MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
7:18 P.M.

Following the public hearing on the 2018-2019 District budget, Board President Jill Myers called the regular meeting of the Board to order in the C.T. Vivian Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School Library. Members Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson and La Prad were present. Member Duncan was absent.

Ms. Myers advised the first day to circulate petitions to be elected to a seat on the Board of Education in the spring election would be Tuesday, September 18. Petitions are available at the County Clerk’s office. Member Torrance thanked all for their condolences in the wake of his father’s death. Member Thompson spoke about the Western Division Dinner meeting and the frustration of the ever increasing burden on district staff to meet the reporting demands of the State. She stressed the business of schools is to educated children, not manufacture data. Dr. Twomey shared information about an MHS graduate, Gabby Torrance, who attends Stanford University. She has convinced Stanford to create a new class focusing on the idea of closing the urban/rural divide. As part of that class, Stanford students will come to the Midwest and spend time experiencing life in a rural environment. Member La Prad advised he has been approached by community members wanting to know what the District’s plan is in light of the shrinking local tax base. Dr. Twomey advised there is no way to forecast how that situation will go. The District enrolled its largest Kindergarten class in the past 10 years. He noted if the EAV drops, which it never has in the history of the school district, it could have a detrimental effect as the district is under PTELL.

Dr. Twomey shared the following information:

- Marzano training was very well received. The majority of the evaluations were positive and enthusiastic about the training.
- Lincoln Addition – the last thing to be finished is the gym floor. Once the subsurface dries, the flooring will be installed, then the bleachers will be put in.
- Edison Addition – Kellee and Katie have met with the architects and Randy to do final tweaks on the preliminary drawings. Facilities and Finance will meet to receive information on the project and view final drawings. We hope to go out for bid this winter with spring construction.
- Middle School – the Board must make a decision about whether to build new or rehab an existing building.
- The 2017-2018 Salaries and Benefits report is available on the District website.
- FOIA request: from HBO RealSports regarding football participation.
- Alternative Revenue Bond study – should be done within a month.
- Classroom Spotlight: Katie Hoge, District Technology Director. Katie has been a great support for many initiatives in the District, including the newly designed website, the Marzano professional development plan, and the initiation of MAP testing.
• Letter from Mayor Inman – Diane Meline responded to list of things volunteers could do to assist the City and its departments. She took 175 students to work on some of the projects. Mayor Inman commended the students on their focus and good manners. They represented themselves and the school district well, in no small part due to the example set by the administration and faculty.

Mr. Dave Bartlett, Director of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, reported to the Board on the District’s athletic programs. He noted the district offers more programs for students with less students than when the high school had an enrollment of 1000. Our teams are consistently recognized by IHSA for academic achievement. Support for the programs comes from the Bomber Booster Club, District funds, and the discount card fundraiser. Discussion ensued regarding the current conference situation. The football team travels far and wide for games, and some teams are traveling interstate for competition. There may be a proposal coming in November from a group of principals, which will be presented to the IHSA legislative body. The process from presentation to approval is a long one, but there is hope that it will be approved.

Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the August 20, 2018 public hearing re: Tuition Waiver; Minutes from the August 20, 2018 public hearing re: Drivers’ Education Fee Waiver; Minutes from the August 20, 2018 regular 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 (combined); Monthly Activity Account Reports; Monthly Food Service Report; State Funding Update; and, WCISEC Financials and Personnel. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the August 20, 2018 regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Torrance moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve recommendations regarding personnel, as follows:

Certificated Staff:
  Request for Leave:
  Jenna Urish, Grade 5 Teacher, Edison Elementary School, request for leave to begin March 4, 2019, and extend through the end of the school year.

Educational Support Staff:
  Resignation:
  Stephanie Puccini, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, effective August 13, 2018.

  Employment:
  Ashley Fayhee, Program Assistant, Macomb Senior High School, up to 29 hours per week, student attendance days only, effective August 15, 2018. (new/student need)
  Chairman Johnson, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, student attendance days only, effective September 6, 2018. (replaces Puccini)
Sarah Lambert, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, student attendance days only, effective September 10, 2018. (new/student need)
Charlando Simpson, Multimedia Specialist, Macomb School District, 35 hours per week, effective August 13, 2018. (replaces Gibson)
Jeri Welch, Program Assistant, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, up to 29 hours per week, student attendance days only, effective August 15, 2018. (replaces Hunter)

Fall Custodial/Grounds Employment:
Meghann McDonald Devin Taflinger

Co-Curricular:

Employment:
Todd Anderson, New Teacher Mentor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2018-2019 school year. (Royer)
Brock Bainter, New Teacher Mentor, and Grade Level Team Leader (8), Level 3, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2018-2019 school year. (Henderson)
Marc Baxter, Grade Level Team Leader (Lead), Level 3, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Kate Hall, Grade Level Team Leader (6), Level 3, Edison Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Emily Henderson, Science Club Sponsor, Level 8, ½ stipend, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Jim Heuer, New Teacher Mentor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2018-2019 school year. (Cooper)
Jill Jackson, Grade Level Team Leader (4), Level 3, Edison Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Brittney Kugler, Grade Level Team Leader (K), Level 3, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Diana Kurasz, Grade Level Team Leader (Specialty), Level 3, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Cindy Lovejoy, Grade Level Team Leader (1), Level 3, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Shawna McLaughlin, Grade Level Team Leader (Special Education), Level 3, Edison Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Donna Marlow, Grade Level Team Leader (Special Education), Level 3, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Amy Morris, Grade Level Team Leader (2), Level 3, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Briana Rexroat, Grade Level Team Leader (Specialty), Level 3, Edison Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Brianne Schultz, Grade Level Team Leader (5), Level 3, Edison Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Sandy Taylor, Grade Level Team Leader (3), Level 3, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 school year.
Linda Wilson, Grade Level Team Leader (7), Level 3, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2018-2019 school year.

Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Gray moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the 2018-2019 Final District Budget. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Twomey presented the District Title I plan for the Board’s review. He advised the plan must be on file before the District can use Title I funds. He requested the Board approve the plan with testing designations corrected from ITBS and PSAE to PARCC and MAP, as well as the removal of reference to AYP. Member Thompson moved, and member Gray seconded, to approve the 2018-2019 Title I plan. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Torrance moved, and member Thompson seconded, to declare a list of items as surplus for sale or disposal. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Ms. Myers advised the next regular meeting of the Board would take place Monday, October 15, 2018 and that the Board would take no action other than adjournment following the closed meeting.

At 8:13 p.m., member Torrance 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), 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”: 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 Torrance moved, and member Gray seconded, to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.