MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
FEBRUARY 24, 2020
7:00 P.M.

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

The Board recognized the following student groups:

- MJH cheerleaders and their coaches for competing at the IESA State Cheer Competition.
- MHS students who attended the annual IMEA All State Festival and their directors.

Board member La Prad advised the BOE Policy committee met earlier in the day to review proposed changes to Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits. The committee also reviewed Policy 7:160 and student handbook references to dress code. President Myers noted the IASB Western Division Dinner is scheduled for March 31 in Canton.

Dr. Twomey shared the following information:

- Construction Report
  - Edison – the project continues to run ahead of schedule.
  - Middle School – final rough draft of plans is still in process.
- FOIA Requests –
  - SmartProcure – quarterly request for vendor information.
  - Postal Source – current contract for postage meter.
- Bond Sale – Bonds were sold last month and the proceeds are in the bank.
- AASA Convention – overview of sessions attended included topics on mental health issues and how they are affecting students and families, school safety, future focused schools that are student focused rather than content focused, with discussion about artificial intelligence and how skill set for work force will change, and a school visit highlighting individualized learning environments. Dr. Twomey thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the conference.

The Board recognized Halle Evans for being selected MHS Senior of the Month for the Month of February.

- District Spotlight – Dr. Twomey recognized Lincoln Kindergarten Teachers, Program Assistants, Social Services Staff, and administrators for the significant improvement in student behaviors.

Ms. Kelly Carpenter, Principal of MacArthur Early Childhood Center/Special Services Director, presented information to the Board regarding how data is used at MacArthur to measure growth and determine where extra focus is needed.

Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included: Minutes from the January 27, 2020 regular Board meeting, Treasurer’s

Member Myers moved, and member Gray seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the January 27, 2020 regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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

**Certificated Staff:**
- **Request for Leave:** Jennifer Cooper, Language Arts/Reading Teacher, Macomb Junior High School, request extension for FMLA leave to begin January 21, 2020, and extend through February 4, 2020.

**Employment:**
- Kaitlyn Spangler, Agriculture Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, 10 ½ month contract, to be placed at Step 3, Bachelor’s Degree, on the salary schedule, effective 2020-2021 school term. (new position/Sears)

**Educational Support Staff:**
- **Resignation:**

**Employment:**
- Macey Grant, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, student attendance days only, effective February 4, 2020 (replaces Cheatham).

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

Member Gray moved, and member Kapale seconded, to approve the 2020-2021 Fee Schedule. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the proposed 2020-2021 District calendar. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:12 p.m., member La Prad moved, and member Thompson 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), and to conduct the semi-annual review of minutes and audio recordings from closed meetings, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
The Board returned to open session at 9:55 p.m.

Member La Prad moved, and member Thompson seconded, to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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