MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
JULY 27, 2015

Following the public hearing on the proposed waiver of school code regarding the use of school improvement days, Board Vice President Jude Kiah called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 7:04 p.m. The following members were present: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members Myers, Bierman, and La Prad were absent.

Mr. Kiah announced the Board work session scheduled for August 18, 2015. Member Thompson congratulated Mr. Kiah on his new job in Cincinnati. He explained he would continue his service on the Board until his replacement is found. Dr. Twomey thanked Mr. Kiah for his service and noted a few of the areas he had positively impacted during his terms on the Board, including the transportation contract and the District’s health insurance plan.

Dr. Twomey shared the following information:

- Report on Facilities Committee meeting re: honoring Dr. C.T. Vivian. The recommendation is to consider naming the MJSHS Library after Dr. Vivian. Dr. Vivian received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2013. Dr. Vivian will come to Macomb October 1 and 2 and there will be a ceremony in the auditorium with students, local officials, and officials from Peoria in attendance.
- Information on outdoor athletic facilities: There is a tremendous need for improvement of our outdoor athletic facilities. Mr. Bartlett is putting together a plan with several phases. One of the first of those is new scoreboards. Gray Brothers has agreed to mow the varsity baseball field in return for a sign put up at the field. Tennis courts will get a new windbreak slat system.
- Substitute teacher pay rate: Macomb’s substitute list has dwindled and we have a difficult time finding an adequate number of substitute teachers. The reason for that is likely due to how far behind we have fallen on the substitute pay rate. We pay $70 per day plus a percentage to TRS. Other districts around us pay a little more than that and the ROE pays $100 per day. We need to have the conversation about what we should offer to be competitive. Mr. Kiah stressed the need to index the rate. He also noted substitutes will now be required to pass a basic skills test, which will decrease the pool of qualified substitutes even more dramatically and create even more competition between districts for those remaining.
- Update on purchase of bus garage property. We have made a verbal agreement for purchase of two lots adjacent to the bus garage. The current owner has asked for a 45-day extension on the agreement so he can tear down a shed that is on the property.
- Opening Day Celebration: Monday, August 17. Members of the Board are invited to attend breakfast at 7:15 a.m. in the Commons, and celebration program to begin at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the June 15, 2015 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 (combined); Monthly Activity Account Reports; State Funding Update; and, WCISEC Financial Reports. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Duncan moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the June 15, 2015, regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the following personnel recommendations:

Certificated Staff:
Resignation:
Stephani Reiher, Special Education Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, effective July 15, 2015.

Employment:
Mary Ann Carlson, Art Teacher, Edison Elementary School, effective 2015-2016 school year (replaces Gettinger).

Educational Support Staff:
Resignation:
Jessica Starbuck, Program Assistant, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, effective July 14, 2015.

Change in Assignment:
Kayce Fuhrman, was Health Services Worker, Lincoln Elementary School, now District Nurse, home base – Edison Elementary School, 10 month contract, 7 hours per day effective August 3, 2015 (replaces Ratermann).

Employment:
Gary Guarin, Custodian, Macomb Junior Senior High School, 12 months per year, 4 hours per day, effective July 1, 2015 (new position).
Sarah Lambert, Program Assistant, Macomb Junior Senior High School, 29 hours per week, student attendance days only, effective August 19, 2015 (replaces Hill).

Co-Curricular:
Resignation:
Travis Gage, Thespian Advisor, Macomb Senior High School, effective July 10, 2015.
Mike Lukkarinen, Head Wrestling Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective July 27, 2015.
Kristy Skarin, Volleyball Coach (7), Macomb Junior High School, effective July 14, 2015.
Tyler Taylor, Head Boys Track Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective May 29, 2015.
Jeff Thorman, Football Coach (8), Macomb Junior High School, effective May 15, 2015.

Employment:
Amy Bear, Kindergarten Team Leader, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Mark Benson, Assistant Football Coach (F/S), Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Marcia Brown, Spanish Club Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Melanie Butcher, Swing Choir/Ensembles Sponsor, Macomb Junior High School, Jazz Choir Sponsor, and Madrigal Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Eboney Chambers, Head Girls Track Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Erin Cruz, New Teacher Mentor, Macomb Junior High School, and Senior Class Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Nicole DeRenzy, Senior Class Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Ronel Engnell, Grade 1 Team Leader, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Jessica Gonyea, New Teacher Mentor, Edison Elementary School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Angela Hance, New Teacher Mentor, and Sophomore Class Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Jim Heuer, Student Council Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Thomas Johnson, Science Club Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Tasha Kastner, Student Council Sponsor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Diana Kurasz, Specialty Team Leader, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Adele Langworthy, Special Education Team Leader, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Steve Larimer, Newspaper Sponsor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Mike Lukkarinen, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Doug Mattsey, Pep Band Sponsor, and Jazz Band Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Maria Montalvo, Science Club Sponsor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Karen Morgan, National Honor Society Sponsor, and 40% Math Team Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Amy Morris, Grade 2 Team Leader, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Amanda Olson, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Shari Paisley, New Teacher Mentor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Emily Platt, Art Club Sponsor, and Junior Class Sponsor, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Suellyn Rieckelman, Scholastic Bowl Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Jesse Risley, New Teacher Mentor and Junior Class Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Tyler Rosenblume, Jazz Band 1 & 11 Sponsor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Angie Schauble, New Teacher Mentor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Lee Scropos, Scholastic Bowl Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Stephanie Seaver, New Teacher Mentor, Edison Elementary School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Beth Shryock, 20% Math Team Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Sandy Taylor, Grade 3 Team Leader, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Jeff Thorman, SADD Coordinator, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Kris Thrapp, 20% Math Team Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Callie VanHootegem, Fall Play Sponsor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Tyler VanVleet, 20% Math Team Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Wendi Westfall, Student Council Sponsor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Joe Westen, Head Football Coach (F/S), Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Tony Westen, Head Wrestling Coach, Macomb Junior High School, and Assistant Football Coach (F/S), Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Linda Wilson, Science Club Sponsor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.

Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Duncan reported on the July 10, 2015 Curriculum & Scholarship Committee meeting. The committee met to discuss meeting four times per year and what topics would be discussed. The committee also talked about how the work of the committee relates to the District’s strategic plan.

Member Duncan moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the ARAMARK contract renewal/rates for the 2015-16 school year. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the application for waiver/modification of requirements governing use of school improvement days. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Duncan seconded, to accept the lowest responsible bid for paving work at the Administrative Service Center/Washington Street Gym, which was submitted by Gunther Construction Company in the amount of $63,839.13, base bid $51,978.23 and alternates #1 -
$3028.90, and #2 - $8,832.00. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Duncan moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve an Emergency Resolution for Use of Health Life Safety Funds for repair of a sewage pipe at Lincoln Elementary School. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve overnight trips for the new Agriculture class to be taken during the 2015-16 school year. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Duncan seconded, to authorize the administration to place the tentative 2015-16 District Budget on file for public inspection beginning August 20, 2015. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve a resolution to establish Monday, September 21, 2015 as the date for the official public hearing on the 2015-2016 budget and to approve the proposed budget. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Duncan moved, and member Adams seconded, to review and adopt the Tort Levy Risk Management Plan for the 2015-2016 school year. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:54 p.m., member Duncan moved, and member Adams 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), student discipline, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), 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 pending or imminent litigation, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Kiah, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:55 p.m.

Member Duncan moved, and member Adams seconded, to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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