Board President Jill Myers called the meeting to order in the C.T. Vivian Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School at 7:03 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, and La Prad. Member Thompson was absent.

Ms. Tonya Hamer, MHS Spanish Teacher, and students who went on the Summer 2018 Spanish trip to Costa Rica presented highlights of the trip. The trip combined service, learning, and fun. Students worked on projects designed to slow the erosion of coastal sands, visited beaches, hot springs, and ziplined, all the while taking advantage of opportunities to converse in Spanish with other students and native speakers.

President Myers noted the next regular meeting of the Board would take place Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Twomey shared the following information:

- The search for a solution to the acoustics problem at Lincoln continues. The District will consult an acoustic engineer to determine the best fix and the issue will be addressed ahead of remaining construction projects.
- Edison plans are almost finished and the project is on track to be bid this spring.
- The City is working on revamping the zoning for the middle school project. There will be a hearing, the classification will be changed to office institutional, and a small portion of the property near Johnson will be annexed. Dana Isackson and the junior high staff have made good recommendations regarding the plans and those suggestions will be incorporated. The Facilities Committee will meet as soon as plans are finished.
- Classroom Spotlight – Dr. Twomey recognized Edison teachers for providing innovative, stimulating and welcoming classroom environments for their students. Edison teachers Kaitlynn Bagley and Lindsay Schwerer were present and spoke about how the students appreciate the positive messaging and areas provided for reading, working in groups, and special activities.
- Dr. Twomey discussed the bid process for the turf project and explained the rationale behind working with BuyBoard, a government co-op that functions as a third party bid seeker. BuyBoard vets bidders and manages the bid process, a much-needed service for this project as there are no local providers and the job of vetting companies from all over the country would be difficult at best for the District to manage. Members sought clarification on the bid process and whether the contract would be with BuyBoard or the recommended company. Dr. Twomey advised the purchase order would be to BuyBoard specifying the contract with ATG. In response to concerns raised about contract details not reflected in the documents before the Board, Dr. Twomey assured members those details would be included in the final contract and that he would send the updated documents to the Board.
- There are eight candidates for three open seats on the Board for the April 2 election.

Mr. Randy Smith, Director of Operations and Maintenance, reported to the Board on Goal 4, Strategy 4-1 of the District Strategic Plan – Maintain buildings to Illinois Health/Life Safety Standards. He gave a brief overview of the 10-year Fire & Life Safety Survey process and the compliance visits conducted by the Regional Office of Education. Dr. Twomey recognized Randy for the fine job he has done since 1985 with long term planning for maintenance of buildings and grounds. The District’s buildings are in great shape and will serve the District for years to come.

Member Adams moved, and member Torrance seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included: Minutes from the December 17, 2018 regular Board of Education meeting,
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Member La Prad moved, and member Gray seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the December 17, 2018 regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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

Certificated Staff:
Request for Leave:
- Marsha Dagit, Special Education Teacher, Edison Elementary School, request leave to begin January 14, 2019, and extend through the end of the school year.
- Luanne Sanner, Art Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, request leave to begin December 10, 2018, and extend through January 11, 2019.
- Jordan Szecowcyz, Kindergarten Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, request leave to begin approximately May 22, 2019, and extend through October 25, 2019.

Change in Assignment:
- Tanner Scott was Physical Education, Lincoln Elementary School, school year 2018-2019, now Driver’s Education-Behind the Wheel Teacher, Macomb Senior High, effective 2019-2020 school year. (replaces Thorman retirement)

Educational Support Staff:
Change in Assignment:
- Teresa Kindhart was Program Assistant, Macomb Junior High School, now Office Secretary/Receptionist, Macomb Junior Senior High School, 35 hours per week, effective January 3, 2019. (replaces Sawczyn-retirement)

Employment:
- Lyndi Laborn, Program Assistant, Macomb Junior High School, effective January 22, 2019, up to 29 hours per week. (replaces Kindhart)
- Shayla Weedman, Program Assistant, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, effective January 3, 2019, up to 29 hours per week. (new position Special Education needs)

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

Member Gray moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the Illinois Quality Framework Rubric for Lincoln and Macomb Junior High School. Dr. Twomey explained this is part of the continuous improvement process for underperforming schools. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Duncan moved, and member La Prad seconded, to accept the revised Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Gray seconded, to authorize the administration to prepare a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Duncan moved, and member La Prad seconded, to accept the bid in the amount of $4677.00 for the 2001 Dodge 4x4 pickup truck. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Torrance moved, and member Gray seconded, to approve the base bid in the amount of $880,000 from ATG-Ram Industries for the turf field project, contingent on inclusion in the contract of lining for the soccer field and a 10-year warranty. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, and Myers. Members voting “no”: none. Member La Prad abstained.

Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the Science Club trip to SIU – Carbondale, IL – for the Illinois Junior High Science and Humanities Symposium March 21-23, 2019. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:48 p.m., member La Prad moved, and member Gray 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, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 10:17 p.m.

Member Adams moved, and member Torrance seconded, to adjourn at 10:18 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.