Board President Jill Myers called the meeting to order in the C. T. Vivian Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. School at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad.

The Board recognized the following students:

- Will Hall – Senior of the Month, February 2018
- Kelsi Mann – Senior of the Month, March, 2018
- Jordan Thornman – Illinois FFA State Dairy Entrepreneurship Award Winner
- Nicholas Torrance – Illinois FFA State Dairy Entrepreneurship Award Winner

President Myers advised the Board would accept letters of interest until May 1, 2018 from those interested in the open position on the Board created by member Bierman’s resignation. Member Thompson commended the Bomber Booster Club for their support of District athletic programs and student athletes. They have given over $19,277 to the District. Member Bierman noted the Spring Musical, Mary Poppins, was a great accomplishment and complimented all who worked on the production.

Ms. Myers shared the IASB Western Division Governing Committee meeting would take place May 3 at Spoon River College.

Member La Prad commented on an article in The Voice about the group of students and community members who participated in Macomb’s March for Our Lives event. He commended student leaders Maya Stovall and Emily Burchett, who co-organized the march, and all MHS students who participated for their civic activism.

Member La Prad advised the Board received a letter from a student and requested discussion of the issue presented. Dr. Twomey advised he had met with the student and demonstrated the MAP testing portal and how access to the MAP testing results could be of benefit to all students.

Dr. Twomey shared the following information:

- Lincoln Addition Update
- Middle School Update
- FOIA Requests:
  - IRTA requesting retiring teachers’ names
  - Shriver Center requesting information on the District School Resource Officer
- Classroom Spotlight: Aberim Kadriu, student in Angela Hance’s Project Tech class, demonstrated a device he built that plays electronic games from all platforms.
- Amending the 1718 Budget – will add the $6 million Working Cash Bond funds and $127,000 in additional funds received due to new funding formula. The Education Fund is projected to end at $75,000 in the black. Expenditures will be adjusted to accommodate $54,000 in unexpected costs due to lightning strike to girls softball scoreboard, costs associated with MAP testing, and other items.
• April 20 US Day of Action: Met with student organizers and Mr. Rumley to discuss plan for the day.

Katie Hoge, District Technology Director, introduced her team: Pam Hensley - Student Information Systems Specialist/Technology Data Manager, Tim Suter – Network Specialist, and Corey Bice – Systems Specialist, Technician. Ms. Hoge gave an overview of the Technology Department and how the department implements Strategy 4-2: Review and upgrade the District infrastructure to support a 21st Century learning environment.

Member Adams moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes form the March 19, 2018 regular Board of Education meeting, Treasurer’s Report, Investment 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, Monthly Food Service Report, State Funding Update, WCISEC Financials and Personnel. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Duncan moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the March 19, 2018 regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Bierman moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve action upon personnel recommendation as follows:

Certificated Staff:

Request for Leave:
Edward Fulkerson, Assistant Principal, Macomb Junior Senior High School, request leave to begin approximately April 23, 2018, and extend through June 8, 2018.

Resignation:
Miranda Clardy, Grade 3 Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, effective end of the 2017-2018 school year.
Eboney Floyd, Special Education Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, effective end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Change in Assignment:
Kaitlyn Dyche, was Grade 6 Teacher, now Grade 5 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year. (replaces Cheryn Ramos)
Cheryn Ramos, was Grade 5 Teacher, now Special Education Teacher, Edison Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year. (replaces Mollie Grantham)

Employment:
David Bartlett, Director of Athletics/Activities, Macomb School District, 12 month contract, effective July 2, 2018.
Kelly Carpenter, Principal/Special Services Coordinator, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, 12 month contract, effective July 2, 2018.
Edward Fulkerson, Assistant Principal, Macomb Junior/Senior High School, 11 month contract, effective August 1, 2018.
Kimberly Gillam, Principal, Lincoln Elementary School, 12 month contract, effective July 2, 2018.
Katie Hoge, District Technology Integration Coordinator, 12 month contract, effective
July 2, 2018.
Steve Horrell, Assistant Principal, Lincoln Elementary School, 11 month contract, effective August 1, 2018.
Dana Isackson, Principal, Macomb Junior High School, 12 month contract, effective July 2, 2018.
Randy Smith, Director of Maintenance and Operations, 12 month contract, Macomb School District, effective July 2, 2018.
Adam Staggs, Physical Education Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, to be placed at Step 3, Bachelor Degree, effective 2018-2019 school year. (new)
Kellee Sullivan, Principal, Edison Elementary School, 12 month contract, effective July 2, 2018.
Caleb Thompson, Assistant Principal, Edison Elementary School, 11 month contract, effective August 1, 2018.
Sara Wenger, Special Education Teacher, Edison Elementary School, to be placed at Step 10, Master Degree, effective 2018-2019 school year. (new position)

Educational Support Staff:

Retirement:
Sally “Kris” Frakes, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, effective May 25, 2018.

Co-Curricular:

Resignation:
Ketra Russell, Cheer Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective end of the 2017-2018 season.

Volunteer:
Larry Litchfield, Bass Fishing Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2017-2018 season.

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

Members Bierman and Torrance reported on the February 27, 2018 District Insurance Committee meeting and the April 16, 2018 Board Finance Committee meeting. Reserves are lower compared to a year ago and the plan’s loss ratio is higher. There have been more claims and higher incidence of large claims. Our consultants will be collecting information for reinsurance/stop loss renewals. The Insurance Committee will meet twice more before the May Board meeting to review reinsurance proposals and look at premiums effective July 1, 2018. Our insurance plan will cover 3-D mammograms going forward and retroactively to July 1, 2017. Implementation of the Cadillac Tax has been extended to 2022. Member Torrance noted the individual mandate has been repealed and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the wellness program.

Dr. Twomey advised the District made the list of the top 100 schools in Illinois, placing 60th. The ranking is done by a Stanford University education policy group and the National Center for Education Statistics, based on four categories: academic achievement, dollars spent per student, graduation rate, and poverty rate. He congratulated District teachers and administrators for all they do for the students.
Member Adams moved, and member Bierman seconded, to approve a resolution authorizing the administration to place the amended 2017-18 District Budget on file for public inspection beginning April 20, 2018, and establishing Monday, May 21, 2018 as the date of the official public hearing on the 2017-18 amended budget. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Bierman seconded, to accept the lowest responsible bid in the amount of $44,200.00 from Laverdiere construction for the MJSHS paving work project to be done summer 2018. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Torrance moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve membership in the IESA for the 2018-19 school year. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Torrance, Adams, Bierman, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 7:54, member Thompson moved, and member Torrance 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, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 11:40 p.m.

Member Bierman moved, and member Thompson seconded, to adjourn at 11:41 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.