Mrs. Ardell Thompson, Board Secretary, 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, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members Adams and Shouse were absent. Member Bierman arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Jim LaPrad, 310 East Jefferson Street, Macomb, addressed the Board regarding the search for a new superintendent. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be involved in the District’s Strategic Planning process and queried how the Board would be “transparent in the recruitment, selection and hiring of a new superintendent”, how the Board “plan[s] to involve the community in the process”, and whether the Board will “create a special committee . . . to assist in this process?”. Mr. LaPrad suggested an open community forum to ask candidates questions and the opportunity to submit written comments regarding the candidates to the committee. He also suggested the committee be made up of the following representatives: School Board (2), Administration (1), Teachers (4), Facilities/custodial staff (1), Food service staff (1), Community (1). The Board thanked Mr. LaPrad for his comments and noted that the process should not only be transparent, but also comprehend what the community expects.

Superintendent Reuschel shared the following information:

- Thanks to all who helped to make what we hope to be an annual McDonough County schools opening event a success. The efforts of the administrative team and the custodial staff in preparing programs and buildings for the opening were especially appreciated.
- Receipt of and response to two FOIA requests: one regarding funds spent on utilities and one from The Voice requesting the final response to the Title IX complaint.
- Congratulations to Chris Sutton and Matt Bierman for becoming IASB Leadership Academy members.
- The Tentative 2012-2013 District Budget is on display at each District building and the Macomb Public Library through September 17, 2012. Public hearing on the budget will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012 in the Macomb Jr./Sr. High School Library.
- MACCDDC Legislative Luncheon will take place September 12.
- IASA/IASBO School Funding Seminar was informative. The District will see two categorical reimbursements in special education instead of four and may receive the outstanding 2012 payments by December. The same financial model used in 2012 will be used for 2013. Pension reform was also discussed and legislative action may occur in January. The Board discussed formulating a strategic response to the issues of education funding and pension reform.

Member Sutton requested that items 8.1 and 8.2 on the Consent Calendar be considered separately. Member Colvin moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve items 8.3-8.10 on the Consent Calendar: Treasurer’s Report, Investment Report, Monthly Board Report, Bills and Payroll, Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (.05 levy), Financial Updates on Life Safety Projects, Monthly Activity Account Reports, and the State Funding Update, as presented. Members voting
“yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve Consent Calendar item 8.1, Minutes from the July 16, 2012, regular Board meeting, as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Member Sutton abstained. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve Consent Calendar item 8.2, Minutes from the July 23, 2012, special Board meeting, as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Members Sutton and Colvin abstained. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the July 16, 2012, regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the following actions regarding Certificated personnel: Retirement - Maureen Hazell; Employment – Tabitha Swain. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve the following actions regarding Educational Support and Co-Curricular personnel: Change in Assignment – Tanna Swanson, Dean Watson, and Deborah Wickert; Resignation – Harvie Harrington; Employment – Jordan Becker, Steve Horrell, Mashal Jordan, Steve Larimer, Mariano Leo, Sarah Murphy, Angie Schauble, Nicole Sheldon, Ginger Shryack, Kris Thrapp, Maureen Wallen, Aaron Wilson; and Certified Athletic Trainer – Marc Kessler. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Sutton seconded, to release for public inspection minutes from closed meetings held on March 19, 2012 (9:13 p.m.), and to continue to hold minutes from closed meetings held on December 19, 2011, January 16, February 20 (7:07 and 8:39 p.m.), March 19 (8:03 p.m.), April 16, May 21, and June 12, 2012. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Bierman seconded, to destroy audio recordings from closed meetings held on July 10, August 16, September 21, October 20, November 15, and December 20, 2010. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Colvin seconded, to adopt the Macomb C.U.S.D. #185 Strategic Plan. Dr. Sutton stated that the adoption of the plan is the culmination of a year long process that launches another year of planning and moving toward the goals set. He thanked all who played a role in the process. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Thompson reported on the August 14, 2012, meeting of the Board Policy Committee and presented proposed revisions to Policy 7:60, Residency. Second reading will be conducted at the September Board meeting.

The Board received information on the Local Growth Model for accountability, a program developed by the ECRA Group to assist districts in developing a plan based on past local data to monitor/improve student growth, set student growth targets, and incorporate student achievement into teacher and administrator evaluations. The program will allow the District to be proactive rather than reactive in terms of information gathering, assessment and decision making.

Member Bierman moved, and member Sutton seconded, to appoint Superintendent Reuschel as the District Homeless Liaison, effective during the 2012-2013 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve change orders for the Lincoln roof project in the amount of $52,306.69. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the list of surplus Jr./Sr. High School athletic uniforms for sale or disposal. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve a stipend in the amount of $2,000 for Dave Bartlett. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve the retirement contract for Maureen Hazell. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 7:53 p.m., member Bierman 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, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:34 p.m. Member Colvin moved, and member Sutton seconded, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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