Board President Jill Myers called the meeting to order in the C. T. Vivian Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. 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 Madeline Benson for being chosen Senior of the Month for the month of April 2021.

Member La Prad advised he had received calls about equity concerns and that he would talk with Dr. Twomey about those calls. Member Adams advised the current plan is to hold the Joint Annual Conference in the fall.

Dr. Twomey reported to the Board on the following issues:

- **Middle School Construction:** Dirt work is underway. Topsoil is being replaced with clay for better compaction. The project is on track and updates are provided at weekly progress meetings.
- **District Update:**
  - Prom is scheduled for May 15 with activities to take place at the high school. There is no rain date for the event. The District is monitoring closely and aiming to stay with the face-to-face model through the end of the year.
  - Graduation will take place May 22 on the football field at 7:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place Sunday, May 23. Students have researched and planned the event, working with Mr. Sullivan.
  - **ECRA Data:** Most recent reports show the impact of COVID-19 on the District. We cannot imbed comparative formulas as we have no prior data from COVID years. Math is the content area hardest hit, while students held their own in reading for the most part. Lincoln and Edison are already working on solutions and plan to hire math coaches to help all teachers in all grade levels to deliver math instruction in a more powerful way and to share interventions. Spring assessments will help us assess even more accurately so we can plan effective strategies. Administrators and teachers are designing summer school programs district-wide. The District will receive grant funds, possibly as much as $1 million, 20% of which has to go toward closing gaps in learning.
- **Amending the 2020-2021 District Budget:** this year presented us with many unanticipated expenses. There will be a formal presentation of the amended budget in June as part of the budget hearing. The District is in good financial shape, but must amend the budget when any line item is overspent by 10%.

Member Adams moved, and member Gray seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included: Minutes from the March 22, 2021 regular meeting, Treasurer’s Report, Monthly Board Report, Bills and Payroll, Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (.05 levy), Monthly Activity Account Reports, Monthly Food Service Report, State Funding Update, and WCISEC Personnel and Financials. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Member Torrance moved, and member Kapale seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the March 22, 2021 regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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

**Certificated Staff:**

**Request for Leave:**
- **Jordan Szechowycz**, Grade Two (2) Teacher, request FMLA leave to begin August 16, 2021, and extend through November 9, 2021. Request additional days November 10, 2021, through November 19, 2021, using accumulated sick leave time.

**Change in Assignment:**
- **Stephanie Coupland**, was Special Education Teacher, now Grade One (1) Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, effective August 16, 2021 (Lovejoy).

**Employment:**
- **Benjamin Green**, Science Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, to be placed at Step 5. Bachelor’s Degree, on the salary schedule, effective August 16, 2021 (replaces Ham).
- **Nicole Lyles**, Special Education Teacher, Macomb School District, building to be determined, Agreement in cooperation with Western Illinois University’s Alternative Licensure/MAT Program requirements, to be placed at Step 3, Bachelor’s Degree, on the salary schedule, effective August 16, 2021 (new).

**Administrative Reemployment:**
- **Kelly Carpenter**, Principal/Special Services Coordinator, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, 12-month contract, effective July 1, 2021.
- **Kenny Crosby**, Assistant Principal, Lincoln Elementary School, 11-month contract, effective August 2, 2021.
- **Edward Fulkerson**, Assistant Principal, Macomb Junior/Senior High School, 11-month contract, effective August 2, 2021.
- **Kimberly Gillam**, Principal, Lincoln Elementary School, 12-month contract, effective July 1, 2021.
- **Katie Hoge**, District Technology Integration Coordinator, 12-month contract, effective July 1, 2021.
- **Steve Horrell**, Activities/Athletic Director, Macomb Senior High, 12-month contract, effective July 1, 2021.
- **Dana Isackson**, Principal, Macomb Junior High School, 12-month contract, effective July 1, 2021.
- **Nicholas Stoneking**, Assistant Principal, Edison Elementary School, 11-month contract, effective August 2, 2021.
- **Kellee Sullivan**, Principal, Edison Elementary School, 12-month contract, effective July 1, 2021.
- **Scott Sullivan**, Principal, Macomb Senior High School, 12-month contract, effective July 1, 2021.

**Educational Support Staff:**

**Employment:**
- **Madison Forman**, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, effective March 25, 2021 (Huston).
- **Patrycja Kuczynski**, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, effective March 30, 2021 (Tasdan).
Co-Curricular:

Employment:

Rhonda Huston, Assistant Girls Track Coach, Macomb Junior High School, Level 8, effective 2020-2021 season.
Karla Lozano, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, Macomb Senior High School, Level 6, effective 2020-2021.
Cameron Schroeder, Assistant Boys Track Coach, Macomb Senior High School, Level 6, effective 2020-2021.

Volunteer:

Christian Brewer, Volunteer Bass Fishing Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2020-2021 season.
Anthony Reaid, Volunteer Wrestling Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2020-2021 season.

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

Jim La Prad and Jill Myers, Board Policy Committee, reported on the committee’s April 1, 2021, meeting. They advised proposed revisions were minor. The Board conducted first reading on proposed revisions to the following Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits:

2:20-E 4:90 5:30 6:300 7:100 7:340-AP1,E1
4:60-AP1 4:175 5:185-AP 6:300-E3 7:300 7:340-AP2,E1

The Board will conduct second reading and consider approval of the proposed changes at its May 17, 2021 regular meeting.

Steve Gray and Scott Torrance, Board representatives to the District Insurance Committee, reported on the committee’s March 30, 2021 meeting. The meeting was the first in the process of renewing reinsurance. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11 and the committee will make recommendations to the Board regarding reinsurance renewal and premiums effective July 1, 2021. The Board will consider approval of the recommendations at its May 17 regular meeting. Member Torrance noted the plan is showing good progress in recovering from last year’s high claims.

Members Jim La Prad, Jill Myers, and Kishor Kapale, members of the Board Curriculum Committee, reported on the committee’s April 13, 2021 meeting. They commended the members of the PreK-5 reading curriculum adoption committee for doing an outstanding professional job on the presentation of their proposals. The proposed adoption covers the next seven years and is designed to build progressively on each year’s content. The committee recommended approval of the teachers’ proposal as presented.

Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the purchase of reading curriculum materials for grades PreK-5, in the amount of $641,623.51. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the proposed renewal contract with ARAMARK Food Service for the 2021-2022 school year, effective July 1, 2021. Member Gray moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve
the contract. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Kapale seconded, to approve a resolution authorizing the administration to place the amended 2020-2021 District Budget on file for public inspection beginning May 20, 2021, and establishing June 21, 2021 as the date for the official public hearing on the 2020-2021 amended budget. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Kapale moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the proposed 2021-2022 fee schedule. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Kapale moved, and member Gray seconded, to approve a resolution temporarily transferring the powers of the Board to the Superintendent. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Gray moved, and member Torrance seconded, to approve membership in the IESA for the 2021-2022 school year. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Member Thompson abstained. Motion carried.

At 7:41 p.m., member Adams moved, and member Torrance seconded, to hold a closed meeting to discuss the selection of a person to fill public office, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3). 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 7:53 p.m.

Member Kapale moved, and member Gray seconded, to appoint the Superintendent President Pro Tem to serve until the new Board President is appointed during the reorganization. Members voting “yes”: Kapale, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to adjourn sine die at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.