MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
JUNE 16, 2014
7:00 P.M.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, 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, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson and La Prad.

The Board recognized the following students, student groups and staff members:
- The MJHS Science Olympiad team and sponsors for competing at the State Science Olympiad.
- Student athletes Karyn Paisley and Allison Torrance for competing at the IHSA State Track meet.
- Student athletes Kenady Drake, Kelsi Mann, Destiny Reid, and Emma Wohlstadtter for competing at the IESA State Track meet.
- District retirees Martha Clyde, Julianna Daniels, Norrita Hammond, Mary Teresa Kessler, Louise Neff, Lisa Ruebush, Marybeth Speer, David Taylor, David Wetmore, and Judy Witten.

Member Kiah shared that Michael Bray resigned his position as regional manager for Durham Student Transportation Services. The position has been filled and a plan for continued delivery of services with restructuring of positions, which will save the District $40,000-$50,000, has been in place since late March/early April.

Dr. Twomey provided the following information:
- Report on community service projects undertaken by student groups during the 2013-2014 school year. It was suggested that the information be posted on the District website.
- MSHS Cheerleaders will attend cheer camp at Eastern Illinois University July 14-17.

Member Adams moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the May 19, 2014 regular Board meeting; minutes from the June 3, 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 Report; Monthly 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 Kiah moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve the minutes from the closed meetings held during the May 19, 2014, regular Board meeting and the June 3, 2014, special Board meeting, as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Kiah moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the following personnel recommendations:
  - Certificated:
  - Request for Leave:
Lindsay Schwerer, Teacher – Fifth Grade, Edison Elementary School, request for FMLA to begin approximately October 7, 2014 and extend through January 15, 2015.

Change in Assignment:
Michelle Parker, from Teacher – First Grade, Lincoln Elementary School, to Teacher – Second Grade, Lincoln Elementary School, effective August 18, 2014.

Employment:
Cheryl Brillhart, Teacher – First Grade, Lincoln Elementary School, effective August 18, 2014.
Elizabeth Coplan, Teacher - Special Education, Macomb Junior High School, effective August 18, 2014.
Ashlyn Havens, Teacher - Kindergarten, Lincoln Elementary School, effective August 18, 2014.
Shawna McLaughlin, Teacher - Special Education, Edison Elementary School, effective August 18, 2014.
Sara Nelson, Teacher – Fourth Grade, Edison Elementary School, effective August 18, 2014.
Tyler Rosenblume, Teacher - Band and Chorus, Edison Elementary School and Macomb Junior High School, effective August 4, 2014.
Andrea Weirather, Teacher – First Grade, Lincoln Elementary School, effective August 18, 2014.
Elizabeth Wiegers, Teacher – Fourth Grade, Edison Elementary School, effective August 18, 2014.

Educational Support Staff:
Employment:
Mindy Featherlin, Program Assistant, Macomb Community Unit School District, 29 hours per week, Edison Elementary School, effective August 20, 2014.

Retirement:
Julianna Daniels, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, effective June 4, 2014.

Co-Curricular:
Employment:
Mike McCall, Head F/S Football Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.
Tyler Rosenblume, Jazz Band Sponsor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2014-2015 school year.
Tyler Taylor, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 season.

Resignation:
Jennica Danner, Thespian Advisor, Macomb Senior High School, effective May 21, 2014.
Brian Langworthy, Assistant Baseball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective June 3, 2014.

Summer Custodial/Grounds:

Employment:
Jon Carle
Teresa Kindhart
Jesse Scott
Durene Corey
Jeff Mooney
Michelle Shepler
Darrin Cortelyou
Tim Mooney

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

President Bierman opened discussion regarding a proposal to allow children of district staff who reside in other school districts to attend Macomb schools tuition free. Dr. Twomey advised the Board regarding the waiver process, noting a public hearing on the proposal would be held at the July 21 regular meeting with submission of the waiver application to ISBE before August 15. Several surrounding districts already have the waiver in place for their employees, easing the burden for those employees of getting their children off to school in their district of residence in time to allow for travel to the district where they work. Both districts are impacted economically: the non-resident district receives state aid for the student, but no property taxes and vice versa for the resident district. Following the public hearing on the proposed waiver at the July meeting, the Board will consider approval of the waiver application for submission to the Illinois State Board of Education.

The Board reviewed bids submitted for provision of food service for the District effective July 1, 2014. Dr. Twomey advised three companies participated in the bid process: ARAMARK Food Service, Arbor Management, Inc., and Sodexo. Only ARAMARK and Arbor submitted bids for consideration and both companies met all the bid criteria; however, ARAMARK’s executive summary included a plan to invest $50,000 in upgrading their marketing plan in order to increase participation, a commitment to working on menu and recipe upgrades, scholarships and an in-kind grant program for school gardens and recycling. ARAMARK also shows community-mindedness through their annual gift of Thanksgiving dinner in all the schools, the stuffed animal give-away at MacArthur Early Childhood Center and Lincoln Elementary each Christmas, as well as through participation in local 5 K races for various causes, support of the local food pantry, Boy Scouts, and autism awareness. Therefore, based on the overall positive impact on the District and the community of ARAMARK’s service and commitment and the fact that their bid in the amount of $725,651.92 was the lowest responsible bid, Dr. Twomey recommended the Board act to accept ARAMARK’s bid for provision of food service for the District, effective July 1, 2014. Following discussion regarding the importance of improving the menus and commending ARAMARK for their service and good management, member Thompson moved, and member Kiah seconded, to approve ARAMARK’s bid of $725,651.92 for provision of food service effective July 1, 2014. 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 approve the prevailing wage rates for the County of McDonough, effective June 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member La Prad moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve current hazardous areas in the school district for the 2014-2015 school year, as designated by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve a resolution designating depositories for the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended by the District Treasurer. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Kiah seconded, to re-establish revolving funds for the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended by the District Treasurer. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to appoint Elizabeth Provine as District Treasurer, and Lisa Mooney as Assistant Treasurer through June 30, 2015. 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 the calendar of regular Board meeting dates, as amended, through June 30, 2015. President Bierman noted the date of the March regular meeting should be Tuesday, March 24, 2015 instead of Monday, March 30. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Twomey advised the Board would take action on two items following the closed meeting, both dealing with waiver of Board Policy 6:310, Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs and Course Substitutions.

Mr. Bierman announced the next regular meeting of the Board would take place Monday, July 21, 2015.

At 7:42 p.m., member Thompson 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), placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), 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.

The Board returned to open session at 9:15 p.m.
Member Sutton moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve waiver of policy 6:310 with regard to student 006:1314, as reflected in the minutes of the closed meeting held during the May 19, 2014, 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 the waiver of policy 6:310 with regard to student 007:1314, as reflected in the minutes of the closed meeting held during the June 16, 2014, regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: none. Members voting “no”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, La Prad. Motion failed.

Member Adams moved, and member Sutton seconded, to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Vice President

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Date

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Secretary