Following the public hearing on the proposal to sell working cash bonds, Board President Jill Myers called the meeting to order in the C.T. Vivian Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. Members present were: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Member La Prad was absent.

The Board recognized Matthew Lueck, Senior of the Month for the month of September. They also recognized members of the 7th grade track team – Ashley Tyler, Khyleigh Diggs, and Connor Lukkarinen – and their coaches – Eboney Floyd, Mary Ann Carlson, and John Weidner – for competing at the IESA State Track Meet in May.

Board members and Dr. Twomey reported on sessions they attended at the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago. Session topics included using multimedia to communicate with parents and students, use of assessments to place students in classrooms, interacting with broadcast journalists, school renovation and construction budgets, Board President training, cybersafety, and building and student safety and security. All expressed thanks for the opportunity to attend.

Member Bierman moved, and member Duncan seconded, to reorder the agenda so item 13.2e could be considered next. Motion carried by voice vote.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve continuation of Agriculture classes and the FFA program at MHS and to approve funding of the costs associated with the classes and programs with District funds. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Twomey provided updates on the Lincoln construction project and the middle school/Community First project. He reported the District received a Freedom of Information Act request from SmartProcure for information on vendors.

Mr. Dave Bartlett, Athletic and Extracurricular Activities Director, reported on Strategy 2-2 of the District Strategic Plan. He provided an overview of the District’s mentoring program for new teachers.

Member Duncan requested item 9.1 of the Consent Calendar be considered separately. Member Thompson moved, and member Torrance seconded, to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2017 regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Member Duncan abstained. Motion carried.


Member Bierman moved, and member Torrance seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the October 16, 2017 regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Member Duncan abstained. Motion carried.
Member Torrance moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve personnel recommendations as follows:

Certificated Staff:

Employment:
- **Melissa Henning**, Part time Speech Language Pathologist, Lincoln Elementary School home base, working approximately 5-7 hours per week, effective November 15, 2017. (replacement)
- **Montana Rice**, Part time Special Education Teacher, 2nd Semester, Macomb Junior High School, to be placed at Step 3, Bachelor Degree, on the salary schedule, effective January 5, 2018. (replaces Schnarr)

Educational Support Staff:

Request for Leave:
- **Stacy Wilson**, Program Assistant, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, request for leave to begin October 25, 2017 and extend through sixty (60) days if necessary.

Resignation:
- **Haley Hoyt**, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, effective October 20, 2017.

Change in Assignment:
- **Todd Copes**, was part time Custodian, 4 hours per day, 12 months per year, now full time Custodian, 8 hours per day, 12 months per year, Macomb Junior Senior High School, effective December 4, 2017. (replaces Schnarr)
- **Todd Duffy**, was Custodian, 8 hours per day, 12 months per year, now Lead Custodian, 8 hours per day, 12 months per year, Edison Elementary School, effective December 4, 2017. (replaces Watson)
- **Robert Schnarr**, was Custodian, 8 hours per day, 12 months per year, Macomb Junior Senior High School, now Custodian, 8 hours per day, 12 months per year, Edison Elementary School, effective December 4, 2017. (replaces Duffy)
- **John Simpson**, was Seasonal Grounds Worker, hours as assigned, Macomb School District, now part time Custodian, 4 hours per day, 12 months per year, Macomb Junior Senior High School, effective December 4, 2017.

Employment:
- **Savannah Forman**, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, effective October 30, 2017. (replaces Hoyt)
- **Karen Helmers**, Program Assistant, Macomb Senior High School, 35 hours per week, effective October 30, 2017. (new/temporary)
- **Blain Smith**, Part time Custodian, Macomb Senior High School, 4 hours per day, 12 months per year, effective October 30, 2017. (replaces M. Smith)

Co-Curricular Staff:

Resignation:
- **Jeremy Laird**, Assistant Softball Coach (F), Macomb Senior High School, effective November 14, 2017.
- **Anthony Westen**, Assistant Baseball Coach (F), Macomb Senior High School, effective October 10, 2017.

Employment:
- **Justin Elbe**, Boys Basketball Coach (7), Macomb Junior High School, Level 4, effective 2017-2018 school year.
- **Megan Wurth**, Boys Swim Coach, Macomb Senior High School, Level 5, effective 2017-2018 school year.

Strength Training Coach:
- **Trenton Paul**, to be paid through Assistantship with Western Illinois University, effective 2017-2018 school year.

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

Members Duncan and Myers reported on the November 7, 2017 Board Curriculum Committee meeting. The Social Studies Curriculum Adoption committee presented their recommendations for textbooks. Member Myers noted the plan was cohesive from the earliest grades to the highest and the progression through the curriculum...
was readily apparent. Dr. Twomey noted the high school would not need textbooks – the students will use laptops and Open Educational Resources. Member Duncan commented positively on the district-wide across all grades plan.

Member Thompson moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve adoption of the new Social Studies curriculum, as recommended by the Social Studies Adoption Committee and the Curriculum Committee. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Torrance moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve the addition of a Blended Learning class to the high school course offerings for the 2018-19 school year. Member Myers noted the availability of this type of course would allow students the opportunity to try a different style of learning. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to adopt a resolution declaring the intention to issue Working Cash Fund bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District. Members voting “yes”: Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: Duncan. Motion carried.

Dr. Twomey presented the proposed 2017 levy for review. He emphasized the levy is a request for funds, but the District would not get the amount requested. The 2017 levy shows a 10.11% increase over last year’s levy, mainly due to property coming out of TIF and onto the tax rolls. Although it is not new construction, that is how it is designated for purposes of formulating the EAV. Since the levy request is more than 5% over last year’s levy, the Board must publish notice of the request and hold a Truth in Taxation hearing in December.

Member Bierman moved, and member Adams seconded, to authorize the administration to publish the required resolution and public hearing notices. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the proposal for Board legal, liability, workmen’s compensation, cyberliability, and package insurance submitted by Unland Company. Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve Unland Company’s recommendation of the bid from Libery Mutual/Accident Fund, which was the following: Package @ $88,580, Auto at $9,252, Workmen’s Compensation @ $72,675, School Board Legal @ $7,131, and Cyberliability @ $8,627 for a total package cost of $186,265. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Twomey advised there were no bids received for 50 hard plastic, metal frame desk chairs or 40 open-front desks, which were declared surplus for sale or disposal at the November Board meeting.

Member Bierman moved, and member Adams seconded, to accept the highest responsible bid in the amount of $851.00 from Paul Fisher for one 1996 Chevrolet two-wheel drive ¾ ton pickup truck. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Duncan seconded, to accept the highest responsible bid in the amount of $521.60 from Randy Smith for one 1999 Dodge two-wheel drive ¾ ton pickup truck. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Duncan seconded to approve the highest responsible bid in the amount of $3,200.00 from P.K. Babu for one Baldwin grand piano. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve Fire & Life Safety amendments for sewer work at Lincoln Elementary in the amount of $12,903.00 and for replacement of the digital controls system at
MacArthur in the amount of $55,928.32. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Torrance seconded, to approve a list of assorted athletic gear and wear surplus for sale or disposal. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:19 p.m., member Duncan moved, and member Bierman 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), the purchase or lease of real property, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), student discipline, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), and pending or imminent litigation, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:23 p.m. Member Bierman moved, and member Duncan seconded, to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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