Board Vice President Larry Adams called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m. in the Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. Roll was taken with the following members present: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members Colvin and Shouse were absent.

Superintendent Reuschel asked all to stand and observe a moment of silence out of respect for those who were impacted by the bombing at the Boston Marathon.

The Board recognized the following:
- Jennifer Phillips – Senior of the Month for the month of March 2013;
- The MSHS Scholastic Bowl Team and team sponsor Suellyn Rieckelman for their third place finish at the State Scholastic Bowl Tournament;
- Jenna Dean – 2013 Gold Apple Scholar

Member Sutton congratulated the Scholastic Bowl Team and noted that they had won 3rd place in the large school division.

Superintendent Reuschel shared the following information with the Board:
- Superintendent Reuschel traveled to Springfield with the MACCDDC Legislative trip.
- She participated in a conference call with area superintendents and Representative Norrine Hammond.
- Receipt of a FOIA request from Holly Torrance for athletic budgets.
- Carol Kersting donate three books to the District, George Washington: Leadership Lessons. Edison, MJHS, and MSHS will each receive a copy.

Member Sutton requested that item 7.1 on the Consent Calendar, Minutes from the March 18, 2013, regular Board meeting, be removed for separate consideration. Member Bierman moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve items 7.2-7.10 on the Consent Calendar, which included the following: 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, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve item 7.1 on the Consent Calendar, Minutes from the March 18, 2013 regular Board meeting, as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Member Sutton abstained. Motion carried.

Member Kiah moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the March 18, 2013, regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Member Sutton abstained. Motion carried.
Member Bierman moved, and member Kiah seconded, to hire Alex Roberts as summer grounds personnel not to exceed 25 hours a week. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Kiah moved, and member Sutton seconded, to release Pat Welch from service as a program assistant effective April 5, 2013. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the retirement of Marilyn Yarbrough from the position of program assistant, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve the resolution to honorably dismiss from service at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year the following part-time, non-tenured certified staff due to economic necessity: Barbara Basch, Corey Loos, Myra Houzenga, Kathy Burdick, and Tabitha Swain. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Kiah seconded, to approve the resolution to reduce the assignment of non-tenured full-time certified staff member Shawn Hanold to part-time due to economic necessity, effective at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Kiah moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the resolution to reduce the assignment of tenured staff member Angela Hance from full-time to .5 part-time due to declining registration numbers and subsequent reduction in number of sections taught, effective at the close of the 2012-2013 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the resolution to honorably dismiss tenured staff member Tonya Hamer due to economic necessity, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Members voting “yes”: Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Member Kiah abstained. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve the resolution to reduce Janel Dranes’ clerical position from 6 hours per day to 5 hours per day, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Kiah moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the resolution honoringly dismissing part-time Special Services Secretary Jayme Lee at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Kiah seconded, to approve the resolution reducing program assistant position hours of the following individuals from the current assignment hours per day to 5
hours per day, effective for the 2013-2014 school year: Lisa Allen, Randy Ames, Sandra Arthur, Misty Brewer, Nancy Caldwell, Kelly Case, Durette Corey, Julianna Daniels, Denise Daugherty, Diane Dirksen, Amber Driskell, Karen Filbert, Kris Frakes, Susan Gamage, Judy Haddix, Cynthia Hare, Debbie Hattaway, Jill Heberling, Teresa Heikes, Ted Huff, Roberta Huff, Debra Hunter, Melonie Icenogle, Marilyn Keeney, Teresa Kindhart, Kaitlyn Kirby, Barbara Koukol, Mary Lyons, Jack Pace, Nicole Protsman, Brenda Ridge, Robyn Rosenboom, Michelle Rossmiller, Brandi Rutledge, Patricia Sheahan, Sally Sinnett, Kristy Skarin, Deepika Vinod, Marsha Wetmore, Stacy Wilson, and Rachel Woodruff. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman, representative to the District Insurance Committee, reported on that committee’s March 20, 2013, meeting. He advised that review of the plan indicated reserves of 8+ months. The committee discussed the requirements of AFHCA and how they will impact the plan and participants. Information will be made available to participants in the fall.

Dave Bartlett, Athletic Director, presented his recommendations for minimum participation numbers for athletics as part of the Board’s cost containment plan. He advised that when making decisions about the minimums, he considered a sport’s cost per student, whether the sport is a high school conference activity, participation average over the last three years, loss of instructional time due to travel, and information gleaned from discussion with coaches. Some sports, such as golf and cross country, would allow for athletes to participate individually. Mr. Bartlett recommended elimination of the freshman football team next year due to cancellation of the season the last two years. He advised that other programs that may fall victim to low participation rates are swimming and girls’ golf. The Board will review the recommended minimums and consider approval at its regular May meeting.

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy 6:310. Dr. Reuschel explained that the proposed changes would provide opportunities for students to take classes no longer offered at MSHS through alternate venues. The changes will be considered for approval at the May regular meeting.

John Rumley, MSHS Principal, reviewed proposed changes to the MSHS Student Handbook and corresponding policies. He advised that changes to language dealing with truancy are based on state statute; the recommended change to the required course week for athletes from 20-25 hours stems from a change made by IHSA; and changes to the discipline policy are necessary to address the issue of students taking pictures of other students at school and subsequently sharing those pictures. The Board will review the proposed changes again in May and consider approval.

Member Bierman moved, and member Thompson seconded, to award the bid for Fire & Life Safety work to be done at MacArthur Early Childhood Center, Lincoln and Edison Elementary Schools, and Washington Street gym, to Trotter General Contracting with a base bid of $499,000. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Approval of the addition to the Administrators’ evaluation instrument was postponed to the May regular meeting.

Member Sutton moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve changes to the job descriptions for Elementary Principal, Junior High School Principal, Senior High School Principal, Grades 7-12
Dean of Students, and Executive Secretary/Board Recording Secretary, as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the proposed 2013-2014 fee schedule. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Kiah seconded, to approve the proposed 2013-2014 District calendar. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.


Member Thompson moved, and member Bierman 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, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 10:00 p.m. Member Sutton moved, and member Bierman seconded, to adjourn at 10:01 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.