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: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson (via telephone), and La Prad. Member Duncan was absent.

The Board recognized Courtney Thorman and Allison Jackson, Seniors of the Month for February and March, respectively.

Member Torrance shared the 2nd Annual Macomb FFA Banquet had taken place the previous Saturday with 220 in attendance. Mr. Bierman extended congratulations to those elected to the Board in the April 4 election. He also thanked the MHS FFA, Aramark Food Service, and the FFA Alumni for their contributions to the success of the IASB Western Division Dinner Meeting. Member Myers spoke about the April 12 Handbook Committee meeting and commended Ed Fulkerson and the members of the committee for an outstanding job. Mr. Bierman noted the IASB Western Division Governing Committee meeting would take place May 23 at Spoon River College Outreach Center.

Dr. Twomey shared information on the following topics:

- **Conference update:** the last meeting was disappointing. The idea of re-establishing the Olympic Conference has stalled. A small group of superintendents may meet again to discuss the idea.
- **Lincoln School addition:** a little bit behind schedule. It may be mid-June before construction begins.
- **Middle School update:** USDA has a program to loan money at low rates and both the City and the District could qualify. Risinger and Associates is working on setting up another meeting with stakeholders so all can get a better feel for who will participate.
- **Change Theory:** it is difficult to effect change in organizations where most feel things are working well. There needs to be trust and agreement that change needs to occur before change can happen. Thanks to Katie Hoge for bringing up the idea of failing forward – promoting the mindset it’s okay to try new things and fail. Even if not an overall success, there will be some positives gleaned from trying. We are moving forward. Our staff is trying new things and at the next Leadership Team meeting, the team will discuss major initiatives and focusing our energy on things that will have a deep impact on the district.
- **Pass Illinois Budget initiative:** 390 superintendents from around the state joined forces with the aim of sending a loud and clear message to our legislators that it’s time to pass a budget. The State is behind in categorical payments and currently owes the district $1.2 million. The question is whether the legislature will take action that will relieve the State of the obligation to pay that money.
- **Classroom Spotlight:** Linda Wilson – 7th grade Science teacher, with Glenn Sutton and Noel Camba, demonstrated their work with robotics. The students learn coding and use it to set goals for the robots – speed, distance, direction. Mrs. Wilson received an MEF grant to purchase the robots and PTO purchased the tablets used to program the robots.

Member Torrance moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the close meetings held during the March 20, 2017 regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Member Thompson abstained. Motion carried.

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

**Co-Curricular Staff:**

**Employment:**
- **Ronel Engnell**, Read 100! Supervisor, Grant Funded, $1,250.00 stipend, effective January 30, 2017, through March 10, 2017.
- **Cristin Overton**, Spring Play Director, Level 9, and Spring Play Set Director, Level 11, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2016-2017 school year.
- **Lucas Overton**, Spring Play Set Director, Level 11, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2016-2017 school year.
- **Ketra Russell**, Cheer Coach, Macomb Junior High School, Level 9, effective 2017-2018 season.
- **Tara Stockham**, Read 100! Coordinator, Grant Funded, effective January 30, 2017, through March 10, 2017.
- **Erin Wiley**., Cheer Coach, Macomb Junior High School, Level 9, effective 2017-2018 season.

**Volunteer:**
- **Lawson Barclay**, Volunteer Track Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2016-2017 season.
- **Carroll Hickenbottom**, Volunteer Track Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2016-2017 season.
- **Matt Lawver**, Volunteer Baseball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2016-2017 season.

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

Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the trip to England and Scotland proposed by Marshal Jordan, to be taken June 2019. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Members Bierman and Torrance reported on the April 12, 2017 District Insurance Committee meeting. Mr. Torrance noted the plan to reduce the surplus in the medical trust fund appears to be working, facilitated by a combination of increased expenses and more claims. He expressed appreciation for the staff who manage the program on a daily basis. Mr. Bierman advised the plan has 13.6 months in
reserves, down from 18, and that premiums were not raised the previous year. The committee will meet in May to discuss premiums effective July 1.

Member Myers spoke briefly about the April 12, 2017 District Handbook Committee meeting. Most of the changes involve BYOT. Mr. Fulkerson, MJSHS Assistant Principal, addressed the Board regarding the effect SB 100 has had on managing discipline, especially chronic offenders, and asked them and administrators to work with legislators to limit further mandates regarding the administration of discipline. Other changes to the handbook included addition of required policies, simplification of the dress code, the addition of information about SIP days, and the inclusion of information about the Academic Service Center.

Member Adams moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve a Fire & Life Safety amendment in the amount of $11,520.00 for work to be done at Washington Street Gym. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Myers, and member La Prad seconded, to accept the lowest responsible bid, which was submitted by Laverdiere Construction in the amount of $482,700.00, for Fire & Life Safety work to be done at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School, Washington Street Gym, and Grant School. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member La Prad moved, and member Myers seconded, to accept the highest bid submitted for a Ford E350 15 passenger van. Successful bidder was Harold Schnarr with the amount of $1521.13. 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 accept the sole bid, submitted by Kevin Cox in the amount of $125.00, for a Frymaster Model MJCFSC deep fat fryer. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve the revised 2017-18 fee schedule. The schedule was revised to reflect lunch prices for the 1718 school year. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member La Prad moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve membership in the IESA for the 2017-18 school year. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Myers moved, and member La Prad seconded, to waive second reading on proposed changes to the student handbook and corresponding Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits and to approve the changes as presented. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
At 7:46 p.m., member Myers moved, and member Torrance seconded, to adjourn *sine die*. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Myers, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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