Board President Matt Bierman called the regular meeting or order at 7:11 p.m. 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 following individuals addressed the Board regarding the MSHS boys’ soccer program and Coach Moore: Eric Johnson, Dick Marcott, Mel Blasi, Shannon Duncan, Alan Drake, Bess Thompson, Ronda Streit, and Mary Lane. All expressed support for Coach Moore. Mr. Bierman thanked all for their comments.

Mr. Bierman informed the Board of a Franczek Radelet workshop on October 29 and the IASB Western Division Dinner meeting October 2 at Southeastern. Dana Isackson, MJHS Principal, reported the first half day school improvement day went well. Staff worked on specific ways to meet the broad goals established by the Strategic Plan Committee and it seemed that logistics regarding the half day of student attendance and dismissal went fairly well. Member La Prad thanked Mrs. Isackson for her flexibility in accommodating a visit to the school by a guest from Guatemala.

Dr. Twomey shared the following information:

- Update on strategic plan implementation: The Strategic Plan Committee worked through the summer to craft broad goals. The administrators have identified the specifics of how the goals will be met. The committee will review those plans and provide feedback.
- Report on Service Learning: Administration is discussing service learning and the possibility of making a service learning project a requirement to graduate. Discussions will continue with information to and feedback from the Board.
- PERA Joint Committee: The committee has been formed and is in the process of setting meeting dates.

Member Adams moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the August 18, 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; and, State Funding Update. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely minutes from the closed meeting held during the August 18, 2014 regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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

Certificated:
- Request for Leave:
Anna Mercer, Grade 2 Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, request for FMLA leave to begin September 29, 2014, and extend through November 14, 2014.

Resignation:
Lynn VanAlstine, Reading Specialist, Lincoln Elementary School, effective September 26, 2014.

Educational Support Staff:

Employment:
Haley Fewkes, Program Assistant, 29 hours per week, Lincoln Elementary School, effective August 20, 2014 (replacement).
Shelley Isler, Program Assistant, 29 hours per week, Macomb Senior High School, effective August 20, 2014 (replacement).

Resignation:
Shelley Isler, Program Assistant, 29 hours per week, Macomb Senior High School, effective September 8, 2014.

Co-Curricular:

Employment:
Erin Cruz, Junior Class Sponsor, (shared stipend), Macomb Senior High School, 2014-2015 school year.
Nicole Derenzy, Junior Class Sponsor, (shared stipend), Macomb Senior High School, 2014-2015 school year.
Pam Hensley Webmaster, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2014-2015 school year.
Katie Musick, Swing Choir/Ensemble Sponsor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2014-2015 school year.
Emily Platt, Webmaster, Junior Class Sponsor, (shared stipend), Senior Class Sponsor, (shared stipend), Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 school year.
Stephani Reiher, Sophomore Class Sponsor, (shared stipend), Macomb Senior High School, 2014-2015 school year.
Jesse Risley, Sophomore Class Sponsor, (shared stipend), Macomb Senior High School, 2014-2015 school year.
Ginger Shryack, Senior Class Sponsor, (shared stipend), Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 school year.

Volunteers:
Alayna Martin, Volunteer Swim Coach, (Boys & Girls), Macomb Senior High School, effective 2014-2015 seasons.

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 release for public inspection minutes from closed meetings held January 27, 2014, and to continue to hold indefinitely minutes from closed meetings held December 16, 2013, February 24 and 28, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 3 and 16,

Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to destroy audio recordings from closed held July 16, August 20, October 15, December 6, 17, 19, and 31, 2012, and to continue to hold the audio recording from the closed meeting held December 6, 2012. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Dave Bartlett, Athletic Director, addressed the Board regarding the current status of the athletic conference. The District is currently a member of the West Central Conference, but due to the departure of some schools, our football team has had to travel long distances and there are some open spots in the game schedule. Other schools are in the same situation, but there was little interest when school met to discuss the establishment of a new conference. Mr. Bartlett advised the Board that the current level of participation in a fall sport is 37%. His goal is to increase that percentage. However, projections for spring sports, particularly baseball and softball, indicate increased levels of participation. There have been no freshman baseball or softball teams since 2006-07, but the number of participants last year made playing a fresh/soph schedule difficult. Mr. Bartlett requested the Board approve the reinstatement of the freshman baseball and softball programs. Associated costs would include $2314 for an additional coach for each and $1500 for a one time allotment for additional transportation and officials. Mr. Bartlett also proposed the creation of a 5th and 6th grade wrestling program. Cost to the District would be minimal as the 5th and 6th grad wrestlers would be part of the junior high team and share coaching and transportation. There would be a $75 IESA membership fee for Edison. The program, if approved, would begin this December.

Dr. Twomey apprised the Board of an issue with the structure of the West Central Illinois Special Education Cooperative governing/executive board structure. He advised one of the member school boards should act as an administrative agent to approve the actions taken by the WCISEC board. Dr. Twomey advised a temporary executive board comprised of one board member from each of the WCISEC member schools would be formed for the purpose of meeting one time to give authority to the member schools’ superintendents to serve as the Co-op Governing Board. A resolution regarding these issues may be presented for the Board’s consideration in October.

The Board reviewed a proposal to begin a Bass Fishing Club at the high school. The club is considered an activity, not an IHSA sport and the proposal relies heavily on volunteer coaches and donated supplies – boats and fuel to avoid cost to the District. Board members would like a more detailed proposal regarding costs for the program over three years to ensure sustainability and to meet the requirements of Board policy regarding programs funded by outside sources.

Member Kiah moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve the proposed final 2014-2015 District budget as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board delayed action on item 11.2b, adoption of a resolution appointing a fiscal agent for the WCISEC, until such time as the resolution was finalized and submitted for consideration.

Member Sutton moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the Scholastic Bowl trip to the NAQT competition to Atlanta, Georgia in April 2015. 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 Applications for Recognition for MacArthur, Lincoln, Edison and Macomb Jr./Sr. High School for submission 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.

President Bierman announced the next regular Board meeting would be held Monday, October 20. Mr. Bierman also advised those in attendance the Board would take action regarding personnel following the closed meeting.

At 8:37 p.m., member Thompson 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), the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). 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 11:44 p.m.

Member Thompson moved, and member Myers seconded, to suspend Mr. Moore without pay as the boys’ head soccer coach for the balance of the 2014-2015 soccer season; in addition Mr. Moore must complete a hazing education program prescribed and approved by the District superintendent. Upon successful completion of the remediation program, Mr. Moore will be reinstated as boys head soccer coach. During the unpaid suspension, Mr. Moore may not participate with the soccer program in a coaching capacity, including attendance at practices. Mr. Moore’s failure to meet the requirements will result in further Board action. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Member La Prad abstained, noting he was in support of the action, but, as the parent of a member of the soccer team, felt he should not cast a “yes” or “no” vote. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Sutton seconded, to adjourn at 11:46 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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