MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
JANUARY 23, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Board President Matt Bierman 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, Bierman and La Prad. Member Thompson was absent.

The Board recognized the following individuals:
- Evan Baker, Senior of the Month for the month of November 2016.
- Hayley Coker, Senior of the Month for the month of December 2016.

Mr. Bierman shared an invitation to the Alliance Leadership Summit in Springfield February 21 and 22 asked if any Board member would be able to attend. Member La Prad offered to attend on the 21st. Member Torrance advised four people from Macomb would attend the FFA Alumni Convention. Member La Prad stated he was contacted by some parents concerned there was no altered schedule to allow for icy conditions January 12. Dr. Twomey advised the timing of communications and the developing icy conditions made the question of whether to cancel, delay or proceed as usual difficult.

Dr. Twomey shared the following information:
- January 2 Teachers’ Institute – successful peer led format. Evaluations were positive and session topics included CPI, CPR, Office 365, classroom management techniques, and dealing with students who have experienced trauma.
- Lincoln School Update – architect drawings are complete, bids to go out late spring and construction expected to begin early fall.
- Athletic conference – received a letter from the superintendent at Sherrard asking if there was interest in putting the Olympic Conference back together. Dave let him know we are definitely interested. It looks like there are 5-6 schools currently interested and we’d expect that to grow to 7-8 schools fairly quickly. Timeline for establishing a new conference would depend on end dates of current contracts.


Member Torrance moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve item 8.1 of the Consent Calendar, Minutes from the December 12, 2016 regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Member Duncan abstained.
Member Myers moved, and member Torrance seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during December 12, 2016 regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Member Duncan abstained.

Member La Prad moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve the following recommendations regarding personnel:

**Educational Support Staff:**

- **Employment:**
  - Shaina Ascone, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, 21 hours per week, effective January 18, 2017 (replaces Erlandson).
  - Katerina Dawson, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, 29 hours per week, effective January 3, 2017 (replaces Driskell).

- **Change in Assignment:**
  - Troy Miller, was part-time Custodian, 4 hours per day, Macomb Junior Senior High School, now full-time Custodian, 8 hours per day, location to be determined, effective February 1, 2017 (replaces Olds).
  - Molly Smith, was Program Assistant, Macomb Senior High School, now part time custodian, 4 hours per day, 12 month contract Macomb Junior Senior High School, effective February 1, 2017 (replaces Miller).

**Co-Curricular:**

- **Resignation:**
  - Kelly Sears, Head Football Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective January 5, 2017. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Twomey provided an update on Community First/middle school project. The Community First project is in a holding pattern until community partners determine they can make the financial commitment to the project. There will also be a study relating to all our facilities, particularly with regard to assessing facilities, school site, size, building growth capacity and age resulting in a report with a determination regarding longevity, energy envelope, etc., ranking buildings by condition and adaptability. This is all in preparation so the Board can make an informed decision about how to spend the 1 cent facility use sales tax. The initial cost for the study is $43,379. Dr. Twomey advised the stakeholders in the Community First project would likely meet toward the end of February. All know the Board has other alternatives to consider in addition to the Community First project.

The Board reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Dr. Twomey and the Board expressed appreciation for the work done by the staff in putting the report together. Member Duncan moved, and member Myers seconded, to accept the report as presented. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Myers seconded, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to prepare the Tentative Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 7:43 p.m., member Adams moved, and member Duncan 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”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 10:15 p.m. Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to adjourn at 10:16 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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President

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