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: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse.

The Board recognized the following:
- Patrick Hostert – Senior of the Month for the month of February
- Reid Fulkerson – Senior of the Month for the month of January
- The Scholastic Bowl team for placing 2nd in State competition in Class 2A.

Ms. Suellyn Rieckelman, Scholastic Bowl sponsor, requested that the Board allow members of the Scholastic Bowl team to travel to Atlanta, Georgia May 25-27, 2012 to compete in the NAQT competition. Dr. Reuschel advised that she would work with Ms. Rieckelman and Mr. Rumley to prepare a proposal for the Board’s consideration in April.

Member Kiah emphasized the significance of the Scholastic Bowl’s achievement at State, noting that no other open enrollment school in Illinois did better than our team. He cited that fact as evidence the District has and is continuing to provide enrichment services to these students in spite of financial constraints. Member Thompson commended the District’s student athletes who participated in fall/winter sports for receiving the IHSA Academic Achievement Award.

Superintendent Reuschel shared the following information:
- Receipt of a FOIA request from The Voice.
- Receipt of Certificates of Recognition from ISBE
- Letter from IASB recognizing Larry Adams for participation in the Joint Annual Conference delegate assembly
- Thanks from the family of Remington Neeley for District’s support

Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the February 20, 2012, 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 (combined); Activity Account Reports; Monthly Food Service Reports; and, Financial Authorizations. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely, the minutes from the closed meetings held during the February 20, 2012, regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Kiah seconded, to approve personnel recommendations regarding the following individuals: David Bartlett, Kelly Carpenter, Edward Fulkerson, Maureen Hazell, Dana Isackson, Rosemary Platt, Principal, John Rumley, Julie Meredith, Barbara Basch, Myra

Following second reading, the Board approved revisions to the following Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits:

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

Member Shouse moved, and member Thompson seconded, to release for public inspection minutes from closed meetings held on: July 18, August 31, and September 19 (10:06 p.m.), 2011, and to continue to hold indefinitely minutes from closed meetings held on June 20, August 15, September 19 (7:58 p.m.), and November 21, 2011. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Sutton seconded, to destroy audio recordings from meetings held on January 19, February 11, February 17, March 3, March 12, March 22 (8:15 and 8:55 p.m.), April 19, and May 17, 2010. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, 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, reported that the next step in the process is to hold forums for the purpose of eliciting community feedback. Dr. Sutton advised that the point of the process is to gather input on what the Board has defined as the District’s goals. The forums are scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at 9:00 a.m. and Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m., both to be held at Edison. At present, there are 60 participants committed between the two forums, and 13 individuals who have agreed to serve as facilitators.

Member Bierman reported on the Board Finance Committee’s March 7, 2012, meeting. The focus of the meeting was a conference call with PMA, the District’s financial consultant. Representatives of PMA presented the financial outlook for the District going forward for the next several years. The committee requested that PMA tweak a few things in the model used to predict future finance. Mr. Bierman advised that the District will experience a slow bleed as the State’s finances and funding for education remain uncertain. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for March 28, 2012.

Member Adams reported on the Board Curriculum Committee’s March 8, 2012, meeting. He thanked all those who participated in the curriculum review. The committee heard a proposal from the curriculum review committee that the District spend $173,616 to purchase e-readers that students could purchase at cost or lease from the District, so that each student has a device, and to purchase new language arts and reading texts. Dr. Sutton commended the review committee for connecting the language arts and reading textbook proposal explicitly to the Common Core. He advised that the committee also discussed a proposal to provide and advanced physics course in cooperation with WIU. The course would be offered as dual credit during the summer session. Member Adams noted
that the committee also reviewed current procedures for determining valedictorian and salutatorian. Member Adams moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the purchase of e-readers and the adoption of language arts and reading textbooks as recommended by the curriculum review committee. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2012-2013 fee schedule. The final version will be presented for approval at the April Board meeting.

Superintendent Reuschel presented the proposed 2012-2013 District calendar for review. The final calendar will be presented for approval at the April Board meeting.

The Board reviewed the Summer Food Service Program bid. Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the bid in the amount of $12,100 from ARAMARK Educational Services, LLC. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Kiah moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the bid for the 2012 HLS partial re-roof project at Lincoln Elementary School in the amount of $256,000 from Wyman Roofing & Sheet Metal. Superintendent Reuschel explained that the bids came in much lower than the original cost estimate of $419,688 because Russ Middleton, District Architect, found a way to salvage the bulk of the existing insulation, saving tear-off and disposal costs. The process will also lengthen the life of the gypsum roof decking and will result in 20% more R value. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Shouse seconded, to approve the bid for purchase of the 1971 VW Beetle submitted by Andy Conover in the amount of $900. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve membership in the IHSA for the 2012-2013 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 7:49 p.m., member Adams moved, and member Thompson 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, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried. Following a ten minute break, the closed meeting began at 8:03 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:13 p.m. Discussion ensued regarding communications between and among Board members and the superintendent.

At 9:06 p.m., member Kiah moved, and member Bierman 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”: Kiah,
Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:19 p.m. Member Sutton moved, and member Bierman seconded, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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