

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
MARCH 17, 2008

Board President Ardell Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Macomb Jr./Sr. High School Library. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was taken with the following members answering “present”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse.

The Board recognized Dane Jorgensen for being selected Senior of the Month for the month of February.

President Thompson advised that Macomb appeared in the Boys’ Basketball State Tournament program as one of 34 high schools in Illinois to be recognized for academic excellence. She noted that our athletic teams are honored every year for their academics and that recognition speaks highly of our teaching staff, coaches, and student athletes. Member DeJong congratulated member Kiah on being nationally recognized for his work with the Go West Transit System.

Dr. Reuschel advised the Board of the following:

- Fund raising is over and payments for the upcoming spring band trip to St. Louis are almost complete
- March School Resource Officer report
- Notice of increase of \$6,000 in General State Aid payment – service provided by Franczek-Sullivan
- Purchase of new desks
- District recipient of “Bright Red Apple” award from SchoolSearch. Congratulations to staff and students for an outstanding job.
- Reminder about Statement of Economic Interest to be filed by May 1, 2008.
- Macomb Legislative Day in Springfield on April 9.

MHS Baseball Coach Max Kreps, Shelley Glaser and Susana Pendergast (baseball parents) addressed the Board about the team’s trip to Florida over spring break. Mr. Kreps thanked the Board and the administration for having confidence in him and faith in the boys, and also thanked the chaperones for their service, noting especially Lynn Lotz’s hard work to make the trip a success. He advised that the team got a lot of good baseball experience. He also emphasized the level of support from the community and the prep league that enabled the team to raise over \$15,000 in three months’ time. Following a short picture show of the trip, Mr. Kreps presented Dr. Reuschel with a baseball signed by the team.

Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented, which included the following: Minutes from the February 13, 2008, special Board meeting; Minutes from the February 20, 2008, regular Board meeting; minutes from the February 27, 2008, special Board meeting; Treasurer’s Report; Investment Report; Monthly Board Report; Bills & Payroll; Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (.05 levy); Financial Update on Life Safety Projects (BI 0708); Food Service Monthly Report; Macomb Jr./Sr. High School Activity Accounts; and, Financial Authorizations. Members voting “yes”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

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Member DeJong moved, and member Kiah seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the February 13 and 27, 2008, special Board meetings, and the February 20, 2008, regular meeting. Members voting “yes”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member Shouse seconded, to approve the following actions respecting Certificated personnel:

Administrative Re-employment:

Dave Bartlett, Director of Athletics/Activities, Macomb Jr./Sr. High School, effective 2008-2009 school year;

Zac Chatterton, Assistant Principal, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2008-2009 school year;

Ed Fulkerson, Principal, Lincoln Elementary School, effective 2008-2009 school year;

Maureen Hazell, Principal, Edison Elementary School, effective 2008-2009 school year;

Dana Isackson, Principal, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2008-2008 school year;

Randall Smith, Director, Maintenance and Operations, effective 2008-2009 school year;

Resignation:

Leyona Wiley, Director of Special Education, Special Services/Principal, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, effective June 30, 2008.

Retirement:

Dianna Clark, District School Nurse, Macomb Community Unit School District, effective June 30, 2011, under the 2007-2011 contract;

Karen Iversen, School Counselor, Lincoln Elementary School, effective end of the 2011-2012 school year, under the 2007-2011 contract;

Shelley Standley, Grade 3 teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, effective end of 2011-2012 school year, under the 2007-2011 contract.

HONORABLE DISMISSAL OF PART-TIME NON-TENURED, CERTIFICATED STAFF DUE TO ECONOMIC NECESSITY (EFFECTIVE END OF 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR):

Diane Meline

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

Member Klems moved and member Kiah seconded, to approve the following actions respecting Educational Support Personnel, Summer School Employment, and Volunteers:

Change in Job Title:

Martha Clyde, from Office Secretary - District Audio Visual, to Multimedia Specialist - Technology Department, 9 month contract, retains seniority date and status on the educational support salary schedule, change effective March 18, 2008.

Resignation:

Amy Schmitt, Health Services Worker, Lincoln Elementary School, effective February 15, 2008.

Employment:

Aubrey Rose, Program Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, 6 hours per day, effective March 17, 2008 (replaces McGrew).

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Certified Director:

Diana Kurasz

Volunteer:

Tyler Nichols, Volunteer Baseball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2007-08 season.

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

Member Klems moved, and member Shouse seconded, to release for public inspection minutes from closed meetings held on June 18 and August 20, 2007, and to continue to hold indefinitely minutes from closed meetings held on July 16, September 19, October 11, October 15, November 1, November 19, and December 19 (5:30 and 8:00), 2007. Members voting “yes”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Shouse seconded, to approve the destruction of audio tapes of closed meetings held on February 6, February 21, March 20, April 18, June 19, July 17, and August 21, 2006. Members voting “yes”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve the Multimedia Specialist job description. Members voting “yes”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to award the bid for Fire & Life Safety work to be done during Summer 2008 at MJSHS, Grant School, and Washington Street Gym to Trotter Construction in the amount of \$337,911. Voting “yes”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Board President Thompson advised that she was in receipt of a request from a local bank that the District consider bidding its banking services. She referred the matter to the Board of Education Finance Committee for discussion.

Member Shouse moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve proposed changes to lunch prices for the 2008-09 school year. Student full price (Pre-K thru 12) and adult lunch prices will increase ten cents. Members voting “yes”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve the driver’s education waiver request for student 0708:6, per the recommendation of the MSHS principal and guidance counselor. Members voting “yes”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 7:35 p.m., member Kiah moved, and member DeJong 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”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The closed meeting ended at 8:24 p.m.

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Member Adams moved, and member DeJong seconded, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

President

Date

Secretary