Board President Robert Shouse called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. Roll was taken with the following members present: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin.

Mr. Shouse called for a moment of silence in memory of those who were killed in the Newtown, CT elementary school shooting.

The Board recognized the following individuals:
- Caitlin Dowdall for being selected the November 2012 Senior of the Month.
- Crystin Harper, 3rd grade teacher at Lincoln, for being selected Teacher of the Month for the month of September.

Member Sutton commended the MSHS Fresh/Soph Scholastic Bowl team for their tournament performance. Member Bierman expressed appreciation for the efforts of Lincoln Elementary school staff and parents and the MJSHS staff in planning and putting on Breakfast with Santa.

President Shouse advised that the pool of candidates for the superintendent position has been narrowed and that the first round of interviews will be held soon. Once the field is narrowed further, the names of the remaining candidates will be released to the public and the Board will proceed with forums to provide an opportunity for community members and District staff to meet the candidates.

Superintendent Reuschel advised those in attendance of dates and deadlines for filing petitions, lottery and filing objections to petitions for the April 9, 2013 general election. She also advised the Board of a request from Mr. Thomas Johnson, MSHS Science teacher, for students to travel to the Illinois Junior Science and Humanities Symposium March 21-23.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included: Minutes from the November 19, 2012, regular Board meeting; minutes from the December 6, 2012, special board meeting; minutes from the December 11, 2012, special 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”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the December 6, 2012, special meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the December 12, 2012, special Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the resignations of Elizabeth Formell and Sam Shryack. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Thompson moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the employment of Nicole Protsman, Steve Horrell, Jim Heuer, and Emily Platt. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Members Kiah and Colvin abstained. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the Request for Leave of Jessica Gonyea. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve Chelsea Davis as a volunteer. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman reported on the December 13, 2012 meeting of the District Insurance Committee. He advised that the District’s health insurance consultants reviewed the plan for the fiscal year to date. Their reports indicate the plan currently has 8.2 months in reserves. The review of network and PPO services is continuing.

Member Bierman went on to report on the December 13, 2012, meeting of the Board Finance Committee. The committee reviewed the proposed bond issue and the associated ten-year survey for MacArthur, Lincoln and Edison. Discussion regarding cost containment was continued. The committee continues to hone data to be sued in the future to decide how to meet budget obligations.

Superintendent Reuschel provided information on IHSA Bass Fishing. She advised that several had expressed interest in participating in such a program and that there are two sites locally that could be used. Discussion continued regarding numbers need to field a team, the possibility of co-oping with nearby schools, and the ongoing financial impact of offering another extracurricular activity.

The Board reviewed the District’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2012. Superintendent Reuschel touched on several statistics in the report including the increased unemployment rate and decrease of per capita income back to levels seen in 2009, figures which could weigh significantly in the District’s financial planning for the future. Other information of note included figures indicating steady increases in student numbers and the need for more staff to keep pace with that growth and an outline of facilities. Dr. Reuschel acknowledged to work of District staff in collaboration with the District auditors in producing the report.

The Board reviewed information regarding the proposed Concert Choir Heritage Music Festival trip to Chicago in April 2013.

Member Bierman moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the 2012 levy as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve a resolution authorizing Chapman & Cutler LLP to prepare the necessary legal proceedings and retaining First MidState, Inc. as underwriter for a potential bond issue. 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 IEMA All-State Band and Choir Festival trip to Peoria in January 2013. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board held second reading on proposed changes to the following policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits:
Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the changes as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 7:32 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 7:54 p.m.

It was announced that there will be follow up training for staff on safety procedures on April 1, 2013 on a school improvement day. Counselors were available to staff and students today in light of the shooting in Connecticut. The Board discussed scheduling a work session to review and/or revise the district safety plan.

Member Colvin moved, and member Bierman seconded, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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