MINUTES
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
JULY 25, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Board Vice President Scott Torrance 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: Gray, Adams, Torrance, LaPrad, and Sutton. Members Kapale and Myers were absent.

No one came forward to address the Board during the Reception of Visitors.

Members Adams and LaPrad commented on the floors throughout the building. Dr. Twomey commended Scott Schauble, Director of Operations, and the crews working in and around the buildings.

Dr. Twomey read into the record the following note of thanks addressed to “Dr. Twomey, Members of the School Board, and Lisa:

Toss Up #1: Who has generously supported our Scholastic Bowl program throughout the years including travel within and outside of our state, tons of registration fees for tournaments, and bus allowances?
Answer: You!!

Toss Up #2: Who has always sent “rescue” transportation when our vans broke down going to competitions?
Answer: Our A.D.’s and bus transport

Toss Up #3: Who is the best school district in the entire country for keeping their students their #1 priority at all times for in-school and co-curricular programs?
Answer: MCUSD #185

Thank you so very much for honoring me at the June board meeting. I was truly overwhelmed by your kind words, Dr. Twomey, and your recognition of our program over the years. Your support has been tremendous and I am grateful for this. Thank you.
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Dr. Twomey reported to the Board on the following:

* Construction Report:
  - Middle School - There is still no solid answer about when the new middle school building will be ready for move-in. The beginning of the 23-24 school year seems most likely.
  - Press Box: $300,000 was included in the ESSR grant for the project, but the bid came in at $750,000. We rejected that bid and are looking at another company and local contractor, but do not have a formal quote yet. If the price is right, the project might be completed by spring.
  - Washington Street Gym: We are getting ready to bid the air conditioning project and hope to have lights for the softball field by spring.
In response to questions about replacement of the orange sections on the turf field, Dr. Twomey explained the original pieces were from a poor quality batch of orange turf that faded badly. The company replaced all the orange sections at no cost.

- **District update:** We are working on protocols for returning to school, but it is too early to put out a solid plan. There are conflicting reports about social distancing. We are almost certain we will start the year mask optional. The part of the Governor’s emergency order about testing unvaccinated employees and students is still in place. We will contract with SHIELD again. The State is leaving it up to individual districts to decide how to manage COVID. We will work with the hospital and the health department to establish protocols.

In response to a question about reaction to the new cell phone policy, Dr. Twomey advised he had received only one negative email.

Member Adams moved, and member Gray seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, which included: Minutes from the June 20, 2022 public hearing re: the Amended 2021-2022 District Budget, Minutes from the June 20, 2022 public hearing re: use of E-Learning Days, Minutes from the June 20, 2022, regular Board of Education 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 Financials and Personnel. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, LaPrad, and Sutton. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Sutton moved, and member LaPrad seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the June 20, 2022 regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, LaPrad, and Sutton. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Gray moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the following personnel recommendations:

**Certificated Staff:**

**Resignation:**
- Catherine Martinez, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, effective July 7, 2022.
- Britni Pascoe, Grade 7 Language Arts/Reading Teacher, Macomb Junior High School, effective July 14, 2022.

**Employment:**
- James Black, Grade 8 Language Arts/Reading Teacher, Macomb Junior High School, to be placed at Step 8, Bachelor’s Degree, on the 2022-2023 salary schedule, effective August 15, 2022 (replaces Meline).
- Christopher Buchanan, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Macomb Junior High School, up to 180 days per calendar year, effective August 15, 2022.
- Dustin Lambert, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Macomb Senior High School, up to 180 days per calendar year, effective August 15, 2022.
- Jean Ann Marlow, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, up to 180 days per calendar year, effective August 15, 2022.
- Kyle Watson, Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher, Macomb Junior High School, to be placed at Step 26, Master’s Degree, on the 2022-2023 salary schedule, effective August 15, 2022 (replaces Bainter).
Educational Support Staff:

Resignation:
- Brett Brown, Custodian, Macomb Junior Senior High School, effective July 19, 2022.
- Liana Elayan, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, effective June 17, 2022.
- Taylor Peacock, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, effective July 1, 2022.

Change in Assignment:
- Pamela Hensley, was District Data Manager, 10 ½ month contract, now District Data Manager, 10 month contract, effective July 5, 2022.

Employment:
- Alex Bauser, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, effective August 17, 2022 (replaces Pryor).
- Becky Butterfield, Office Secretary, Edison Elementary School, 7 hours per day, 10 month contract, effective August 1, 2022 (replaces Miller).
- Trudy Hildenbrand, Learning Resource Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, 9 ½ month contract, effective August 8, 2022 (replaces Lescher).
- Sadie Markley, Program Assistant, Macomb Senior High School, up to 29 hours per week, effective August 17, 2022 (replaces Leighty).
- Jenna Mounce, Program Assistant, Macomb Junior High School, up to 29 hours per week, effective August 17, 2022 (replaces Leichty).
- Erin VonKannon, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, up to 29 hours per week, effective August 17, 2022 (replaces Crabtree).

Co-Curricular:

Release from Duties:
- Justin Elbe, Grade 7 Boys Basketball, Macomb Junior High School, effective end of 2021-2022 season.
- Zach Wilson, Wrestling Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective July 8, 2022.

Resignation:
- Brock Bainter, Head Baseball Coach, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective July 1, 2022, and 7th and 8th Grade Team Leaders, Macomb Junior High School, effective July 1, 2022.

Employment:
- Corey Belles, Wrestling Coach, Macomb Junior High School, Level 7, effective 2022-2023 season.
- Madison Blythe, Cheer Coach, Macomb Senior High School, Level 3, effective 2022-2023 season.
- Melanie Butcher, Team Leader, Macomb Junior High School, Level 2, effective 2022-2023 school year.
- Jennifer Cooper, New Teacher Mentor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2022-2023 school term. (Black)
- Adrienne Graham, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2022-2023 school term. (Teel)
- Emily Young Greving, New Teacher Mentor, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2022-2023 school term. (Eddington)
Joel Hildenbrand, Division Chair, Macomb Senior High School, Level 1, effective 2022-2023 school term.

Zach Keene, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, Level 3, effective 2022-2023 school year.

Adele Langworthy, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2022-2023 school term (Mayborn).

Brooklynn Lewis, Cheer Coach, Macomb Junior High School, Level 8, effective 2022-2023 season.

Christopher Meier, New Teacher Mentor, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2022-2023 school year.

Rebecca Melvin, Team Leader, Macomb Junior High School, Level 2, effective 2022-2023 school year.

Amanda Olson, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2022-2023 school term (Lipcaman).

Emily Platt, Division Chair, Macomb Senior High School, Level 1, effective 2022-2023 school term.

Linda Poore, New Teacher Mentor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2022-2023 school term (Byers).

Samantha Pryor, Girls Basketball Coach (7), Macomb Junior High School, Level 3, and Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, Level 4, effective 2022-2023 season.

Cheryn Ramos, Special Education Team Leader, Edison Elementary School, Level 2, effective 2022-2023 school year.

Brianna Rexroat, Specialty Team Leader, Edison Elementary School, Level 2, effective 2022-2023 school year.

Abby Ruebush, Grade 4 Team Leader, Edison Elementary School, Level 2, effective 2022-2023 school year.

Brianne Schultz, Grade 5 Team Leader, Edison Elementary School, Level 2, effective 2022-2023 school year.

Molly Selders, Division Chair, Macomb Senior High School, Level 1, effective 2022-2023 school term.

Susan Sellars, Grade 6 Team Leader, Edison Elementary School, Level 2, effective 2022-2023 school year.

Ginger Shryack, Division Chair, Macomb Senior High School, Level 1, effective 2022-2023 school term, Julie Stufflebeam, Team Leader, Macomb Junior High School, Level 2, effective 2022-2023 school year.

Kyle Watson, Grade 7 Boys Basketball Coach, Macomb Junior High School, Level 4, effective 2022-2023 season.

Volunteers:

Hunter Maxwell, Volunteer Football Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2022-2023 season.

Member LaPrad moved, and member Gray seconded, to approve the Tort Levy Risk Management Plan, stipulating the approval date should be changed from July 18 to July 25. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, LaPrad, and Sutton. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member LaPrad seconded, to approve a resolution authorizing the administration to place the tentative 2022-2023 District Budget on file for inspection beginning August 18, 2022, and establishing Monday, September 19, 2022 as the date for the official public hearing on the 2022-2023 budget. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, LaPrad, and Sutton. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Gray moved, and member Adams seconded to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Macomb for provision of two School Resource Officers beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, LaPrad, and Sutton. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member LaPrad moved, and member Sutton seconded, to approve an intergovernmental agreement between West Prairie Unit School District No. 103 and Macomb C.U.S.D. #185 re: West Prairie students taking courses at Macomb High School, with implementation of the agreement pending approval by the West Prairie Board of Education, and stipulating the effective date of the agreement be changed from 2021-2022 school year to 2022-2023 school year. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, LaPrad, and Sutton. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Gray moved, and member LaPrad seconded, to approve an Emergency Board Resolution for replacement of the sewage ejector pump, pit lining, and pipes connected to the downstairs locker rooms at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, LaPrad, and Sutton. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Gray moved, and member Torrance seconded, to approve the District Title I plan. Members voting “yes”: Gray Adams, Torrance, LaPrad, and Sutton. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:05 p.m., member LaPrad moved, and member Sutton 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 for the semiannual review of minutes and audio recordings from closed meetings, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and 5 ILCS 120/2.06. Members voting “yes”: Gray, Adams, Torrance, LaPrad, and Sutton. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:14 p.m. Member LaPrad moved, and member Sutton seconded, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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President