MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
FEBRUARY 20, 2012
7:00 P.M.

Board President Dr. 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: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Member Kiah was absent. The Board and those in attendance observed a moment of silence in memory of Rondelle Kuharich and Remington Neeley.

At 7:03 p.m., Dr. Sutton moved, and member Shouse 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). Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The closed meeting ended at 7:29 p.m.

There were no visitors and no one came forward to address the Board.

The Board recognized Reid Fulkerson for being selected Senior of the Month for the month of January.

President Colvin advised he had received a letter from a community member regarding articles that had appeared in The Voice. He also shared that Superintendent Reuschel and members Adams, Thompson, and he attended the Franczek Radelet Annual Law Conference. Session topics included guidance on open and closed meetings, pension reform, and administrator evaluation. Board members are now required to attend training sessions regarding the Open Meetings Act and Board members will have the opportunity to attend such a session at the March IASB Western Division dinner meeting.

Superintendent Reuschel shared the following information:
- Macomb Jr. High School has been recognized once again by ISBE for academic excellence.
- Thanks from the Macomb Elks Club for use of the Washington Street Gym for the Elks Free Throw Shoot.

Member Shouse moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar, which included the following: Minutes from the January 16, 2012 regular meeting; minutes from the January 25, 2012, special Board meeting/work session; 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; Monthly Food Service Report; and, Financial Authorizations. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Sutton moved, and member Shouse seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the January 16, 2012, regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Adams moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve actions regarding personnel, as follows: Kimberly Moore Couza, Peggy Ericson, Julie Meredith, Lindsey Tedrow, Scott Waller, Suzie Miner, LeAnna Ritter, Todd Duffy, Quintin Parker, Aaron Wilson, Noelle Flynn, Jose Galvan, Tonya Hamer, Marcy Lantz, Jessica Orris, Leesa Palmer, Merikay Potter, Jesse Risley, Elizabeth Shryock, and Bess Thompson. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Sutton and Mr. Shouse, co-chairs of the Strategic Planning Committee, gave an update on the strategic planning process. Dr. Sutton advised that the next step in the process is gathering input from the community forums that will be held in March. Mr. Shouse is in the process of compiling a list of potential facilitators for the forums. The goal is to have a wide scope of people to serve as facilitators.

Member Bierman reported on the February 15, 2012, Finance Committee meeting. The committee reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and a PowerPoint presentation by Superintendent Reuschel on the District’s financial status. She indicated that the District is in very good financial health and currently operating with a six month reserve. There is some long term debt to reinvest in the District’s facilities and there is a short term levy that will be up in 2013. The District’s current bond rating from Moody is AA. Looking to the future, pensions and transportation will have a significant impact on the District’s financial health.

Dr. Colvin provided a draft Calendar of Board Business and Meetings. This will be a working calendar for the Board.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2012-2013 Fee Schedule. Superintendent Reuschel advised that there is a modest increase in lunch prices due to new federal law, the Drivers’ Education fee will be set at $75, and there are changes to the entry fees charged for athletic events. The fee schedule will be finalized and considered for approval at the March regular meeting.

First reading was conducted on proposed revisions to the following Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits:

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Second reading and consideration of approval of the proposed changes will take place at the regular March meeting.

Member Sutton moved, and member Shouse seconded, to approve the newly revised District mission, vision, statement of values and strategic goals. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

There were no bids submitted for the 1971 VW Beetle. The car will be advertised for bid and, if there are no bids received again, the vehicle will be put up for auction.

Member Bierman moved, and member Shouse seconded, to accept the highest responsible bid in the amount of $125 for the 1998 Ford Windstar. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Bierman moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve member Thompson’s and Superintendent Reuschel’s attendance at the 2012 NSBA Conference in April. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Member Thompson abstained. Motion carried.

Superintendent Reuschel requested a five minute break. Member Kiah arrived at 8:11 p.m.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the resignation agreement with Daniel Watson in substantially the form as is attached as Exhibit A and to authorize the Board President to execute the same. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Colvin, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: Sutton and Shouse. Motion carried.


Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, that the Macomb Community Unit School District 185 Board of Education rescind the Bill of Particulars adopted by the Board of Education on December 19, 2011. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Colvin, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: Sutton and Shouse. Motion carried.

At 8:29 p.m., member Adams 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), pending or imminent litigation, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), and to conduct the semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes and audio recordings, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and 5 ILCS 120/2.06(d). Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The closed meeting ended at 9:36 p.m. Member Sutton moved, and member Bierman seconded, to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.