MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
APRIL 16, 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: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse.

The Board recognized Ryan Fitzgerald for being selected Senior of the Month for the month of March 2012.

Dr. Colvin advised that IASB is seeking resolutions for the Joint Annual Conference delegate assembly in November.

Dr. Reuschel shared the following informational items:
- Thanks to Dr. Culver, McDonough County Eye Associates, Macomb Lion’s Club, and Lincoln PTO for donations toward the purchase of a vision screener.
- Author Lester Laminack visited Lincoln School.
- Reminder regarding May 1 deadline for filing of Statement of Economic Interest.
- Receipt of FY ’13 Library Grant in the amount of $1400.
- Notice from IASA regarding transportation formula legislation.
- Receipt of correspondence from Dr. Jill Brody constituting a grievance. Grievance procedures will be followed.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the March 19, 2012, 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 (combined); Activity Account Reports; Monthly Food Service Report; and the State Funding Update. Member Bierman expressed appreciation of the staff members who made changes to the format of some of the finance information documents. 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 March 19, 2012, regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve personnel recommendations regarding the following individuals: Jeremy Anderson, Madison Mershon, Jami Minter, Julie Meredith, Jenifer Bower, Lorna Provine, Brandi Johnson, Jodi Ngati, Lisa Allen, Misty Brewer, Julianna Daniels, Denise Daugherty, Amber Driskell, Roberta Huff, Debra Hunter, Melonie Icenogle, Teresa Kindhart, Amy Knop, Barbara Koukol, Jack Pace, Robyn Rosenboom, Sally Sinnett, Rachel Woodruff, Jeremy Anderson, Blake Bainter, Brock Bainter, Charles Bolton, Mallorie Buchanan, Scott Clauson, Kim Couza, Greg Duncan, Samantha Folz, Kate Hall, Tanner Horrell, Aaron Jones, Tasha Kastner, Dee Kirwan, Max Kreps, Luke Ladd, Brian Langworthy, Michael Lukkarinen, Lissa Mings, Jessica Orris, Josh Revelo, Holly Riggins, Ketra Russell, Kelly Sears, Stephanie Seaver, Erin

Dr. Chris Sutton reported on the activities of the Strategic Planning Committee. He advised that there were 63 participants at the two forums held March 24 and 26. Dr. Sutton thanked those who served as facilitators of small group discussions and those who attended and participated in the forums. He announced that the goal is to have the plan in effect July 1, 2012 and thanked each Board member, Dr. Reuschel and Lisa Mooney for their efforts on the group project. Member Shouse commented on the feedback from participants about what the District is doing, has done, and could do. He thanked all who contributed to the strategic planning effort.

Member Bierman reported on the March 28 and April 11, 2012, Board Finance Committee meetings. He advised that the committee discussed the financial reports that are submitted each month and suggested revisions to change the perspective from monthly to yearly. The committee also discussed management of activity fund balances and drafted language for the Administrative Procedure Manual that would encourage groups to spend down their balances.

Member Thompson gave an overview of the April 4 meeting of the Board Policy Committee. She advised that most of the proposed revisions are for the purpose of keeping policies in line with state and federal law. The recommendation from the committee is for the Board to conduct second reading in May and to approve the recommended changes to the following policies:

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Member Adams advised that the committee also reviewed Board Policy 6:235 and accompanying exhibits and administrative procedures.

Member Adams reported on the April 10, 2012, Board Curriculum Committee meeting. The committee reviewed a proposal for a dual credit summer physics course at WIU. They also reviewed the procedures for determining valedictorian and salutatorian and found those procedures to be sufficient. The committee also received information regarding strengthening the welding curriculum. Principals Rumley and Isackson will conduct a review to determine compatibility and how best to grow a program that will include support from local industry. The goal is to offer Welding I and II by 2014. Principal Rumley will schedule a meeting with local manufacturers by May 27. Dr. Sutton emphasized that the summer physics course will deal with material beyond what is currently covered in the high school physics course.

Member Bierman reported on the March 26, 2012, District Insurance Committee meeting. District insurance consultants presented the quarterly report on the health insurance plan, indicating that the plan is in good shape with 8 months of funds in reserve. They will continue to monitor the pharmacy plan, which is being utilized extensively.

Dean of Students Ed Fulkerson addressed the Board regarding the March 29, 2012, meeting of the MSHS Discipline Committee. He reviewed proposed changes, noting that most are additions of legal
language to match current practice and to bring the current handbook more in line with the model handbook put out by the Illinois Principals’ Association. Mr. Fulkerson specifically thanked student representatives to the committee Dominique Craig and Brock Gillum for their contributions to the meeting.

Member Thompson moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve WIU Summer Institute Physics I as a dual credit opportunity for qualified MSHS students. 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 Scholastic Bowl trip to the NAQT competition in Georgia at the end of May. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Shouse moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the proposed 2012-2013 fee schedule. 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 proposed 2012-2013 District calendar. Superintendent Reuschel noted that West Prairie, Bushnell, and Macomb staff would share the first day of teachers’ institutes together with breakfast and a program. 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 the final 2011-2012 District calendar. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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

At 7:46 p.m., member Bierman 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.

Dr. Colvin announced the closed meeting would begin at 8:00 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

Member Shouse moved, and member Thompson seconded, to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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President
Date

Secretary