Board President Robert Shouse called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was taken with the following members answering "present": Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson.

President Shouse welcomed guests and visitors and advised that anyone wishing to address the Board should place their name, address, and reason for addressing the Board on a sign-in sheet. He noted that those persons would be heard during a closed meeting.

The Board recognized the following students:
- Saman Moniri, Senior of the Month for the month of February.
- Austin Miller, Brandon Cousins, Phillip Norton, Anthony Myrick, and Brian Elliott for competing at the State Wrestling Tournament.
- Matt Abercrombie for competing at the State Swimming Tournament.
- Danielle Thorman for her 4th place finish in the 3 point shootout at the State Basketball Tournament.
- The 2010 MSHS Scholastic Bowl Team for their 3rd place finish at the State Scholastic Bowl Tournament.

Board President Shouse announced that the Board of Education will conduct a public hearing during the April 19, 2010, Board meeting to receive comments regarding the proposal that Veteran’s Day be scheduled as a pupil attendance day. Member Thompson thanked the public for letters and e-mails, noting that public input is important to the Board. She also congratulated Zach Grover and Alex Heile for participating in the IHSA 3 point shootout. Additionally, Mrs. Thompson advised that Macomb High student athletes have been recognized by the IHSA for maintaining a collective 3.0 or better average. Members Klems and Colvin also thanked the public for communications via letter and e-mail.

Superintendent Reuschel advised the Board regarding the following:
- School District Library Program Grant award of $1291.63
- 8th Grade end-of-year field trip to Six Flags in Missouri
- ISBE Academic Excellence Awards earned by MJHS and Edison, to be presented at a ceremony in Fellheimer Auditorium
- MSHS Scholastic Bowl 3rd place finish in the Masonic Tournament
- WYSE Team competing at State level in April
- Spoon River College letter of thanks for participation in annual fund raising event
- Citizens National Bank contribution of $2,000 to Kiwanis Snack Sack program
- Wal-Mart seeking to contribute to MSHS Band’s uniform fund drive
- Meeting w/City Safety Committee regarding options for safer traffic patterns at Lincoln – matter was referred back to committee
- MSHS “Jazz in the Afternoon” at Café Aroma on March 28.
Mr. Steve Miller, representative of PMA, the District’s financial consulting firm, addressed the Board regarding the District’s current and projected financial status. He laid out three scenarios, based on the State’s options for funding education. Worst case is if the legislature passes the Governor’s current proposal, middle ground if cuts are not so severe, and best case if cuts are minimal. Mr. Miller noted that the District is in much better shape than most. The deficit projected for next year is due in part to the low CPI, but after next year, the gap will narrow. He stressed the importance of managing the small things well day to day to prevent having to take drastic measures in the future.

Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included: Minutes from the February 11, 2010, special Board meeting; Minutes from the February 17, 2010, regular Board meeting; Minutes from the March 3, 2010, special Board meeting; Minutes from the March 12, 2010, special Board 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; Activity Account Reports; Monthly Food Service Report; and Financial Authorizations. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meetings held during the February 11, 2010, special Board meeting, the February 17, 2010, regular meeting, and the March 3, and 12, 2010, special Board meetings. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the following actions regarding personnel:

Certificated

Retirement:

Norrita Hammond, Special Education Teacher, Macomb Junior High School, effective end of the 2013-2014 school year under the 2007-2011 contract.
Neal Heerwagen, Language Arts/Reading Teacher, Macomb Junior High School, effective end of the 2011-2012 school year under the 2007-2011 contract.
David Taylor, Driver Education and Health Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, effective end of the 2013-2014 school year under the 2007-2011 contract.
Judy Witten, Grade 3 Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, effective end of the 2013-2014 school year under the 2007-2011 contract.

Co-Curricular

Resignation:


Employment:

Mary Kay Benda, Musical Accompanist, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 season.
Melanie Butcher, Musical Choir/Orchestra Director, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 season.
Jim Miner, Head Boys Golf Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2010-2011 season.
Aaron Wilson, Assistant Track Coach (Girls), Macomb Junior High School, effective 2009-2010 season.
Candace Winters-March, Musical Choreographer, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 season.
David Wetmore, Musical Pit Band Rehearsal Director, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 season.

Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to release for public inspection minutes from closed meetings held on the following dates: July 22, August 17 (8:10 p.m. and 9:43 p.m.), and December 21, 2009. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to continue to hold indefinitely minutes from closed meetings held on the following dates: July 20, September 21, October 19, November 16, and November 30, 2009. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to destroy audio recordings from closed meetings held on February 20, February 27, March 17, April 21 (5:40 p.m.), and August 18, 2008. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Colvin seconded, to continue to hold audio recordings from closed meetings held on April 21 (8:20 p.m.), May 21 (7:47 p.m. and 8:53 p.m.), June 18, and July 21, 2008. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the proposed trip to U of I Champaign for State Science Olympiad. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Superintendent Reuschel presented the proposed 2010-2011 District calendar, noting there had been much discussion and thanking staff for their input. She reiterated that the Board would hold a hearing regarding Veteran’s Day at the April 19 regular meeting and advised that the proposed calendar would be available for review by the public during the next month.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the proposed changes to the fee schedule for the 2010-2011 school year. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: Kiah. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the AIFS Foundation as the sponsoring organization for a foreign exchange student coming to the District. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve April 30, 2010 as a pupil attendance day, instead of the originally scheduled Teacher Institute Day, to make up the sixth snow day. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to declare a list of District equipment as surplus for sale or disposal. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve IHSA membership for Macomb Senior High School for the 2010-2011 school year. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:01 p.m., member Thompson moved, and member Klems 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). Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

Member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the following actions regarding Certificated and Educational Support personnel:

- **Release from Service, Full Time Non-Tenured Certificated Staff (effective end of the 2009-2010 school year):**
  - Amber Bisby
  - Susan Cangro
  - Nicole Seward
  - Ronda Streit

- **Release from Service, Part Time Non-Tenured Certificated Staff (effective end of the 2009-2010 school year):**
  - Barbara Basch
  - Laura Berberet
  - Michelle Goodlaxson
  - Courtney Johnson
  - Diane Meline

- **Reduction in Force Technology Media Assistant (effective end of the 2009-2010 school year):**
  - Jace Galloway

- **Reduction in Force Technology Integration Specialist (effective end of the 2009-2010 school year):**
  - Christos Gegas

Member Kiah stressed the difficult nature of these types of personnel decisions, but commented that this is only the beginning of what’s to come. He noted that the individuals affected are honorable educators, but that the Board is bound by statutes in Illinois law when it comes to this type of action. Mr. Kiah expressed regret regarding the process, but noted that it is the Board’s job to protect against the projected financial difficulties of the future and to continue the superior education currently offered to Macomb students.
Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: Adams. Member Klems abstained. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the following actions regarding Educational Support Personnel:
Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:40 p.m., member Thompson moved, and member Klems 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). Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 10:15 p.m.

Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to adjourn at 10:16 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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President

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Date

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