Board President Robert Shouse called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was taken with the following members answering “present”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson.

President Shouse welcomed guests and visitors and asked if there was anyone present who would like to address the Board. Mr. Chris Adams, 603 W. Carroll Street, came forward. He advised the Board that he graduated from Macomb High in 2000 and is a U.S. Army Veteran. Mr. Adams addressed the Board regarding the proposal to make Veteran’s Day an attendance day in 2010, pointing out that having the day off is an appropriate way to honor veterans and all that they’ve done. He urged the Board to consider the area where the school is built – the city being named after General Macomb, and the school’s mascot, the bomber, playing an integral part in WWII.

Mr. Shouse opened the public hearing regarding the proposal to attend school on Veteran’s Day at 7:13 p.m.. It was noted that all seven Board members were present for the hearing and that there was a quorum to conduct business. Superintendent Reuschel explained that staff members had expressed concern to her and other administrators that students do not have a good understanding of what Veteran’s Day is about. They suggested that attendance on Veteran’s Day with activities focused on veterans and their contribution to society would achieve two goals: educating students about Veteran’s Day, veterans, and their contribution to society, and honoring veterans. Superintendent Reuschel advised that she had contacted local veterans’ groups and the ROTC regarding the proposal and those groups are supportive of the idea. Additionally, the superintendent wrote a column about the idea asking for feedback from the public. She advised that she had received numerous comments, all of them supportive of the proposal to have a day of remembrance. President Shouse asked a second and third time for testimony from those in attendance regarding the proposal. Hearing none, and with no one coming forward, Mr. Shouse declared the hearing closed at 7:16 p.m.

The Board of Education recognized the following individuals:
- Ms. Ardith Thorpe for sharing defining moments and individuals from African American history with students at Lincoln Elementary and MJSHS over the past several years.
- Jaccalyn Billeter – Senior of the Month for the month of March.

Superintendent Reuschel advised the Board of the following:
- FOIA requests received and answered: Athletic line item budget and vendor and contract lists.
- Thanks to Hy-Vee for support of Band Boosters.
- Ward Street construction continuing.
- Judy Witten, 3rd grade teacher at Lincoln, received award at WIU Science Symposium.
- Carol Lock, MJSHS Librarian, advised that school received the “We the People Book Shelf”.
- Superintendent attended NSBA Annual Conference and the IASA Superintendents’ Conference.
Ms. Suellyn Rieckelman, MSHS Social Science teacher, addressed the Board regarding a proposed trip for interested high school students to Scotland and England. The trip is through World Strides and would take place June 24 – July 1, 2011. Cost of the trip is all inclusive except lunches. There would be no cost to the District, but there may be some fund raising efforts to help students earn money to pay for the trip. The minimum number of students needed for the trip to be taken would be six, with a maximum number of 35-40. The Board will consider approval of the proposal at the May meeting.

Mr. John McMillan, March, McMillan & DeJoode, presented a petition regarding the possible detachment/annexation of land between the West Prairie and Macomb school districts. He advised that all parties affected by the land exchange are in support of the proposal and that he would be presenting the proposal to the West Prairie school board during the week. The Board will consider approval of the proposal at its May meeting.

Ms. Kim Pearce, Executive Director of the Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDCO), spoke to the Board about a proposed expansion of the Enterprise Zone. She advised that Jack Laverdiere would like the zone expanded to include 1.3 acres of land adjacent to his Grand Prairie development in order to allow him to build a two-story, 48 unit facility that would take Medicaid patients. The proposed project would allow Mr. Laverdiere to call back employees who are currently laid off and would provide additional construction jobs. Once finished the facility would have a payroll of $800,000 and would provide 39 new jobs. Location in the newly expanded Enterprise Zone would allow abatement of ad valorem property taxes for ten years, as well as exempting Mr. Laverdiere from sales tax on materials purchased for construction of the facility. Member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve a resolution adding territory to the Enterprise Zone within the City of Macomb and the County of McDonough and abating ad valorem property taxes imposed therein. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: Clark. Motion carried.

Mr. Russ Middleton, Middleton & Associates, provided information regarding the upcoming installation of a geothermal HVAC system at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School, including a preliminary work schedule for the project.

Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the March 22, 2010, regular Board meeting; Treasurer’s Report; Investment Report; Monthly Board Report; Bills and Payroll; Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (.05 levy); Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (combined); Activity Account Reports; Monthly Food Service Report; and Financial Authorizations. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meetings held during the March 22, 2010, regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Colvin moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve the following action regarding Certificated personnel:
Release from Service, Part Time Non-Tenured Certificated Staff (effective end of the 2009-2010 school year):

Richard Lee

Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the following action regarding Educational Support Personnel:

Reduction in Force Program Assistants (effective end of the 2009-2010 school year):

- Courtney Caldwell
- Kristi Dakin
- Krystal Ewing
- Roberta Huff
- Cole Johnson
- Diane Meline
- Aaron Wilson
- Kelly Case
- Janel Dranes
- Lindsay Franks
- Debra Hunter
- Teresa Kindhart
- Robyn Rosenboom
- Rachel Woodruff

Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the following action regarding Educational Support Personnel:

Termination of Program Assistant (effective end of the 2009-2010 school year):

- Sara Robinson

Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the following actions regarding Co-Curricular personnel:

Resignation:

- Beth Shryock, Volunteer WYSE Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2010-2011 school year.

Volunteer:

- Steve Barry, Volunteer Baseball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 season.
- Sarah Kelly, Volunteer Softball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 season.
- David Martin, Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2009-2010 season.

Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the 8th grade end-of-the-year trip to Six Flags, St. Louis. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.
Members Jude Kiah and Ardell Thompson, co-chairs of the Board Facilities Committee, reported to the Board on that committee’s April 6 meeting. Member Kiah advised that Athletic Director Dave Bartlett discussed the proposal to place a District soccer field at Edison Elementary School. Mr. Jack Laverdiere, local contractor, has offered to donate some of the cost of preparation and installation of the new field. The committee’s recommendation is that the District proceed with the donated portion of the project and work with the Soccer Club to secure funds for the drainage and irrigation portion of the project. The proposed timeline runs over the next two years with the final stage in 2014.

The committee also discussed the issue of space at Lincoln. As of April 6, kindergarten registration numbers were not known, but the registration sessions held the week prior to the Board meeting indicate that there will need to be seven sections of kindergarten to start the 2010-2011 school year. Member Thompson advised that all options have been considered, including splitting 3rd grade between Lincoln and Edison (too much splitting of classes and teams), putting Art and Music on a cart to each classroom (would limit space for art and create mess for maintenance), ½ day kindergarten (not a feasible choice at this time), increasing class sizes to 24 (children at this age need smaller class sizes, not larger), installation of modular units to provide extra classroom space (must review bids).

The committee members commended Randy Smith on the report he provided regarding summer work, noting that District buildings are in good shape for the age they are.

Mr. Dave Bartlett, Athletic Director, reported to the Board on the West Central Conference, of which the District will be a member in the 2010-2011 school year. He advised that currently there are nine football schools in the conference and that Macomb would play one non-conference game against QND in fall 2010. However, three other schools have been given an invitation to join the conference: Mendota, Spring Valley Hall, and Princeton. It appears that SVH will definitely accept the invitation, which would result in Macomb giving up the non-conference game against QND and facing SVH, which will involve significant travel. If all three schools accept the invitation, the conference would split into two six team divisions and Macomb would play in the southern division. Mr. Bartlett advised that he would let the Board know as soon as he had final information on the make-up of the conference, noting that the Board would eventually have to approve any changes.

The Board conducted first reading on proposed changes to the following Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits:

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Second reading will be held at the May 17, 2010, regular meeting.

Members Thompson, Shouse, Clark, and Colvin reported on their experiences at the National School Board Association Annual Conference. They attended sessions that focused on board governance, strategic planning, school safety, planning for pre-kindergarten programs, evaluation of the superintendent, family involvement, data driven leadership, parliamentary procedure, building strong leadership teams, and ensuring a successful transition from middle school to high school for at-risk students. Member Shouse suggested providing the book, *The Insider’s Guide to High School* to parents with children entering the 9th grade. Member Colvin stressed the importance of continuing education and he and member Thompson agreed that there is always more to be learned.
Superintendent Reuschel gave a brief overview of bids submitted for the purchase and installation of modular units at Lincoln. Member Kiah moved, and member Thompson seconded, to accept the base bid of $212,204 and alternate #1 (canopy) in the amount of $11,301 from Housewright Construction, for a total of $223,505, for purchase and installation of modular units at Lincoln Elementary. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: Clark. Motion carried.

Mr. Shouse announced that the Board would skip item 17.2b – review and approval of proposed changes to MSHS Student Handbook, and that item 17.2c – set salaries for Educational Support Personnel and Administrators, would be considered following the closed meeting.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve use of an Act of God day for the sixth snow day and to submit the final 2009-2010 District calendar to the Regional Office of Education. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Clark. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve the proposed District calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Colvin seconded, to approve membership in the IESA for the 2010-2011 school year. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 8:44 p.m., member Thompson moved, and member Colvin 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). Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:38 p.m.

Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve salary recommendations for Educational Support Personnel for FY ’11. Members voting “yes”: Colvin, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Shouse, Clark, and Thompson. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Thompson seconded, to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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