

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185  
FEBRUARY 18, 2009  
7:00 P.M.

Board President Ardell Thompson called the meeting to order in the Macomb Jr./Sr. High School Library at 7:00 p.m. 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 the following:

- Diane Olsen for being selected Senior of the Month for the month of January.
- Purdum, Gray, Ingledue for their gift of books to the Lincoln Elementary School Library.

Member Kiah commended the MSHS wrestlers for their hard work and wished them luck at the state wrestling tournament. Member Thompson recognized the Lady Bombers basketball team for their fine season. Member Klems welcomed the many WIU students in attendance. Member Shouse advised that the Junior High Science Olympiad team will go to state competition in Springfield in April. He also thanked the local press for their coverage of the interviews of veterans. Superintendent Reuschel stated that she had received a number of pieces of correspondence from veterans who participated in the project thanking the District for the opportunity and complimenting the students.

Superintendent Reuschel advised the Board of the following:

- Spring Band Trip update
- Western Division Dinner meeting in Bushnell on March 19.
- Thanks to First Bankers' Trust for their contribution to the Feed the Children program, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

Member Adams moved, and member DeJong seconded, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar, which included the following: minutes from the January 21, 2009, regular meeting; minutes from the February 4, 2009, special 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 (BI 0809); Monthly Food Service 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.

Member Shouse requested that the minutes from closed meetings held on January 13 and 21, and February 4, be considered separately. Member Klems moved, and member Shouse seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the closed meeting held during the January 13, 2009, special Board meeting. Members voting "yes": DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting "no": none. Motion carried.

Member Klems moved, and member DeJong seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the January 21, 2009, regular Board meeting. Members voting "yes": DeJong,

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

Member Klems moved, and member DeJong seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely the minutes from the February 4, 2009, special Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

President Thompson advised that the Board’s consideration of actions regarding Certificated personnel would include the information listed on the Addendum Agenda regarding the employment of Rosemary Platt as principal for Lincoln School. Member DeJong moved, and member Klems seconded, to approve the following actions regarding Certificated personnel:

Retirement:

Michael Murphy, Music Teacher, Edison Elementary School, effective end of the 2012-2013 school year under the 2007-2011 contract.

Request for Leave:

Heather Overstreet, District Technology/Integration Coordinator, request for FMLA leave.

Employment:

Rosemary Platt, Principal, Lincoln Elementary School, 12-month contract, effective July 1, 2009.

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

Member Shouse moved, and member DeJong seconded, to approve the following actions regarding Educational Support personnel:

Retirement:

Mary Lou Friday, Cook, Lincoln Elementary School, effective February 3, 2009.

Employment:

Quintin Parker, Technology Media Assistant (replacement), Lincoln Elementary School, 6 ½ hours per day, effective February 2, 2009 (replaces Galloway).

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

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

Resignation:

Gene Thorman, Girls Basketball Coach (8), Macomb Junior High School, effective end of the 2008-2009 season.

Employment:

Jeff Rebholz, Assistant Track Coach, Macomb Junior High School, effective 2008-2009 season.

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

Mr. Jeff DeJoode, attorney with March, McMillan & DeJoode, addressed the Board regarding a proposed land exchange between the Macomb CUSD #185 and Schuyler-Industry CUSD #5. He

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advised that he is ready to petition each district's Regional Office of Education Board of Trustees regarding the exchange and requested that the Board approve a resolution supporting the proposal. Member Kiah moved, and member Shouse seconded, to approve the resolution regarding the exchange of parcels of land between Macomb CUSD #185 and Schuyler-Industry CUSD #5. Members voting "yes": DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting "no": none. Motion carried.

Member Kiah moved, and member Adams seconded, to award the bid for Fire & Life Safety work to be done during the summer 2009 to the lowest responsible bidder, Laverdiere Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$228,375.00. Members voting "yes": DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting "no": none. Motion carried.

Member Kiah moved, and member Adams seconded, to award the bid for asbestos work to be done as part of the summer 2009 Fire & Life Safety work, to the lowest responsible bidder, M&O Environmental, Inc. ACM Work, in the amount of \$108,000.00. 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 proposal for Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon to provide audit services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, through June 30, 2011. Members voting "yes": DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting "no": none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed member Shouse's request that a review of District insurance coverages be conducted. Member DeJong suggested that such a review be done two to three months prior to the annual renewal of the package. Member Shouse pointed out that the current package includes mine subsidence coverage, which is unnecessary in light of the fact that there is no history of coal mining where District buildings are located. He requested that the coverage be removed from the policy. President Thompson advised that the request could be formally considered at the March meeting.

Superintendent Reuschel presented a draft of the 2009-10 calendar for the Board's review. She noted that school improvement days were not yet determined. Member Klems noted that she had had several questions about spring break and she and member DeJong stated their hope that the District would continue to hold spring break in conjunction with WIU's spring break. Superintendent Reuschel advised that she would bring a final calendar for the Board's consideration to the March meeting.

Member Klems moved, and member DeJong seconded, to approve a list of district equipment as surplus for sale or disposal. Members voting "yes": DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting "no": none. Motion carried.

Second reading was conducted on proposed revisions to the following Board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits:

2:80-E	3:70-AP2	4:70-AP	5:150	6:60	6:160
2:120-AP	4:60	4:160	5:150-AP	6:60-AP	6:230

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2:220	4:60-AP	4:160-AP	5:240	6:120	6:300
3:70-AP1	4:70	5:90	5:290	6:120-AP	6:320
7:10	7:20	7:50	7:100	7:210	7:230

Member Klems moved, and member Kiah seconded, to approve the revisions as presented. Members voting “yes”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 7:30 p.m., member DeJong moved, and member Adams seconded, to hold a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific personnel, 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 9:36 p.m.

Member DeJong moved, and member Klems seconded, to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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President

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Date

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Secretary