Board President Matt Bierman called the regular meeting of the Board 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 (present via Skype), Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad.

Dr. Twomey expressed sympathy for the family of Marcia Miller in the wake of her death, noting that she had been a dedicated and loyal school district employee for 20 years. He also spoke about the tragic shooting at Sparks Middle School in Nevada and expressed sorrow for the victims and their families and sympathy for all who were affected.

The Board recognized Durham School Services for the smooth start to the school year. Steve McCabe, Transportation Director, thanked the Board for the recognition and noted that the success was due to a team effort between Durham, building administrators, and everyone in the schools.

Member Adams advised that he will be a representative to the delegation at the Joint Annual Conference in November. He advised that he would bring any comments or recommendations from the Board regarding new resolutions to the delegation. Member Myers congratulated the MSHS Marching Band on their wins at the University of Illinois Marching Band Competition and the Western Illinois March Band Classic. Member Bierman congratulated Hailea Hadsall for her successful golf season and competition at the State Tournament and the boys’ soccer team for making it to sectional competition. He also noted that October 25 is Principals’ Day and thanked them for all that they do.

Dr. Twomey provided information as follows:

- The next negotiations session is scheduled for November 5 with the mediator.
- A brief overview of the format for the November 7 community forum – attendees will be able to contribute ideas for cost containment.
- Highlights of the State Superintendents’ Conference:
  - Jamie Vollmer’s presentation about changing public opinion regarding education by focusing on and promoting what’s right with the system instead of sitting back and taking the criticism;
  - The Vision 20/20 initiative to set an absolute direction for education in Illinois;
  - The PERA process and evaluation of principals;
  - Increased focus on bullying and how schools handle isolated incidents as well as recurring situations;
  - Dr. Twomey was elected president of the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools which will afford the opportunity to work on the front lines with Illinois legislators.
• Information session with Edgenuity, a service that makes it possible to offer a blend of online and regular classes.
• FOIA request from John Curtis regarding extracurricular costs and participation. Mr. Curtis was present and spoke briefly about his purpose for the requested information, which is to figure per participant and per student costs for each activity. He is hoping to have the information and figures in time for the November 7 Community Forum.

The Board recognized Meghana Babu, Senior of the Month for the month of September.

Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the September 16, 2013, public hearing regarding the 2013-14 District budget; Minutes from the September 16, 2013, regular meeting; Treasurer’s Report; Monthly Board Report; Bills and Payroll; Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (.05 levy); Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (combined); Activity Account Reports; Food Service Report; and State Funding Update. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the September 16, 2013, regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve recommendations regarding personnel as presented:

Certificated:

Change in Assignment:
Jim Heuer, from English Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, to Language Arts Teacher, Macomb Junior High School, effective August 19, 2013.

Co-Curricular:

Employment:
Jennica Danner, Fall Play Director and Thespian Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2013-2014 season.
Thomas Fritz, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2013-2014 season.
Harvie Herrington, Assistant Football Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2013-2014 season.
Linda Miller, Head Girls Track Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2013-2014 season.
Emily Platt, Head Girls Track Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2013-2014 season.
Jeremiah Platt, Head Boys Track Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2013-2014 season.
Callie VanHootegem, Play Director, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2013-2014 season.
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Joe Westen, Assistant Football Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2013-2014 season.

Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad.
Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton reported on the Board Finance Committee’s October 3 meeting, advising that the committee would hold several more meetings over the course of the academic year. The committee discussed drafting a policy regarding donations from the community. They also continued discussion regarding the cost containment plan for FY ’15. Dr. Sutton advised that the committee would also take into consideration the feedback from staff, students, parents, and community.

Member Thompson gave a brief overview regarding the October 8 Board Policy Committee meeting. The committee went over proposed revisions to Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits. The Board conducted first reading on the following:

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Member Sutton provided several corrections to be made before adoption and posting of the revised policies.

Member Kiah reported on the October 8 District Insurance Committee meeting. The committee considered information provided about wellness programs from different vendors. He advised that since that meeting, there has been a development with regard to the recommendation coming from the committee so the issue will be tabled to allow more time for discussion and information gathering. Member Sutton advised that the committee would meet again to consider options for a wellness program and would return to the Board with a recommendation.

First reading was conducted on the revisions to Board policy 7:70. Member Thompson moved, and member Myers seconded, to waive second reading and approve the proposed changes as presented. Dr. Twomey noted that the changes are necessary so the policy reflects what is mandated by School Code with regard to the threshold of absences before a student is declared truant. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Thompson seconded, to table action regarding the two-year contract with Wellness, Inc. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member La Prad moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the Applications for Recognition for submission to the Regional Office of Education and the Illinois State Board of
Education. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 7:43 p.m., member Sutton moved, and member Myers 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), security procedures, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8), 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, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

President Bierman announced the following:

- Next regular meeting - Monday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- Second Community Forum – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, November 7 at Fellheimer Auditorium
- Finance Committee will meet before November 7
- Special Meeting – September 28 @ 3:00 at the Administrative Center
- Policy Committee will meet in November
- No action following the closed meeting

The Board returned to open session at 9:15 p.m. Member Adams moved, and member Kiah seconded, to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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