Board President Robert Shouse called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. in the library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. President Shouse extended condolences to the Severs family and requested observation of a moment of silence on their behalf. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was taken with the following members answering “present”: Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members Colvin and Kiah were absent.

Mr. Shouse commended the MSHS Marching Band on its success at the UofI Parade and Field Show competition and extended congratulations to members of the boys’ golf team and to Shannon Roon for their performance at the State golf meet.

Mrs. Thompson thanked staff and administrators for their cooperation and patience during the period of high absences due to illness.

Superintendent Reuschel advised the Board of the following:

- FOIA request regarding the 2008 Fire Life Safety project – that request was satisfied in accordance with the FOIA
- IASB Report to the Membership
- Ardell Thompson and Larry Adams achieved Master Board Member status from IASB

She went on to advise that November 15 is School Board Members’ Day and, in honor of our Board members and that day, she read a Proclamation by Mayor Mick Wisslead commending the Board for its service to the District and the community. Dr. Reuschel thanked the Board members for their service.

The Board recognized Chelsea Hadsall, daughter of Robin and Bruce Hadsall, for being selected Senior of the Month for the month of September.

John Meixner, Regional Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board regarding the Regional Office of Education, its functions, and the Alternative and Safe School programs.

Heather Overstreet, District Technology/Integration Coordinator, presented a report on the use of E2T2 grant monies, sharing information on the 21st Century classroom, equipment purchased, and formation of tech teams.

Mr. Shouse noted that the minutes from the September 21, 2009, should reflect that the closed meeting began at 8:40 p.m. Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the September 21, 2009 (as amended), regular 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 (B1 07); Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (B1 09); Activity Account Reports; Monthly Food Service Report; and Financial Authorizations.
Members voting “yes”: Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the September 21, 2009, regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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

Certificated

Retirement:
Jill Bainter, Special Education Teacher, Edison Elementary School, effective end of 2009-2010 school year.

Educational Support

Change in Assignment:
Elizabeth Provine, from Office Secretary (Records), Macomb Junior Senior High School, to District Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Macomb School District, 8 hours per day, 12 months per year, effective November 2, 2009 (replacement).

Employment:
Jace Shoemaker-Galloway, Technology Media Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, 6 1/2 hours per day, effective October 5, 2009 (replacement).
Christos Gegas, Technology Integration Specialist, Macomb Community Unit School District, 7 hours per day, effective September 24, 2009 (E2T2 Grant Funded).

Co-Curricular

Change in Assignment:
David Benson, from Ecology Club Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, full stipend, to Ecology Club Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, ½ stipend, effective September 2, 2009.

Employment:
Todd Anderson, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 school year.
Kendrick Burrage, Specialty Boys Basketball (8), Macomb Junior High School, effective 2009-2010 season.
Jennifer Clark, New Teacher Mentor, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, effective 2009-2010 school year (Berberet).
Jennifer Clark, PreK Parent Coordinator, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, shared stipend, effective 2009-2010 school year.
Diana Cremer, PreK Parent Coordinator, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, shared stipend, effective 2009-2010 school year.
Joel Hildenbrand, Ecology Club Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, ½ stipend, effective September 2, 2009.
Tanner Horrell, Specialty Boys Basketball (7), Macomb Junior High School, effective 2009-2010 season.
Christina O’Neill, Girls Basketball Coach (7), Macomb Junior High School, effective 2009-2010 season.
Jenny VanWinkle, Team Leader (7), Macomb Junior High School, effective 2009-2010 school year.

Volunteer Student Trainers:
Amy Brinkman       Cody Llewellyn
Alyssa DeRose      Katie Rodgers
Marc Kessler       Ryley Smith

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

The Board conducted second reading on proposed changes to the following 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

Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the proposed changes as presented. Members voting “yes”: Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board conducted second reading on proposed changes to Board Policy 7:50. It was suggested that, based on feedback from the high school, the number of foreign exchange students accepted each year be limited to two, instead of three as written in the revision. Member Klems moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the amendment to the proposed revision. Motion carried by voice vote. Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve the proposed revisions to Board policy 7:50 as amended. Members voting “yes”: Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Members Thompson and Clark presented the results of their review of Section 7 of the Board Policy Manual, “Students”. Member Thompson suggested review of Policy 7:70 and 7:70-AP – Attendance and Truancy, to account for students in an “extended family” situation. She also questioned the reference to metal detectors in Policy 7:140/AP. Member Clark suggested revisions to Policy 7:190 to account for changes in technology since the policy was first adopted. Both members noted that the on-line policy manual should be updated to reflect changes to Policy 7:240/deletion of 7:240-AP per Board action.

Superintendent Reuschel reviewed Board goals, core beliefs and strategic goals that were formulated at work sessions held in July and September. She recommended that the Board review the current core beliefs and strategic goals and synthesize those with the newly created core beliefs and strategic goals. Superintendent Reuschel also reviewed the District FY ’10 Board Goals. Member Thompson moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve the District FY ’10 Board Goals as presented. Members voting “yes”: Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
First reading on proposed changes to 6:235-AP was held. Heather Overstreet explained that the changes are the result of having technology hardware located at the highschool, necessitating a change in backup procedures.

Member Kiah arrived at 9:00.

Mr. David Pistorius, First MidState Bank, addressed the Board regarding the proposed bond issue. He advised that the bonds had been sold and that the final interest rate was 3.7528%. This will be a seven year issue to be paid off in 2016 and will result in an approximate $400,000 drop in the levy with a tax rate reduction of 13.9 cents. MidAmerica National Bank is the bond registrar/paying agent. Member Klems moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the resolution providing for the issuance of General Obligation Limited School bonds, Series 2009A, for the School District. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Superintendent Reuschel gave an overview of the proposed 2009 levy, advising that the Board would not be asked to approve the levy until the November 16 meeting. At that meeting, the Board will conduct a public hearing as the amount of the levy is 4.99% greater than last year’s, and will consider approval of the levy following the hearing. Member Klems moved, and member Thompson seconded, to authorize the administration to publish the required resolution and public hearing notices. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board viewed the 2009 Illinois State School Report Cards, including the school improvement plans for Lincoln, Edison, and Macomb Junior and Senior High Schools. Superintendent Reuschel advised that the report cards were not available to the public as they were still embargoed by the Illinois State Board of Education, but that they would be posted on the District’s website and available in hard copy once the embargo is lifted. She noted that the District made AYP and that the school improvement plans are tied to the strategic plans presented at the October Board meeting. Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to accept the report cards and approve the school improvement plans. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Superintendent Reuschel reviewed the official 2008-2009 District audit, noting that there were no significant findings. She also advised that the Board would need to conduct a public hearing at the November 16 regular meeting to receive comment on a proposed waiver of the administrative expenditure limitation provision of School Code. The waiver is necessary due to changes in accounting practices (creation of a separate tort fund) and changes to the Tort Levy/Risk Management Plan that resulted in what appears to be an increase in administrative expenditures beyond allowable limits. Member Klems moved, and member Thompson seconded, to accept the 2008-2009 District audit as presented. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Klems moved, and member Thompson seconded, to declare four Nevco scoreboards as surplus for sale or disposal. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve an overnight trip to the Illinois State Science Olympiad at the University of Illinois on April 24-25, 2010. Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 9:09 p.m., member Thompson moved, and member Klems seconded, to hold a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, discipline, performance, and compensation of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:59 p.m. Member Klems moved, and member Adams seconded, to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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