Board President Robert Shouse called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Macomb Jr./Sr. High School Library. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin.

The Board recognized Sarah Keck for being selected Senior of the Month for the month of September.

Superintendent Reuschel shared the following information items:
- Four Board of Education positions open for the April 9, 2013, general election.
- Franczek Radelet Annual Law Conference to be held in January 2013.
- Strategic Plan wrap up meetings went well and those who were unable to attend will receive a follow-up letter and the Strategic Plan brochure.
- Thanks from IASB for the Western Division dinner.

Mike Reidy, Durham Bus Services, addressed the Board regarding progress on the transportation issues, staffing and preventive measures for the next school year. He apologized for the rough beginning this school year and indicated that the system would continue to improve this year and be better next year.

Member Adams moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar, which included: Minutes from the September 17, 2012, public hearing regarding the proposed Final 2012-2013 District budget; minutes from the September 17, 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; Food Service Report; and State Funding Update. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve the retirements of Rose Platt and Marilyn Eck. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve employment for Co-Curricular positions as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the official audit for the year ending June 30, 2012. Superintendent Reuschel advised it was a clean audit with no findings.

President Shouse opened discussion regarding the necessity of cost containment strategies for the future. He advised that the Finance Committee would meet to begin cost containment discussions and emphasized that the discussions should involve the community and all stakeholders in the District. Member Bierman noted that the discussion would focus specifically on considerations for
building the FY ’14 budget and immediate actions to strengthen the District’s financial position. Member Kiah pointed out that in large part the deficit is due to systemic issues beyond the control of the Board, and that the District has prepared for this day for many years. The Finance Committee will review and refine the cost control plan to keep the District in the best financial position possible.

The Board reviewed the 2012 Illinois State School Report Cards and member Sutton moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the school improvement plans for Lincoln and Edison elementary schools and Macomb Junior and Senior High Schools. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the Applications for Recognition for submission to the Regional Office of Education and the Illinois State Board of Education. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the “Board of Election Candidate Publication Statement” and appoint Lisa Mooney and Velvet Taflinger as representatives of Board Secretary Ardell Thompson for the purpose of accepting candidate papers and petitions for the April 9, 2013, general election. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 7:27 p.m., member Thompson moved, and member Colvin 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, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 7:46 p.m. Member Colvin moved, and member Adams seconded, to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.