Board President Robert Shouse called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. President Shouse requested all to observe a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Duane McCall, former Board member. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was taken with the following members answering “present”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Member Kiah was absent.

Christina Smith, Aramark Food Service Director, introduced Ace, Lincoln Elementary School’s new cafeteria mascot, and a new program to help promote healthy eating habits. Ms. Smith announced that the lunch room at Lincoln has also been redecorated as part of the renewed focus on eating healthily.

The Board recognized the following students, staff and community members:
- Brian Elliott, son of Michelle and Bob Elliott, for being selected Boys’ State Governor and for his appointment to West Point Academy.
- Members of the Operations & Maintenance staff for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the school district and its students.
- Julie McVey, 2nd grade teacher at Lincoln, for receiving the KHQA Excellent Educator Award.

President Shouse congratulated the MSHS Marching Band on taking 2nd place in Class 4A at the Morton Marching Band Competition over the weekend.

Superintendent Reuschel provided the Board with information on the following:
- Administrative Compensation Report: New legislation requires that this report be presented to the Board and posted on the District website by October 1, 2009.
- Illinois Association of School Boards membership confirmation.
- FOIA request regarding transportation invoices and contract was received and addressed according to FOIA guidelines.
- District received the Bright A+ award for 2009 from SchoolSearch, a firm that rates schools for academic excellence. Our District is one of 58 honored out of 668 in Illinois. Superintendent Reuschel congratulated the staff.

Member Thompson moved to retain First MidState, Inc. as underwriter for the Bonds and Chapman & Cutler LLP as bond counsel to prepare the necessary legal proceedings for the bond issue, then amended that motion to instead suspend the regular meeting in order to conduct public hearings concerning the intent of the School District to sell Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds and on the proposed 2009-2010 District budget. Member Klems seconded the motion. Vote was taken on the motion with the following members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Public hearing concerning the intent of the School District to sell School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds was opened at 7:22 p.m., with members Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson answering “present” to the roll call. Superintendent Reuschel gave an overview of the work to be done at Lincoln, Edison, Washington Street Gym, and Macomb Jr./Sr. High School, advising that the actual cost of the amendments will be $6,759,000, and that the request is for bonds of no more than $7,000,000. She noted that future levies could be reduced by as much as $400,000 by refinancing. There was no comment from members of the public or the Board.

Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to retain First MidState, Inc. as underwriter for the Bonds and Chapman & Cutler LLP as bond counsel to prepare the necessary legal proceedings for the proposed bond issue. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The hearing on the proposed 2009-2010 District budget commenced at 7:28, with members Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson present. Superintendent Reuschel explained the thought process behind putting together a budget – plan for a deficit and budget high (worst case and work hard not to let that happen). She gave an overview of the four major funds that comprise the budget. The Education Fund shows a predicted deficit of $399,000, but Superintendent Reuschel noted that three years ago the predicted deficit of $461,000 was not realized. She advised that the difference between the FY ’09 and FY ’10 budgets is due to an increase in expenditures. The E2T2 grant accounts for an extra $300,000 in expenditures, and federal stimulus money accounts for part of the increase, as well. Other contributing factors included a contractual increase in salaries of 4.9%, insurance increases, and a 3.5 FTE increase to accommodate an increase in enrollment. Superintendent Reuschel also advised that revenues were lost as follows: $62,000 in the ADA Block Grant, $100,000 in General State Aid, and $34,000 in the Pre-K Grant. In light of the anticipated increase in expenditures and loss of revenues, Superintendent Reuschel emphasized the importance of a conservative spending plan and careful monitoring of finances. She related that according to local legislators, there is only money in the state budget through December 1 and encouraged Board members and the public to express concern to their legislators and press for education funding reform. Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the proposed Final 2009-2010 District Budget. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried. Hearing no further comment from the public or the Board, President Shouse closed the hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to return to regular session at 7:38 p.m. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Members of each school’s administration and staff came forward to present each building’s School Improvement/Strategic Plan for the 2009-2010 school year. The plans were unique to each building, based on their goal(s) for the 2009-2010 school year.

- MacArthur, represented by Jennifer Clark and Susan Docherty – 90% of students going to kindergarten will exceed the aim line generated by “Get It, Got It, Go”.
Lincoln, represented by Karen Nudd, Lisa Ruebush, Cindy Lovejoy and Lori Bilbrey – increase the number of students meeting or exceeding reading standards so that 90% or more of ALL students will record success in the future.

Edison, represented by Kim Couza, Max Kreps, Holly Riggins, Shelley Glaser, and Stephanie Seaver – continue to increase ISAT reading, writing and math scores for all students in grades 4, 5 and 6.

MJHS, represented by Jennifer VanWinkle and Brock Bainter – revisiting middle school concept using Turning Points National Design and working to have 90% of student with an Individual Education Program meet or exceed in reading, math, and science on the 2010 ISAT.

MSHS, represented by Merikay Potter, Joel Hildenbrand, Ginger Shryack, and Steve Horrell – continue to work toward 90% of all students meeting or exceeding in the areas of math, reading, and writing, as well as continuing to promote volunteerism in the community.

Superintendent Reuschel emphasized that the goals are standards based so all students will have a core set of skills. She complimented the teachers on their hard work, as reflected in the performance of our students, and expressed thanks on behalf of the Board and the administrators.

Member Adams moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the August 17, 2009, regular meeting; minutes from the August 31, 2009, special meeting; minutes from the September 15, 2009, special meeting; Treasurer’s Report; Investment Report; Monthly Board Report; Bills and Payroll; Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (.05 levy); Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (BI 07); Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (BI 09); Activity Account Reports; Monthly Food Service Report; and, Financial Authorizations. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meetings held during the August 17, 2009, regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the following actions regarding personnel:

Certificated Employment:

Barbara Basch, Part-Time (50%) Title I Teacher, Macomb Community Unit School District, to service the parochial schools as per the Title I Grant effective September 21, 2009 (new).

Laura Berberet, Part-Time Pre-Kindergarten Enrichment Teacher, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, effective September 2, 2009.

Request for Leave:
Diana Kurasz, Request for intermittent FMLA leave to begin approximately September 23, 2009 extending through October 26, 2009, and January 18, 2010 extending through March 12, 2010.

Educational Support Personnel

Resignation:
Quentin Parker, Technology Media Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, effective September 21, 2009.

Change in Assignment:
Randy Ames, from Program Assistant, Macomb Junior Senior High School, 6 hours per day, to Program Assistant, Macomb Junior Senior High School, 6 ½ hours per day, effective August 19, 2009;
Debra Hunter, from Program Assistant, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, 6 ½ hours per day, to Program Assistant, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, 6 hours per day, effective September 8, 2009;
Stacy Wilson, from Program Assistant, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, 6 ½ hours per day, to Program Assistant, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, 6 hours per day, effective September 8, 2009.

Employment:
Aaron Comrie, Part Time Seasonal Maintenance, Macomb School District, 32 hours per week, $9.53 per hour, effective September 1, 2009 (replacement);
Kristi Dakin, Program Assistant, Macomb Junior Senior High School, 4 ½ hours per day, effective September 8, 2009 (replacement);
Janel Dranes, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, 6 hours per day, effective August 21, 2009 (student need);
Sara Robinson, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, 6 ½ hours per day, effective August 21, 2009 (student need).

Co-Curricular Employment:
Lindsay Battles, E2T2 Trailblazer, Macomb CUSD, effective 2009-2010 school year;
David Benson, E2T2 Trailblazer, Macomb CUSD, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Julia Burns, Math Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Melanie Butcher, Jazz Choir Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, 2009-2010 school year;
Ronel Engnell, E2T2 Trailblazer, Macomb CUSD, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Noelle Flynn, E2T2 Trailblazer, Macomb CUSD, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Jose Galvan, E2T2 Trailblazer, Macomb CUSD, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Kate Hall, E2T2 Trailblazer, Macomb CUSD, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Shelli Mann, Math Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Ashley Monson, Athletic Trainer, Macomb Senior High School, Funded by the Athletic Booster Club, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Maria Montalvo, E2T2 Trailblazer, Macomb CUSD, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Leesa Palmer, E2T2 Trailblazer, Macomb CUSD, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Amber Piercy, Girls Swim Coach, (Assistant), Macomb Senior High School, Shared Stipend, effective 2009-2010 season;
Emily Platt, Spiderweb Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Merikay Potter, E2T2 Trailblazer, Macomb CUSD, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Beth Shryock, Math Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, 20% Stipend, effective 2009-2010 school year;
David Taylor, SADD Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 season;
Bess Thompson, E2T2 Trailblazer, Macomb CUSD, effective 2009-2010 school year;
Jeff Thorman, Football Coach (8 Assistant), Macomb Junior High School, effective 2009-2010 season;
Kris Thrapp, Math Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, 20% Stipend, effective 2009-2010 school year;
David Wetmore, Jazz Band Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 school year.

Resignation:
Brock Bainter, Specialty Boys Basketball Coach (8), Macomb Junior High School, effective August 31, 2009;
Mark Schlepphorst, Wrestling Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective August 31, 2009;
Tanner Scott, Specialty Boys Basketball Coach (7), Macomb Junior High School, effective August 31, 2009;

Volunteer:
Robert Jackson, Volunteer Football (Assistant) Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2009-2010 season;
Reid Kelso, Volunteer Football (Assistant) Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 season;
Leigh Terstriep, Volunteer Volleyball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 season.

Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Based on review conducted during closed session at the August 17, 2009, regular meeting, member Thompson moved, and member Klems seconded, to release for public inspection minutes from closed meetings held on: January 21, March 2, and March 16, 2009, and to continue to hold indefinitely the minutes from closed meetings held on: February 18, March 9, April 20 (5:05 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.), May 19, June 15, and June 22, 2009. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Based on review conducted during closed session at the August 17, 2009, regular meeting, member Klems moved, and member Adams seconded, to destroy audio recordings from closed
meetings held on: September 19, and November 17, 2007, February 13 (8:48 p.m.), and February 27, 2008, and to continue to hold audio recordings from closed meetings held on October 11, October 15, November 1, and December 19, 2007 (5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.), January 23, and February 13 (5:05 p.m.), 2008. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin presented his review of Section 6 of the Board Policy Manual, “Instruction”. He provided suggested corrections to punctuation, capitalization, formatting, etc., and also noted specific questions/concerns with policies 6:60, 6:130, 6:190, 6:280, and 6:235. Superintendent Reuschel advised that she would refer 6:235-AP2 to the technology department for review/revision, and the remainder would be reviewed by the administrative team.

First reading on proposed changes to Policy 7:50, with specific reference to the portion dealing with foreign exchange students, was conducted. Members Colvin and Thompson formed an ad hoc committee for the purpose of reviewing the language and formulating revisions. Member Colvin advised that he had consulted with MSHS Principal John Rumley prior to drafting the changes. Second reading and consideration of approval will be held at the October 19 regular meeting.

The Board conducted first reading on proposed changes to the following Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits:

2:100 4:170-AP4 6:15-AP2
2:240 5:220 6:15-AP3
2:260 6:15 6:15-E

Second reading on the proposed changes will be conducted at the October 19, 2009, regular meeting.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Macomb C.U.S.D. #185 and West Prairie SD #103 regarding establishment of a cooperative team for high school boys swimming, effective during the 2009-2010 school year. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve proposed overnight trips for Jr./Sr. High athletics for the 2009-2010 school year. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Adams seconded, to change the start time of the October 19, 2009, regular Board meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Adams seconded, to declare excess equipment as surplus for sale or disposal, per the list submitted by Randy Smith, Director of Operations &

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the Applications for Recognition for submission to the Regional Office of Education and the Illinois State Board of Education. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:40 p.m., member Thompson moved, and member Klems 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). Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The closed meeting ended at 9:12 p.m.

Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to adjourn at 9:13. Motion carried by voice vote.

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