The Board of Education met virtually via Microsoft Office Teams for the purpose of considering temporarily transferring decision-making powers to the Superintendent. The meeting was streamed via Facebook Live on Macomb Schools 185 Facebook and a phone was available for members of the public to call in and address the Board during reception of visitors.

Board President Jill Myers called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present: Kapale, Gray, Adams (telephonically), Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad.

There were no calls from the public to address the Board.

Dr. Twomey read the proposed resolution. He discussed the need for the resolution, explaining that his position on the McDonough County Emergency Council presents the potential for requests to dedicate District resources to the county emergency operation. Dr. Twomey advised he does not have authority to make those decisions (use of buildings, etc.) on his own and approvals must be given quickly. Most decisions would be related to EEOC, but there could also be decisions regarding academics, particularly the adjustment of graduation requirements for this year. Dr. Twomey advised the Board he is not completely comfortable with being given carte blanche authority regarding decisions affecting the District and would be amenable if the Board amended the resolution to require discussion with a Board officer prior to finalizing any decision. He also noted the Board could choose to hold an emergency meeting at any time to rescind the resolution or reverse any decision made. Members of the Board expressed their trust in Dr. Twomey and noted they want the District to support the community as much as possible.

Member Torrance moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve the proposed resolution. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Member La Prad offered a friendly amendment to add language requiring the Superintendent to consult with a Board officer prior to making decisions not usually within the scope of his authority. Member Torrance moved, and member Myers seconded, to approve the resolution as amended. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 12:03 p.m., member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.