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: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Member Duncan was absent.

Mr. Bierman asked for nominations for a member to fill the position of Board Vice President. Member La Prad nominated member Myers, with member Thompson seconding. Hearing no other nominations, vote was taken with the following members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Member Myers abstained.

President Bierman announced members of the Board and Dr. Twomey would travel to Chicago to attend the IASB/IASBO/IASA Joint Annual Conference. He also advised the Board would hold a special meeting November 23. The next regular meeting of the Board will take place Monday, December 14. He reminded the public during the season of winter weather, two hour late starts may be implemented. Member La Prad noted Maya Stovall, MSHS Cross Country, placed 9th in the State Cross Country meeting. Member Thompson noted Macomb student athletes in fall season sports were recognized for their academic performance by the IHSA.

Dr. Twomey shared the following information:
- Freedom of Information Act requests:
  - SmartProcure – vendor lists for the last three months
  - Individual request for numbers of students taking PARCC
- PERA Committee: close to being on same terms regarding assessments to be used next year for teacher evaluations.
- ECRA: Administrators received training and will train staff in their buildings. The data compiled by ECRA will be an invaluable resource for the District.
- Lincoln School project: Changes based on teacher input submitted to architect.
- Middle School project: City approved fund for community center feasibility study. Four of five city entities have approved the study. Meeting with design firm scheduled for December 1 is the opportunity to discuss what we want to see in the center. Middle school separate from the high school is needed to better take care of the social and emotional needs of that age group. Shifting sixth grade to middle school would help alleviate overcrowding at Lincoln.
- Bus garage update: owner is making progress on tearing building down. Hope to wrap this up in December.
- Data Assessment Committee: Illinois Education Secretary invited Dr. Twomey to sit on this committee that makes decisions about assessments.
- Concussion protocol: Dave Bartlett has put together an oversight team consisting of John Rumley, Marc Kessler, Kayce Furhman, Dr. Farr and Jami Minter. The name of the initiative requiring the protocol is “Return to Play and Return to Learn”.

Mr. Bierman announced a re-ordering of the agenda in order for Mr. David Pistorius, First MidState Bank, to present information to the Board regarding the sale of bonds for the purpose of funding building repairs required by the 10-year Fire & Life Safety Survey. He explained that First
MidState works with bond attorneys Chapman & Cutler and gave a brief overview of the bonding process and the current status of District bonds. Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the selection of First MidState, Inc. as Underwriter and Chapman & Cutler LLP as bond and disclosure counsel to the Underwriter with respect to the District’s upcoming bond issue for life safety work. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Administrators gave a brief summary of activities at each building on the most recent School Improvement Day. Feedback from teachers is positive; they appreciate having time on a regular basis for teams to meet.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included: Minutes from the October 19, 2015 regular Board meeting; Minutes from the October 28, 2015 special 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; Monthly Food Service Report; State Funding Update; and, WCISEC Financial and Personnel reports. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Myers moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meetings held during the October 19, 2015, regular Board meeting and the October 28, 2015 special Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve personnel recommendations as follows:

**Educational Support Staff:**

**Termination:**
- Jesse Scott, Custodian, Macomb Junior Senior High School, effective November 13, 2015.

**Resignation:**
- Connie Peterson, Program Assistant, Macomb Senior High School, effective November 13, 2015.

**Change in Assignment:**
- Gary Guarin, Custodian, Macomb Junior Senior High School, from part time at 4 hours per day, to full time at 8 hours per day, effective November 16, 2015.
- Ryan Kerr, from part time grounds/maintenance, Macomb School District, up to 29 hours per week, to Custodian, 4 hours per day, Macomb Junior Senior High School, effective November 16, 2015.

**Co-curricular:**

**Employment:**
- Amber Davis, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 season.
- Nicole DeRenzy, Freshman Class Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, 1/2 stipend, effective 2015-2016 school year.
- Kelly Sears, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016.
Tyler Taylor, Freshman Class Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, 1/2 stipend, effective 2015-2016 school year.
Robert Wood, Boys Swim Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2015-2016 school year.

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

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

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Member Thompson moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve the changes as presented. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board received a report on the Strategic Plan Committee’s October 29 meeting. Member La Prad advised the committee discussed re-energizing Goal 1 and how we can tell our story. The committee will look for an initial plan for what that will look like in December. Dr. Twomey shared he had taken the assignment to the Leadership Team and great ideas for how to tell their story were generated at each level. Member La Prad stressed the focus of this work is all students in the District.

Dr. Twomey reported on the proposed 2015 Levy. He noted that when the District files its levy requesting dollars from the County Clerk, the District never gets the full amount requested. So, the District always requests more to be sure it captures all the funds it possibly can. The Board will review the levy and vote to adopt it at its regular meeting in December.

The Board reviewed proposed renewal rates provided by insurance consultant Unland Company for property and casualty, workmen’s compensation, school board legal, auto and umbrella insurance. Member Thompson requested more information about cyber liability coverage at a future meeting. Member La Prad moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve the recommended renewal with Hanover in the amount of $187,692. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Regarding the proposed 2015 levy, Dr. Twomey advised the Board a new technology lease is included in the levy, which will allow for maintenance of the tax rate and help the District keep its technology current. The lease, totaling approximately $316,000 with approximate yearly payments of $105,000, will enable the District to purchase 300 desk tops, 350 laptops, and 10 mobile carts.

At 8:50 p.m., member Myers moved, and member Thompson 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), the purchase or lease or real property, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), 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”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Bierman noted the next regular meeting of the Board would take place Monday, December 14 and that there would be no action other than adjournment following the closed meeting.

The Board returned to open session at 11:25 p.m.

Member La Prad moved, and member Thompson seconded, to adjourn at 11:27 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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President

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