MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
OCTOBER 17, 2016
7:00 P.M.

Board Vice President Jill Myers called the meeting to order in the C.T. Vivian Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Myers, and La Prad. Members Bierman and Thompson were absent.

Chanel Lane came forward to ask about a response to information about discipline and the school to prison pipeline she shared with the Board at its September meeting.

Wyatt McGrew, MSHS Agriculture program teacher and FFA sponsor, presented an update on the just over a year-old program. There are 74 students taking ag classes and there is also a mechanics course offered. Students in FFA have competed in various contests and will attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Current initiatives include a petting zoo project with First Christian Church and a test plot which Butcher/Moon farms are partnering in, sponsored by First Farm Credit Services. Courtney Thorman, MSHS Senior and FFA Chapter President, and Morgan Lowderman spoke about their experiences in FFA. The students presented Dr. Twomey with a sweatshirt.

The Board recognized Jared Rhoads, Senior of the Month for September.

Dr. Twomey shared the following information:

- Lincoln School Update – District architect is finalizing the bidding process.
- Middle School Update – Other partners are talking with the developer. Feasibility of the project will be determined once those discussions are finished.
- Facility use sales tax – has been formally endorsed by the YMCA, the Macomb Education Foundation, and the Macomb Agriscience Association. Presentation to the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce went well. There are two countywide presentations scheduled: October 24 at 5:30 and October 27 at 7:15, both at Fellheimer Auditorium.
- Classroom Spotlight: Meagan Pennington, MJHS teacher. Her students are engaged in Orbiting Jupiter, a program that connects classes around the world. Students read a book, connect with a classroom in another country to discuss and play 20 questions to figure out exactly where in the world the other students are.
- ISBE audit: Auditor was impressed with meticulous nature of District finance staff, Dianne Hudgens and Liz Provine. The auditor made a few adjustments, taking $12,000 from General State Aid and adding $16,000 to the Transportation Fund.

Member Adams shared information about the recent Western Division Dinner Meeting in Galesburg. The program for the evening featured a presentation on and discussion about rural schools and downstate challenges.

In honor of National Principals Month and in appreciation for the efforts of District building administrators, the Board adopted a resolution honoring the work done by the District principals and assistant principals.
Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the September 19, 2016 public hearing on the 2016-17 District Budget, Minutes from the September 19, 2016 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, Monthly Food Service Account Report, State Funding Update, and WCISEC Financials and Personnel. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Member Torrance abstained. Motion carried.

Member Duncan moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes form the closed meeting held during the September 19, 2016 regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Adams, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Member Torrance abstained. Motion carried.

Member La Prad moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve recommendations regarding personnel, as follows:

**Educational Support Staff:**
- **Resignation:** Beverly Trusley, Program Assistant, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, effective September 28, 2016.
- **Change in Assignment:**
  - Ryan Kerr, Part time Custodian, was Macomb Junior Senior High School, 4 hours per day, now Administrative Service Center, 2 hours per day, and Macomb Junior Senior High School 2 hours per day, 12-month contract, effective September 26, 2016.
  - Ulysses Williams, Part time Custodian, was Administrative Service Center and Macomb Junior Senior High School, 4 hours per day, now Macomb Junior Senior High School, 4 hours per day, 12-month contract, effective September 26, 2016.

**Co-Curricular:**
- **Employment:**
  - Melanie Butcher, Men’s Ensemble Choir, Macomb Senior High School, Level 6, effective 2016-2017 school year.
  - Angela Hance, New Teacher Mentor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2016-2017 school year.
  - Jana Gamage, Spiderweb Sponsor, Macomb Senior High School, Level 3, effective 2016-2017 school year.

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

Members La Prad and Duncan reported on the BOE Strategic Plan Committee’s September 26 meeting. Member La Prad advised Dr. Twomey gave an update on the strategic plan process. He noted at a future work session, the Board would continue discussion on implementation of the strategic plan, possibly guided by IASB.

Ms. Tonya Hamer, Spanish teacher at MSHS, presented her proposal for a Spanish language student trip to Costa Rica in the summer of 2018. She emphasized it would be a service learning trip, with opportunities for students to engage in community service while in Costa Rica, as well as experiencing the culture and the vibrant physical environment. Estimated cost per student for the trip is $2700. Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the trip. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member La Prad moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve Fire & Life Safety Amendments as follows: Edison Elementary School South Modular – replacement of PTAC units in the amount of $9,000.00, Edison Elementary School North Modular – replacement of PTAC units in the amount of $9,000.00, and Macomb Jr./Sr. High School – hot water and intercom/speaker system in the amount $144,960. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Duncan moved, and member Torrance seconded, to accept the lowest responsible bid for re-roofing the Washington Street Gym. Lowest responsible bid was submitted by Kreiling Roofing of Peoria in the amount of $229,703. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Duncan seconded, to accept the official audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Dr. Twomey gave a brief overview of the audit results and process, noting the District is rated 4 in all financial areas. The audit revealed no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Auditors did note some areas for improvement, finding a few receipts with sales tax, some common control deficiencies in some activity accounts, and some missing receipts. Dr. Twomey recognized the work done by all District employees who manage finances or contribute to the audit, noting the auditors are unfailingly pleased with the level of accuracy, organization, and helpfulness exhibited by all. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 7:55 p.m., member La Prad 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), and to discuss the purchase of real property for the use of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:34 p.m. Member Adams moved, and member Duncan seconded, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.