Bank Report

Member Thompson reported on the January 10, 2012, Policy Committee meeting. She advised that proposed changes to policies had been reviewed and provided to administrators and staff for review. The Board will hold first reading on the proposed revisions at its February 20, 2012, meeting.

Member Thompson moved, and member Shouse seconded, to approve the resolution appointing the Superintendent to prepare a tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 7:17 p.m., member Thompson moved, and member Sutton seconded, to hold a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), student discipline, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), and pending or imminent litigation, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:52 p.m. Member Thompson moved, and member Sutton seconded, to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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