Board President Robert Shouse 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: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, and Thompson.

The Board recognized Corey Maisch for being chosen Senior of the Month for December 2012.

President Shouse gave an update on the search for a new superintendent. He advised that the second round of interviews has been scheduled and shared the proposed itinerary for each candidate visit.

Superintendent Reuschel advised that the Board would be asked to consider approval of a request for Scholastic Bowl members to travel to the NAQT Tournament in Atlanta in June. She noted that all expenses would be paid by the group and that they would request use of a District vehicle for the trip.

Member Adams moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the December 17, 2012 public hearing regarding the 2012 Levy; minutes from the December 17, 2012, public hearing concerning the proposed sale of Bonds; minutes from the December 17, 2012, regular Board meeting; minutes from the December 19 and 31, 2012, and January 2, 2013, special (continued) meetings; 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”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meetings held during the December 17, 2012, regular Board meeting, and the December 19 and 31, 2012, and January 2, 2013, special Board meetings. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board did not act on Personnel Recommendations.

There was no Old Business.

Superintendent Reuschel advised the Board that Dave Bartlett will be working with nearby districts on the possibility of forming a junior high football conference.

Member Sutton moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the resolution providing for the issue of $1,075,000 General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2013 for the School District, for school fire prevention and life safety purposes and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds. Mr. David Pistorius, First MidState Bank, addressed the Board regarding the proposed bond issue of $1,075,000. He advised that approval of the resolution regarding the sale of bonds would be the last step in the process. The final interest rate is 2.1%, and the first year’s tax rate is 50.23 cents based on EAV, with payments over five years and a slight drop in the tax rate the last year. The bonds are split between two local banks and Morton Community
Bank will serve as the Bond Registrar. The effective date of the issue is February 1, 2013 and bond proceeds will go into the Fire & Life Safety Fund for payment of costs associated with work done under the 10-year Fire & Life Safety Surveys. Mr. Pistorius noted that $20,000 of the current Bond & Interest Fund balance will be applied to the first payment on the new bond issue and the new bond issue will be included in the 2012 levy. Superintendent Reuschel and member Bierman thanked Mr. Pistorius and First MidState for their work and guidance on the issue. Vote was taken on the motion with the following members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve the proposed Concert Choir Heritage Music Festival trip to Chicago. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the proposed SIU Illinois Junior Science and Humanities Symposium trip. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve an overnight trip for MSHS Cheerleaders to travel to Mascoutah to compete in the IHSA Regional Cheer Competition. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve a resolution appointing the superintendent to prepare a tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

President Shouse commended the MSHS Dance Team for success in their first-time competition. The team was only 2 points away from making the State Finals competition.

At 7:15 p.m., member Bierman moved, and member Thompson 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 semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes and audio recordings, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and 5 ILCS 120/2/2/06(d). Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 7:56 p.m. Member Sutton moved, and member Thompson seconded, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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