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, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members Adams was absent.

Ms. Courtney Blankenship, President of the Band Boosters, spoke to the Board regarding the band program in light of anticipated cuts in expenditures. She emphasized the positive impact of a strong music program in the areas of academics and overall achievement, and the necessity of preserving the current structure of the program (two instructors, 6th grade band). Ms. Blankenship thanked the Board for their support. Chase DeWitt, MHS student, also spoke in support of the band program. President Bierman noted that the comments were well heard and stressed that no specific decisions regarding reduction of expenses have been made.

The Board recognized the following individuals:

- Krysta Bear – Senior of the Month for the month of December.
- Karyn Paisley – placed 13th at the girls’ State Cross Country meet
- Hailea Hadsall – placed 38th at the girls’ State Golf Tournament and was invited to the Humana Golf Challenge.

The Board also recognized the MJHS Cheerleaders for winning 1st Place in IESA’s 2014 State Cheerleading Championship competition.

Mr. Bierman advised that he had received information from the Illinois Association of School Boards regarding submission of proposals for panel presentations for the November 2014 Joint Annual Conference.

Dr. Twomey shared the following information:

- AASA National Conference on Education – February
- Weather and Road Conditions – decision whether to hold school or cancel is made based on current conditions. -20 is the threshold for cancelling due to cold.
- Date of regular meeting in February – Monday, February 24

Member Thompson moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following items: Minutes from the December 14, 2013, regular Board meeting; Minutes from the January 21, 2014 special Board meeting; Treasurer’s Report; Monthly Board Report; Bills & Payroll; Financial Update on Life Safety Projects .05 levy; Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (combined); Monthly Activity Account Reports; Monthly Food Service Report; and the State Funding Update. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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

Member Sutton moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve personnel recommendations as follows:

Certificated:
Request for Leave:
Mindy Frier, Grade 5 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, request for extension, leave to begin January 21, 2014.
Karigan Spalding, School Counselor, Edison Elementary School, request for extension, leave to begin January 3, 2014.

Educational Support Staff:
Resignation:
Marsha Wetmore, Program Assistant, Macomb Senior High School, effective January 6, 2014.

Change in Assignment:
Jenifer Bower, Custodian, Administrative Service Center, now Custodian, Edison Elementary School, effective December 27, 2013.
Robert Schnarr, Custodian, Edison Elementary School, now Custodian, Macomb Junior Senior High School, effective December 27, 2013.
Tanna Swanson, Custodian, Macomb Junior Senior High School, now Custodian, Lincoln Elementary School, effective December 27, 2013.

Employment:
Lisa Allen, Program Assistant, Macomb Junior Senior High School, 29 hours per week, effective January 8, 2014. (replaces West)

Co-Curricular:
Employment:
Tyler Taylor, Assistant Track Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2013-2014 season.

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

Members Kiah and Sutton, co-chairs of the Board Finance Committee, reported on the committee’s December 19 and January 21 meetings. Analysis of the District’s financial status and projection for upcoming years continues so the committee can put together a focused recommendation for Dr. Twomey as he works on specific ways to cut expenditures. The committee is also drafting a policy for procedures to be followed when outside groups donate funds dedicated to the creation/maintenance of specific programs. Once drafted, the policy will be submitted to the Policy Committee for review. Member Kiah gave a brief explanation of how the committee functions with regard to development of the cost containment plan, noting that the committee does not discuss specific programs/personnel/activities; rather, the committee looks at the budget, financial and enrollment projections, and models created by PMA, the District’s financial consultant, to arrive at a targeted amount for decreased expenditures. Dr. Twomey is charged with isolating and identifying specific areas where expenditures can be adjusted in order to meet the target figure.
Member Sutton moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Myers seconded, to adopt a resolution appointing the Superintendent to prepare the Tentative Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton advised that the Strategic Plan Committee would January 30 at 1:00 p.m. The committee will continue to meet every other week to review the Strategic Plan, one goal at a time.

Mr. Bierman noted that the Board would hold its next regular meeting Monday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:37 p.m., member Sutton moved, and member La Prad 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), and for review of closed meeting minutes and audio recordings, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and 120/2.06. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried. Mr. Bierman announced the closed meeting would begin after a short break.

The Board returned to open session at 10:17 p.m. There was some discussion regarding school closings. Member Sutton moved, and member La Prad seconded, to adjourn at 10:34 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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