Mr. Robert Shouse, President Pro Tem, 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, Adams, Colvin, Thompson, and Shouse.

Mr. Shouse announced that Mr. Tom Leahy, Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), would present information regarding IASB’s superintendent search services.

Member Bierman nominated Mr. Shouse to serve as Board President until reorganization following the April 9, 2013, consolidated election. Member Adams seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, vote was taken with the following members voting yes: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Thompson, and Colvin. Member voting “no”: none. Member Shouse abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Kurt Kelso and Mrs. Tanya Coker addressed the Board regarding the use of Washington Street Gym. They presented a petition with 200 signatures in support of continued use of the gym by the girls’ athletic teams.

Mr. Tom Leahy of the Illinois Association of School Boards addressed the Board regarding IASB’s superintendent search service. He outlined the search process, noting that it could be customized to the Board’s specific needs and estimated that the entire process could be finished by the end of December, no later than the end of January. That timeline could run more quickly depending on when the Board hires the search firm.

Member Thompson expressed concern regarding school supply lists and the cost of purchasing all of the items on those lists. Superintendent Reuschel advised that some of that burden is eased by several community groups that collect school supplies and donate them to the schools. She suggested that the lists be reviewed and/or revised if possible. Other options discussed included purchasing supplies collectively to reduce overall cost and including PTO’s in the discussion about ways to reduce the cost of purchasing school supplies each year.

Superintendent Reuschel informed the Board of the following:

- Receipt of a FOIA request regarding special education policies.
- The responsibility of Board members as mandated reporters under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.
- Lincoln PTO Activities for 2012-2013: Family Fun Night – September 13; Fundraiser – August 30-September 10; Book Fair – October 24-26; Breakfast w/Santa – December 8.
- Election calendar for the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election.
- Pack the Bus event sponsored by McDonald’s West.
- Construction and launch of District Facebook page.
• WIU library will accommodate District students who need to access technology after District buildings are closed for the day. Superintendent Reuschel thanked Dr. Phyllis Self and Dr. Felix Chu for their willingness to assist our students.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the June 4, 2012, special Board meeting; Minutes from the June 18, 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; Monthly Activity Account Reports; Monthly Food Service Report; and State Funding Update. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the June 18, 2012, regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the resignation of Melissa Sievers. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve the employment of Barbara Basch, Marc Baxter, Kathleen Burdick, Mallory Kessler, and Tyler Taylor. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to recall Lisa Allen, Misty Brewer, Julianna Daniels, Denise Daugherty, Amber Driskell, Roberta Huff, Debra Hunter, Melonie Icenogle, Teresa Kindhart, Barbara Koukol, Jack Pace, Robyn Rosenboom, Sally Sinnett, and Rachel Woodruff as program assistants for the 2012-2013 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the resignations of the following from co-curricular positions: David Benson, Joel Hildenbrand, and Marcy Lantz. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Kiah moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve employment of the following in co-curricular positions: Brock Bainter, Kate Hall, Jim Heuer, Joel Hildenbrand, Merikay Potter, Jesse Risley, Ginger Shryack, Maureen Wallen, Linda Wilson, and Ken Zahnle. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Thompson moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve proposed overnight trips for the 2012-2013 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve revisions to the Professional Appraisal Plan per recommendation of the committee. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the proposed form for distribution of over-the-counter medications. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the District Strategic Plan. In response to questions about how facilities and maintenance/new facilities figure into the plan, Superintendent Reuschel responded that the cyclical nature of Health, Life Safety (ten year survey and legal requirements) brings those issues to the fore. It was also suggested that the Board look at efficiency of operations from a finance standpoint, comparing personnel costs with districts similar in size/structure to ours. Such a study could reveal areas that are in need of more personnel or less. President Shouse thanked Dr. Chris Sutton for his work on the plan, noting that the plan was only being reviewed and that adoption/approval would occur at another meeting.

Member Thompson moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve the School Resource Officer and recommended compensation for the 2012-2013 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Tentative 2012-2013 District Budget. Superintendent Reuschel gave an overview of the budget, noting that 65% of the projected $21 million in revenues will come from local tax dollars. She advised that uncertainty about funding from state sources makes the process difficult. The Board’s careful planning over the past five years will help the District get through a difficult financial year. Superintendent Reuschel emphasized the limiting effect PTELL has on the ability of the District to capture all funds available under the tax rate and noted that this will be a long term problem due to slow or no growth. Member Thompson voiced appreciation for the taxpayers who support our District and make possible the wonderful education and facilities Macomb’s students enjoy. Member Kiah suggested that the District might do more to make taxpayers aware of just how effective their tax dollars are by marketing the success of our students.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to authorize the administration to place the Tentative Budget on file for public inspection beginning August 17, 2012. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve a resolution to establish Monday, September 17, 2012, as the date for the official public hearing on the 2012-2013 budget
and to approve the proposed budget. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Tort Levy/Risk Management Plan for 2012-2013. Member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the plan as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the District 403(b) plan as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:40 p.m., member Thompson 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), 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 review of minutes and audio recordings from closed meetings, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21 and 12/2.06(d). Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 10:17 p.m.

Member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to adjourn at 10:19 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.