Board 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 (via telephone), Adams, and Myers. Members Bierman, La Prad, and Thompson were absent.

Ms. Myers welcomed all to the meeting. There were no recognitions and no one came forward to address the Board.

Member Torrance advised a work day was held to haul dirt and level the site for the FFA greenhouse. He expressed appreciation for all who helped with the project.

Dr. Twomey advised bids for the Lincoln School addition should be ready in the next week or so.

Mr. Jose Galvan, MJHS Social Studies teacher and MEA Co-President, spoke about the Future Ready Team. The Future Ready Team is a smaller group of Leadership Team members. The group’s focus on purposefulness and intentionality will lay out a blueprint for change and progress in the District and help to drive it forward through the Leadership Team. Mr. Galvan noted the District is in a unique moment – poised to move from good to great at a time when resources - financial capital, material capital, social capital, relationships with community institutions, and emotional capital – are at a level to fuel and sustain the momentum. In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Galvan advised the process would begin with assessment of strengths and weaknesses and using research to address the weaknesses. Then, the team will determine how they see the District in three years and use backward design to lay out a plan to achieve that vision, as well as following the District’s Strategic Plan. The team will periodically present to the Board and keep parents and the community informed.

Member Duncan requested the minutes of the June 19, 2017 regular meeting be amended to reflect in more detail the reasons for his and member La Prad’s dissenting votes on the extension of the superintendent’s contract. He provided the following language:

“... and the current salary is higher than that of all superintendents in school districts the board surveyed from surrounding schools of similar and larger size, as well as higher than that of the vast majority (current compensation is above the 90th percentile) of superintendents in districts of similar size nationally according to both the 2013 and the 2016 AASA Superintendents Salary & Benefits Study.”

Member Adams moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as follows: Minutes of the June 19, 2017 regular meeting, as amended, 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, Food Service Report, State Funding Update, and WCISEC Financials. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, and Myers. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Review and approval of the minutes from the closed meeting held during the June 19, 2017 regular meeting was postponed to the August 21, 2017 regular meeting.
Member Adams moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve the following recommendations regarding personnel:

Certificated Staff:

Resignation:
  Tyler Taylor, Special Education Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, effective August 13, 2017.

Employment:
  Christopher Meier, Physical Education/Exploratory Teacher, Macomb Junior High School, effective August 15, 2017. (new)
  Brian Sullivan, Math Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, effective August 15, 2017. (VanVleet)

Educational Support Staff:

Employment:
  Penny Curtis, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, effective August 17, 2017. (Hildenbrand)
  Kimberly Woods, Program Assistant, Macomb Junior High School, effective August 17, 2017. (new, student need)

Co-Curricular Staff:

Employment:
  Todd Anderson, New Teacher Mentor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2017-2018 school year. (Meier)
  Melanie Butcher, New Teacher Mentor, Edison Elementary School, effective 2017-2018 school year. (Martinez)
  Carol Jackson, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2017-2018 school year. (Reusch)
  Tammie Mabrey, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2017-2018 school year. (Hageman)
  Shawna McLaughlin, New Teacher Mentor, Edison Elementary School, effective 2017-2018 school year. (Grantham)
  Karen Morgan, New Teacher Mentor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2017-2018 school year. (Sullivan)
  Shawnee Perrine, Assistant Volleyball Coach (Fr), Macomb Senior High School, effective 2017-2018 season.
  Malissa Pryor, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2017-2018 school year. (Kirwan)
  Briana Rexroat, New Teacher Mentor, Edison Elementary School, effective 2017-2018 school year. (Ivey)
  Tanner Scott, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2017-2018 school year. (Westen)
  Stephanie Seaver, New Teacher Mentor, Edison Elementary School, effective 2017-2018 school year. (Ramos)
  Susan Sellars, New Teacher Mentor, Edison Elementary School, effective 2017-2018 school year. (Dyche)
  Molly Selders, New Teacher Mentor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2017-2018 school year. (A. Stewart, M. Stewart)
Kaili Simmons, Assistant Volleyball Coach (JV), Macomb Senior High School, effective 2017-2018 season.

Resignation:
Mary Ann Carlson, Assistant Girls Track Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective June 22, 2017.

Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, and Myers. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Wyatt McGrew reported to the Board on the 1617 year in the MHS Agriculture Education Department and the FFA program. Enthusiasm for the program is reflected in class enrollment numbers and participation in FFA. The students continue to excel in competitions and leadership activities, organizing fund raising efforts for community groups and attending FFA events. The community continues to be supportive, assisting with the greenhouse project and a Farm to Table Dinner. Mr. Wyatt expressed his hope that MHS facilities could be expanded to better accommodate the 80 student program and his goal of a two-teacher ag mech and ag science program.

Member Duncan moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve health insurance plan documents as restated for 2012-2016 and as effective January 1, 2017. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, and Myers. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve a resolution authorizing the administration to place the tentative 2017-18 District Budget on file for public inspection beginning August 17, 2017, and establishing Monday, September 18, 2017 as the date for the official public hearing on the 2017-18 budget. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, and Myers. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Duncan seconded, to adopt the Tort Levy Risk Management Plan for the 2017-28 school year. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, and Myers. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Duncan seconded, to adopt the 2017-28 support staff salary matrix. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, and Myers. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve the District Title I plan. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, and Myers. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:17 p.m., member Duncan 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), collective negotiating matters, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and the purchase or lease of real property, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, and Myers. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Ms. Myers announced the closed meeting would begin at 8:30 and there would be no action other than adjournment following the Board’s return to open session.
The Board returned to open session at 9:05 p.m. Member Adams moved, and member Duncna seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

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