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, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson and La Prad.

The Board recognized Ryan Litchfield, Senior of the Month for the month of March. Dr. Chris Sutton was also recognized for his service to the Board, 2011-2015. Dr. Sutton served on the Board Curriculum, Finance, Negotiations and Strategic Planning committees during his time on the Board and volunteered time to the District outside of his Board work.

Mr. Bierman stated the Board would set a special/reorganization meeting as soon as certification of the election results was received. He advised the Western Division Governing Committee meeting would take place May 13 at the Red Ox. Member Sutton spoke about recognition of C.T. Vivian within the District and the importance of engaging the public in a meaningful way to determine what that recognition could be. Member La Prad noted the WIU cultural diversity project is also working on recognizing Dr. Vivian. The consensus of the Board was to refer the matter to the Board Facilities Committee for further discussion with an update to the full Board at the regular June meeting. Member Sutton expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Dr. Twomey shared the following information:

- **FOIA Requests:**
  - From Max Kreps regarding the amount paid pursuant to a performance bonus clause in Dr. Twomey’s contract. Dr. Twomey advised the request had been answered, noting the District had not paid a performance bonus and the clause is no longer a part of the contract.
  - From SmartProcure – requesting purchase orders from 1/1/10 to the present in electronic format.

- **Macomb Education Foundation Grants:** two grants funded for a total amount of $4303.43. The MEF will also contribute 1/3 of the cost to replace weight equipment in the MJSHS Fitness Center, contingent on the Bomber Boosters and the District each contributing 1/3 of the cost.

- **H&R Accounting Challenge:** Merikay Potter had 24 students compete in a field of 33,000 students nationwide representing 1388 classes. The Bombers finished 12th and 20 of them scored in the top 10%. Julianna Kessler placed 33rd in the country. Prize money of $7500 will be used to purchase ergonomic chairs and computer stands.

Member Sutton noted members of the MSHS Scholastic Bowl team would compete at nationals later in the week. Member La Prad commented on Senator Andy Manar’s visit and presentation on Senate Bill 1 which focuses on equitable funding for education. He noted Illinois ranks 47th out of 50 states when it comes to funding education equitably. Dr. Twomey commented that for the first time in years there is serious conversation in Springfield about ways education funding can be improved.

Member Adams moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar, which included the following: Minutes from the March 24, 2015 regular Board meeting; Treasurer’s Report; Monthly Board Report; Bills & Payroll; Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (.05 levy); Financial Update on Life Safety Projects; Monthly Activity Account Reports; Monthly Food Service Report; and
the State Funding Update. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Kiah seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the March 24, 2015 regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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

Certificated Staff:

Request for Leave:

Katie Hoge, District Technology Integration Coordinator, request for intermittent leave to begin May 26, 2015 and extend through August 7, 2015.

Lindsay Schwerer, Grade 5 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, requesting leave of absence without pay for the 2015-2016 school year.

Resignation:

Melissa Downin, Grade 2 Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, effective end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Jessica Orris, Grade 6 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, effective August 2015.

Change in Assignment:

Julia Burns, was Exploratory and Math Teacher, Macomb Junior High School, now Exploratory and Math teacher, Macomb Junior High School and Math Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.

Jessica Gonyea, was Special Education Teacher, Edison Elementary School, now Grade 6 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, effective 2015-2016 school year.

Angela Hance, was part time Business Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, now full time Business Teacher and Exploratory Teacher, Macomb Junior Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.

Carol Lock, was Librarian, Macomb Junior Senior High School, now Librarian, Macomb Junior Senior High School, and Biology Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.

Sara Nelson, was Grade 4 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, now Grade 5 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, effective 2015-2016 school year.

Kris Thrapp, was Math Teacher, Macomb Junior and Senior High Schools, now Math Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.

Employment:

Nicole Brown, Physical Education Teacher (replacement), Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year. (replaces L. Miller)

Wyatt McGrew, Agriculture Teacher (new), Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year. (new position)

Lee Scropos, Social Science, English, and Drivers Education Teacher (replacement), Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.

Educational Support Staff:

Summer Grounds Employment: (to begin Monday, April 20, 2015, not to exceed 29 hours per week).

Gary Guarin Ryan Kerr
Co-Curricular:

Employment:
Wyatt McGrew, FFA Advisor (new), Macomb Senior High School, stipend amount to be determined, effective 2015-2016 school year.

Resignation:
Jeff Moore, Boys Soccer Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective April 14, 2015.

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

Board President Bierman declared the old choir robes surplus for sale of disposal.

Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the proposed District calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the proposed 2015-2016 Fee Schedule. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve a $2,000 contribution from the FY ’16 budget to assist the Choir Boosters with purchasing a new piano for the choral music program. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Ed Fulkerson, Assistant Principal at MJSHS, presented proposed changes to the MSHS Student Handbook for the 2015-2016 school year. He advised most of the changes make the rules, procedures, and policies easier to understand. Changes included more specific language regarding vehicle usage, guests and behavior at dances, and harassment and cyberbullying.

The Board reviewed a list of possible overnight trips for the 2015-16 school year and Mr. Dave Bartlett, Athletic Director, reported to the Board on the status of the West Central Conference and the search for a new conference. Mr. Bartlett advised options include breaking with the WCC and establishing our own conference - scheduling is too much of an issue; joining the Okaw Valley Conference – traveling long distances is prohibitive; joining the Prairieland Conference – the conference is not interested in Macomb. Mr. Bartlett recommended we stay with the WCC until a better opportunity comes up.

Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to waive second reading on the proposed changes to the MSHS Student Handbook and corresponding Board policies and approve the changes as presented. 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 a resolution to appoint a Board member - Matt Bierman - to the Governing Board and an administrative representative – Dr. Twomey – to the Board of Control of the West Central Illinois Special Education Cooperative. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve membership in the IESA for the 2015-16 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:01 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 purchase or lease or real property for the use of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), and to discuss student discipline, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9). 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 9:32 p.m. Member Sutton moved, and member Kiah seconded, to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.