Board President Matt Bierman called the meeting to order in the Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad.

Mr. Bierman introduced Mr. Bruce Eidson, representative of the Macomb Agriscience Association. Mr. Eidson addressed the Board regarding the association’s goal of establishing an agriculture class and an FFA chapter at Macomb Senior High School. He also extended an invitation to the Board to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville on October 30.

Member Larry Adams commented on the school opening activities, noting that the Boy Scouts appreciated the opportunity to participate in the opening ceremonies each year. President Bierman advised that he had attended the Illinois Association of School Boards training for board presidents and thanked the district for the opportunity. He reminded members of the Board about mandatory trainings (Professional Development/Leadership, PERA, and Open Meetings Act) and suggested that the record of completed trainings be posted on the District website.

Dr. Twomey announced that the tentative District budget is on display at each District building and at the Macomb Public Library and will remain so until the September 16, 2013, public hearing on the final budget. He gave a brief overview of Sheriff Rick Van Brooker’s concealed carry law presentation to the MACCDDC Government Affairs meeting.

Member Adams moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included: Minutes from the July 15, 2013, public hearing; minutes from the July 15, 2013, regular Board meeting; Treasurer’s 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; and State Funding Update. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Member Thompson abstained. Motion carried.

Member Myers moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the July 15, 2013, regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Member Thompson abstained. Motion carried.

Member La Prad moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve personnel recommendations as presented:  
Certificated Staff: Employment - Aimee Brownlee, Jennifer Douglass, Mary Kiritsy, Tanner Scott, Kristy Skarin; Resignation - Teagan Thomson; Retirement - Julie Meredith; Request for Leave - Mallory Kessler; Change in Assignment - Lisa Davison, Carol Jackson, Diane Meline, Erin Stegall, Tyler Taylor.  
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Mr. Dave Bartlett, Athletic Director, updated the Board regarding the proposed formation of a new athletic conference, which would be effective for the 2014-2015 school year. The West Central Conference is becoming unstable with IVC and Pittsfield leaving. The proposal is for Macomb, Hancock County, Quincy Notre Dame, Illini West and Monmouth-Roseville to form a new conference that would include all athletic and activities programs. The Board stressed that the ultimate goal is to make the best decision for the collective student body. Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the proposal to leave the West Central Conference and form a new conference, and to authorize Mr. Bartlett to make the final decision regarding the proposal pending the decisions of the other schools involved, activities/athletics included, and resolution of scheduling issues. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Twomey addressed issues that had arisen from the establishment of participation minimums for athletics. Unintended consequences of the plan include the potential for an 8th grade team to be cut, while maintaining the 7th grade team. He requested that the Board authorize Mr. Bartlett and himself to review the plan during the 2013-2014 school year and make recommendations regarding the minimums, and to allow some flexibility when strict adherence to the minimums would result in unsupportable anomalies that would have little or no effect on expenditures. Member Sutton moved, and member Adams seconded, to authorize Dr. Twomey and Mr. Bartlett to review and make recommendations regarding athletic team participation minimums during the 2013-2014 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve a two-year (2013-2014, 2014-2015) $38,000 contract with ECRA for provision of data analysis services concerning student growth as it relates to principal and teacher evaluations. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Twomey advised the Board of a backlog of policies that need to be addressed and requested input from the BOE Policy Committee and the Board about how they would prefer to handle policies going forward. The consensus was that the administrative team should review policies
first, then refer to the Policy Committee for first reading, then to the Board for approval. Legally mandated policy changes could be handled electronically and the committee would meet to review substantive changes to District-specific policies.

Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to appoint Kelly Carpenter as Homeless Liaison for the 2013-2014 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

President Bierman announced that the next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16 with the public hearing on the budget taking place first. He also advised that the Board would meet on Wednesday, August 28 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. for a work/self-evaluation meeting.

At 7:52 p.m., member Sutton 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), collective negotiating matters, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), student discipline, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), pending or imminent litigation, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), and to review minutes from closed meetings pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and 120/2.06. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:14 p.m.

There was a short discussion regarding the leased property near the MCUSD #185 Bus Garage. Dr. Twomey advised that the matter remains under negotiation with the property owner.

Member Kiah shared information about the establishment of bus routes and the use of dry runs to control/minimize first day of school transportation issues and to insure a smooth first week.

Member Sutton moved, and member Adams seconded, to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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