Following public hearings on the proposed tuition waiver and increase in drivers’ education course fees, Board President Jill Myers called the regular meeting of the Board to order. Roll was taken with the following members present: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad.

The Board recognized the following organizations for their support of the District, its teachers, and students: The Macomb Education Foundation, MacArthur Early Childhood Center PTO, Lincoln Elementary School PTO, Edison Elementary School PTO, Macomb Jr. High School PTO, Bomber Boosters, Macomb Agri-science Association, FFA Alumni, Band Boosters, and Choir Boosters. Dr. Twomey thanked all who were in attendance for their dedication to support of the District and acknowledged his good fortune in being superintendent of a school district so well-supported by the community.

Ms. Myers advised committee appointments would remain the same, with Mr. Gray filling the vacancy on the Finance & Insurance committee created by Mr. Bierman’s resignation and joining members Thompson and Adams on the Facilities & Transportation committee. She also noted dates associated with the upcoming April 2019 election: September 18 – first day to circulate petitions, December 10-17 – filing period.

Dr. Twomey provided the following information:

- August 13 and 14 opening day activities were successful and the first day of school went smoothly.
- Update on Lincoln, Edison and Middle School: Lincoln is nearly finished. Plans for renovations at Edison are being finalized. The District is committed to having a new middle school and is working toward getting plans in place.
- 2018-2019 Tentative Budget: currently on display at each District building and the Macomb Public Library through September 17, 2018. The public hearing will be held September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the C.T. Vivian Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School.
- The IASB Western Division Dinner meeting will take place Wednesday, September 12 @ 5:30 p.m. at the Spoon River College Community Outreach Center.

President Myers noted item 7.1 of the Consent Calendar, minutes from the July 16, 2018 regular meeting, would be considered separately. Member Gray moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve items 7.2 through 7.10 of the Consent Calendar, which included the 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, State Funding Update, and WCISEC Financial and Personnel. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Torrance seconded, to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2018 regular meeting, and to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the July 16, 2018 regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Members Duncan and La Prad abstained. Motion carried.
Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the following recommendations regarding personnel:

**Certificated Staff:**

**Resignation:**

**Retirement:**
- Dana Isackson, Principal, Macomb Junior High School, requesting retirement under the 2016-2020 contract, effective June 30, 2023.

**Change in Assignment:**
- Amber McVeigh, was Grade 5 Teacher, now Grade 6 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, effective August 13, 2018 (replaces Gonyea/transfer).
- Kara Wright, Speech Language Pathologist, from Lincoln Elementary School and MacArthur early Childhood Center, to MacArthur Early Childhood Center and Macomb Junior High School, effective July 31, 2018.

**Employment:**
- Valencia Tyler, Grade 5 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, effective August 13, 2018 (replaces McVeigh/transfer).
- Jennifer Wiechert, School Counselor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective August 13, 2018 (replaces Garlisch).

**Educational Support Staff:**

**Resignation:**
- Jennifer Cordell, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, effective May 25, 2018.
- Tiffany Cox, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, effective May 25, 2018.
- Debra Russell, Program Assistant, Macomb Senior High School, effective May 25, 2018.

**Retirement:**
- Debra Hunter, Program Assistant, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, effective May 25, 2018.

**Employment:**
- Jennifer Bergan, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, student attendance days only, effective August 15, 2018 (replaces Curtis).
- Jennifer Bower, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, student attendance days only, effective August 15, 2018 (replaces Sullivan/Lincoln).
- Morgan Haley, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, student attendance days only, effective August 15, 2018 (replaces Frakes).
- David Keck, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, student attendance days only, effective August 15, 2018 (new position/IEP).
- Melonie Icenogle, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, student attendance days only, effective August 15, 2018 (replaces Caldwell).
- Lori McGruder, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School and Edison Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, student attendance days only, effective August 15, 2018 (replaces Farag).
**Employment:**
- Andrea Scott, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year (David Coupland).
- Tanner Scott, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year (Staggs).

Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried. President Myers thanked all for a phenomenal job recruiting and getting great people to work for the District. She extended thanks also to all who participated in searches, interviews, etc.

Member Torrance moved, and member Thompson seconded, to continue to hold indefinitely minutes from closed meetings held December 18, 2017, January 22, February 26, March 19, April 16, and May 21, 2018. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Members Duncan and La Prad abstained. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to continue to hold audio recordings from closed meetings held June 20, November 21, and December 12, 2016, and to destroy the audio recording from the closed meeting held October 17, 2016, noting the October 17 recording would be held until such time as the Board takes action directing that it be destroyed. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Members Adams, Gray, Thompson and Torrance reported on the August 14, 2018 combined Facilities & Transportation and Finance & Insurance Board committee meeting. The committees received information regarding building improvement plans and funding mechanisms for those projects. Rising interest rates figure prominently in the plans for financing and the bonding agent recommends a combination of Alternative Revenue Bonds and General Obligation School Bonds. The Alternative Revenue Bonds will require a feasibility study at an estimated cost of $7500 - $10,000 as there is no complete audit reflecting an entire cycle for the 1-cent sales tax. The combined committees recommend going forward with the feasibility study as the next step toward funding the projects.

Dr. Twomey presented information regarding the proposed funding for the building projects, explaining that funding for the Alternative Revenue Bonds would come from the 1 cent sales tax proceeds. Arranging financing ahead of the rise in interest rates will maximize the capacity of the 1-cent tax and provide maximum dollars to fund the middle school. The feasibility study will allow the Board to assess the capacity of the 1-cent sales tax without having to wait until next year for a complete audit. The 1-cent sales tax money will only provide a portion of the funds needed; General Obligation School Bonds will supply the remainder. Both bond issues will go on the tax levy but will not raise taxes. Money used to purchase G.O. School Bonds will be pledged to abate taxes and pay back the bonds. G.O. bonds cannot be used for the building itself, but can be used for parking, sidewalks, etc.
The petition period for both bonds will be November/December, with bonds issued in January, February or March. Member La Prad emphasized the Board has not made the decision whether to build a new middle school or renovate an existing building. He advised the work regarding finances is being done now so the Board will be in position to act. Dr. Twomey advised the next three months will be full of information regarding the proposed projects and decision-making.

Member Torrance moved, and member Adams seconded, to authorize Superintendent Twomey to initiate an alternate revenue bond feasibility study and report. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Torrance seconded, to approve the purchase of an 8+ acre lot from Maple Avenue Christian Church in the amount of $160,000. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Gray seconded, to approve the purchase of the Youth for Christ House, 1224 Maple Avenue, for the amount of appraisal - $78,000, plus the cost of demolition. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve selection of First MidState, Inc. as Underwriter/Placement Agent and Chapman & Cutler LLP as bond/disclosure counsel to the Underwriter/Placement Agent with respect to the District’s General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) and General Obligation School Bonds. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Twomey presented the 2018-2019 tentative budget for review. He noted 60-65% of revenues come from local property taxes. Estimated new tax dollars for all funds except Bond & Interest are estimated at $799,535. The Evidence Based Funding formula is budgeted at $425,000, based on no proration. All source revenue comes to $26,071,944. Total expenditures, reflecting increases in noncertified (2%) and certified (1%) salary increases, retirement benefits of 6%, the 24% increase in health insurance premiums, and a 5% increase in purchased services for transportation costs, are estimated at $27,402,534. The addition of a new psychologist, new social worker, and a new special education position contribute to the Education Fund projected deficit of $243,892. O&M Fund is also projected to be in deficit by $22,475. Conservative budgeting strategies make it likely the budget will be balanced at year’s end. The tentative budget is on display for the next 30 days, with the hearing on the final budget scheduled for September 17. The hearing will include a similar presentation with adjustments made to reflect any funding changes. Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to accept the tentative 2018-2019 budget. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve an overnight trip for the MHS Boys’ Soccer team August 24, 2018 to participate in the Peoria Christian Charger Tournament. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member La Prad moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve Kelly Carpenter as Homeless Liaison for the 2018-2019 school year. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Duncan seconded, to approve the application for waiver of tuition fees for employees’ children effective 2019-2020 through 2023-2024. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Gray moved, and member Torrance seconded, to approve the waiver for the proposed increase in the fee for drivers’ education from $125 to $150, effective 2019-2020 through 2023-2024. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:03, member Thompson moved, and member Duncan 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, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:32 p.m.

Member Myers moved, and member Gray seconded, to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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