MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
DECEMBER 12, 2016
7:00 P.M.

Board Vice President Jill Myers 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 (via phone), Thompson and La Prad. Member Duncan was absent.

Member Torrance spoke about his experience at the annual school board convention. He found it to be helpful and educational, and attended sessions on igniting and sustaining innovation, a STEM school in Aurora, and the Macomb FFA program. He also reported on the first annual FFA Alumni Benefit Auction. There were over 200 donors, it was attended by more than 400 people and raised over $40,000 for the FFA program. Ms. Myers noted the next regular meeting would take place Monday, January 23, 2017.

Dr. Twomey reported on the following:
- Lincoln School Update – the next step is the bidding process which should begin late spring 2017.
- Macomb Education Foundation – approved grants to teachers for classroom enhancements in the total amount of $7422.00.
- FOIA Request – from Miller Hall & Triggs (school law firm) for the 1-cent county facility use tax resolution.
- Outstanding Performances: Bess Thompson is one of five nominees in Illinois for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.
- Go Open Initiative: Williamsfield school district requested information on the program.

Member Adams moved, and member Torrance seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, which included: Minutes from the November 21, 2016 regular 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 Financials and Personnel. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Torrance seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the November 21, 2016 regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Torrance seconded, to approve the following recommendations regarding personnel:
- **Certificated:**
  - Ronell Engnell, Read 100! Supervisor, Grant Funded, effective September 12, 2016 through December 15, 2016.
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Carol Jackson, Read 100! Coordinator, Grant Funded, effective September 12, 2016 through December 15, 2016.

Tara Stockham, Read 100! Western Illinois University Liaison, Grant Funded, effective September 12, 2016 through December 15, 2016.

**Educational Support Staff:**

**Resignation:**

Amber Driskell, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, effective December 16, 2016.

Leigh Erlandson, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, effective December 16, 2016.

**Co-Curricular:**

**Employment:**

Samantha Bolin, Boys Swim Coach (Assistant), Macomb Senior High School, Level 5, shared stipend, effective 2016-2017 school year.

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

Dr. Twomey requested 2:125-E1 be pulled from the group of policies up for second reading to allow more time to decide the details of the exhibit prior to final approval. He advised it would come back up for consideration in January or February. Member La Prad moved, and member Thompson seconded, to remove 2:125-E1 from second reading. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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

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

The Board reviewed the final proposed 2016 District levy and Dr. Twomey advised there were no changes from the first review of the levy at the November 21 regular meeting. Member Thompson moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve the levy as presented. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Twomey advised the Board his follow-up discussions with Unland, consultants on the liability/package insurance renewal, confirmed the Workmen’s Comp portion of the renewal proposal
from Hanover/Accident Fund was not an assessable program. Therefore, the District’s renewal would be with Hanover/Accident Fund effective December 8, 2017, per the motion made at the November 21 regular Board meeting.

Mr. Dave Bartlett, Athletic and Activities Director, addressed the Board regarding the District’s membership in the West Central Conference. The conference will be down to three schools next year, so groundwork is being laid for a move to a different conference or creation of a new conference. The situation is complicated due to Macomb’s enrollment – conferences with smaller schools are reluctant to accept our program. Additionally, membership in the conferences who may extend an invitation would necessitate a great deal of travel. In response to questions about the possibility of scheduling games with Missouri and Iowa schools, Mr. Bartlett advised that while Missouri could be an option, again, smaller schools would not want to play us and Iowa schools do not have room in their schedules. Meeting distant schools half way is also not ideal as we would like to play on our home field as much as possible. Mr. Bartlett advised he would continue his efforts to build relationships and find openings in other conferences and periodically update the Board.

Dr. Twomey presented information on developments in ECRA, the District’s data compilation service. He showed examples of the various types of information teachers can access regarding individual students or larger groups, all based on the data they enter into the system from state and local assessments. Teachers will be able to follow students through the years and determine strengths and areas for improvement. As the District continues with ECRA and more data is entered for each student over the years, even more detailed profiles will emerge and teachers will be able to better target areas for improvement.

At 8:04 p.m., member Adams moved, and member La Prad 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), the purchase or lease of real property, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), 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.

The Board returned to open session at 9:32 p.m. Member Adams moved, and member Torrance seconded, to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.