MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
APRIL 21, 2014
7:03 P.M.

Board President Matt Bierman called the meeting to order in the Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. Roll was taken with the following members present: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members Myers and Adams were absent.

The Board recognized the following individuals:
- Emma Ngati – Senior of the Month for the month of March.
- Hailea Hadsall – Recipient of the Governor’s Volunteer Service Award.
- William Hall – Recipient of the IHSA Scholar Attitude Award.
- MHS Varsity Cheerleaders and coaches Ketra Russell and Samantha Folz – IHSA State Cheerleading Competition.
- Tyler Arnold, Blake Lowderman, Yanni Saddler, Thaddeus Nartey, Kyle Protsman – IHSA State-level competition.
- Jennifer Clark, Leesa Palmer, Nicole Protsman, Molly Selders, and Wendi Westfall – recipients of Macomb Education Foundation Grants.

Member Kiah advised Durham transportation manager Steve McCabe resigned. Durham is currently looking for a replacement. Mr. Bierman noted several Board members attended the IASB Western Division Dinner meeting. The IASB Summer Governing Committee meeting will take place May 14 and the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce/Downtown Development Corporation Legislative Day is scheduled for April 30. Dr. Sutton thanked Randy Smith, Director of Operations & Maintenance, and Dave Bartlett, Athletic Director, for the April 17 tour of District facilities. Dr. La Prad noted the U.S. Department of Education granted Illinois a long awaited No Child Left Behind waiver. The waiver will save the District thousands of dollars on professional development.

Dr. Twomey provided information as follows:
- FOIA Requests:
  o Celene Cross – safety and security plan information.
  o Parent request for student records.
- Contract for Unland Company, the District health insurance consulting firm, and IPMG, the District health plan administrator, will renew July 1, 2014. There will be no increase in the consultant fees and only a slight increase in the administrator’s fees associated with the cost of utilization review services.
- The bid process for food service is under way.
- The District and the Bomber Booster Club has received a proposal from a Boy Scout to build a storage shed at the Edison soccer fields as his Eagle Scout project.
- District teachers listened to a presentation by Mr. Jamie Vollmer at the April 21 institute.

Ms. Jami Minter, MSHS Guidance Counselor, and Ms. Tonya Hamer, MSHS Success Center, addressed the Board regarding the MSHS Success Center and its impact on student success. The
students are gradually accepting the Success Center and the service it offers. Not all students who come to the Success Center are failing – many come to improve average grades. The area of greatest impact is on poor grades due to missing assignments. The Success Center will continue to assist students who need additional help with lessons or completion of assignments, but Ms. Minter and Ms. Hamer anticipate the center being a part of the RtI referral process, broadening the center’s positive impact.

Member Kiah moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve as presented the items on the Consent Calendar: Minutes from the March 17, 2014 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; Monthly Food Service Report; and, State Funding Update. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the March 17, 2014 regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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

Certificate:
Honorable Dismissal of Part Time Non-Tenure Certificated Staff Due to Economic Necessity: (effective end of 2013-2014 school year)
Mary Kiritsy

Resignation:

Change in Assignment:
Douglas Mattsey, from Band Teacher, Macomb Junior High School, to Band Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 school year.
Diane Meline, from Grade 6 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, to Grade 7 Teacher, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2014-2015 school year.
Jessica Orris, from Grade 4 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, to Grade 6 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, effective 2014-2015 school year.

Educational Support Staff:
Reduction in Force Program Assistants: (effective end of the 2013-2014 school year)
Lisa Allen Jennifer Semonis Jessica Starbuck

Retirement:
Martha Clyde, Multimedia Specialist, Macomb School District, effective June 4, 2014.

Resignation:
Kathryn Oursler, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, effective April 17, 2014.
Co-Curricular:

Employment:

- **Zach Keene**, Head Girls Basketball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
- **Dee Kirwan**, Bomber Dance Team Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
- **Marcy Lantz**, 8th Grade Volleyball Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
- **Mike Lukkarinen**, Wrestling Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
- **Lissa Mings**, Head Volleyball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
- **Jeff Moore**, Head Boys Soccer Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
- **Mary Quigle**, Girls Golf Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
- **Stephani Reiher**, Cheer Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
Kelly Sears, Head Football Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
Kristy Skarin, 7th Grade Volleyball Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
Tyler Taylor, Assistant Football Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
Jenna Thompson, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
Jeff Thorman, 8th Grade Football Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
Tyler VanVleet, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
Ryan Wilson, Girls Tennis Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.

Volunteer:
Andrew McGhghy, Volunteer Track Coach, Macomb Senior High School, 2013-2014 season.

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

Member Thompson moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the application for waiver of ISBE rules for an increase in Drivers’ Education course fees from $75 to $125 effective beginning the 2014-15 school year through 2018-19. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the proposed calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. Dr. Twomey gave a brief overview of the calendar, noting the following:

- Two emergency days worked in to the school year – December 22 (to be used if a snow day occurs prior to that date) and February 16 (to be used if snow day occurs between Dec. 22 and Feb. 16)
- Six ½ days school improvement days. There will be communication to parents and community regarding these days so all can make arrangements for children and transportation on those days. There are scheduling options to insure that the early dismissals don’t affect one area of curriculum.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled October 30 and 31, but with two nights of Trick-or-Treat and conferences ending at 5:00 p.m. on October 30, attendance should not be affected.

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

Member Sutton moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the proposed fee schedule for the 2014-2015 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Drs. Chris Sutton and Jim La Prad presented the updated Macomb C.U.S.D. #185 Strategic Plan for first reading, noting that Board Policy 1:30 would be revised to reflect the updated plan. The plan will tie in with the superintendent’s evaluation and the Board calendar. The superintendent will be charged with developing an implementation plan to make progress toward the goals outlined in the strategic plan. The Board encourages feedback from District staff, parents and the community as the plan is implemented regarding what is being done well and also what is being done poorly.

Members Thompson and La Prad reported on the Board Policy Committee’s April 7 meeting. The committee reviewed proposed changes to Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits. The changes will be reviewed a second time at the May 19 regular meeting prior to consideration of approval.

Member Thompson reported on the April 17 Facilities Committee meeting/tour of District facilities. Members of the Board expressed appreciation for the clean, inviting buildings throughout the District and commended the custodial staff and Randy Smith for their hard work and diligence in keeping facilities clean and in good repair.

Mr. Ed Fulkerson, Assistant Principal at MJSHS, presented proposed changes to the MSHS Handbook and corresponding policies for the 2014-15 school year. He thanked all members of the committee who worked on the revisions, with special thanks to the student members. The Board will consider approval of the changes at the May 19 regular meeting.

Dr. La Prad reported on the April 9 Curriculum Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the proposal from the Science Curriculum Adoption Committee regarding science textbook adoption. The recommendation of the committee is under the budget allotted and Dr. La Prad commended the teachers for their presentations and the discussion regarding the choices they made.

The Board reviewed the list of proposed overnight trips for the 2014-15 school year.

Member La Prad moved, and member Kiah seconded, to approve the proposed Science Curriculum adoption as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member La Prad seconded, to accept the lowest responsible bid for bus lane repairs at MacArthur, Lincoln, Edison and Macomb Jr./Sr. High School, and parking lot repair and overlay at Lincoln School, to be done during summer 2014. The lowest responsible bid was submitted by Laverdiere Construction in the amount of $189,400 for all work. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the final calendar for the 2013-2014 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
The Board conducted final reading on proposed changes to Policy 8:80, Public Gifts to the District. Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the revisions as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve modification of the District’s 2007 Chevrolet Aveo for use as a Driver’s Education car beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve membership in the IESA for the 2014-2015 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the proposed June 19-22, 2014, trip to a shoot-out in St. Louis for the MHS girls basketball team. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:45 p.m., member Thompson moved, and member Kiah 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) and the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10). Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 11:00 p.m.

Member Sutton moved, and member Kiah seconded, to adjourn at 11:15 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Secretary