Board President Robert Shouse called the regular meeting of the Board of Education 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: Bierman, Sutton Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Member Kiah was absent.

Mr. Sean Genovese, MJHS math teacher, addressed the Board on behalf of the Macomb Education Association regarding the District’s progress toward meeting the legal requirements of Response to Intervention (RtI) and noted that implementation of the model is inconsistent throughout the District. He expressed concerns ranging from the need for writing and math interventions at the primary level and the necessity of interventions across grade levels for reading, writing and math. Mr. Genovese commended the teachers who are volunteering their time for the Success Center. He requested that the Board and administration assess the District’s progress and provide support – funds and concrete plans – to help staff and the District as a whole meet the legal requirements of RtI and provided a copy of the ISBE RtI District Self-Assessment Template as a source of information.

Mr. Jim LaPrad requested information on the status of the search for a new superintendent.

The Board recognized Brock Gillum for being selected Senior of the Month for the month of October.

President Shouse advised that there were approximately 20 applicants for the superintendent’s position. He noted that the applications came from across the state, some from out of state, from men and women, some with Ph.D.’s and some without. The next step in the process will be to narrow the field to a smaller number of candidates for presentation to the Board and the community.

Superintendent Reuschel shared the following information:
- There are four Board of Education positions open for the April 9, 2013 election;
- Thanks to the Macomb Education Foundation for grants awarded in the amount of $2,124.29;
- Thanks from the WIU Nursing Program for providing practical experience for nursing students;
- Thanks from TRS for hosting individual conferences and a large group meeting.
- Congratulations to District staff – the District has received the Bright A+ award.
- Receipt of a $25 check from the McDonough County Telephone Cooperative back to school promotion;
- There has been a series of meetings with a group interested in enhancing the District’s agricultural course offerings;
- Introduction of Steve McCabe, the new general manager of Durham Student Services for the District. Mr. McCabe advised the Board that his goal is to build a culture where safety and efficiency are unmatched and maintained on a daily basis.

Member Adams moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar, which included the following: Minutes from the September 27, 2012 special Board meeting; minutes from the October 15, 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); Monthly Activity Account Reports; Food Service Report; and State Funding Update. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Member voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the October 15, 2012 regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve personnel actions as presented. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Member Colvin abstained. Motion carried.

Member Bierman, co-chair of the BOE Finance Committee, reported on the committee’s November 8 meeting. The committee discussed the financial future of the District and planning for FY ’14 in light of the current deficit budget. The committee also discussed the lease for the purchase of technology and recommended moving forward with that plan. Member Bierman advised that the committee has drafted a letter to be sent to local legislators, House leadership, and to the paper regarding the District’s position on proposed pension reform. Superintendent Reuschel noted that increased enrollment without new property coming on to the tax rolls is diluting the strength of the monetary support the District receives from local tax dollars. She emphasized that the District will have to provide more services with less money and that the current Strategic Plan will help with making decisions regarding how the District manages that situation. Member Thompson noted that the community must pay attention and listen to these discussions so that the reasons for the eventual changes necessitated by the funding situation are understood.

Members Thompson and Adams, co-chairs of the BOE Policy Committee, reported on the committee’s November 12 meeting. The committee reviewed proposed changes to Board policy, administrative procedures and exhibits. The majority of the changes are required due to changes in School Code and legislation. First reading was held regarding proposed changes to the following board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits:

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The Board reviewed the proposed 2012 levy, together with the resolution and required notice of levy hearing to be published in the newspaper. Superintendent Reuschel advised that although the increase over last year’s levy is only 4.5%, which is less than the 5% increase allowed before a public hearing on the levy is required, the Board would conduct a hearing at its December 17 meeting prior to adoption of the levy. Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to authorize the administration to publish the required resolution and public hearing notices. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Bierman moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve a three year lease in the amount of $283,225.88 at a rate of 2.99% for the purchase of technology equipment. Katie Hoge, District Technology Coordinator, advised that the funds would be used to purchase approximately 450 units, including 112 desktops, 1 computer lab, and 175 laptops. Member voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the property and casualty insurance renewal for the upcoming year. Superintendent Reuschel advised that the renewal rate reflects an increase of 7%, which is within industry norms, and that the District’s coverage would remain with Hanover. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the McDonough County Clerk for the Clerk to receive School Board candidate petitions on December 24, 2012. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the proposed Spring 2013 MSHS Band Trip. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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President

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Date

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