

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185  
DECEMBER 17, 2018  
7:00 P.M.

Board Vice President Scott Torrance called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the C.T. Vivian Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. Roll was taken with the following members present: Duncan (via telephone), Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers (via telephone), Thompson, and La Prad (7:10 p.m.).

The Board recognized the following students:

- Emma Heuer – Senior of the Month for the month of December.
- Ericka Dawson – competitor in the State Tennis Tournament.
- Maya Stovall – competitor in the State Cross Country Meet.
- Emma Thorman – competitor in the State Golf Tournament.
- Laine Torrance – competitor in the State Golf Tournament.

Mr. Torrance announced the next Board of Education meeting would take place Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the C.T. Vivian Library. He also commented on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual FFA Alumni Association benefit auction. Over \$30,000 was raised for the MHS agriculture program and FFA. Mr. Torrance thanked all who helped with the event, made donations, and participated.

Dr. Twomey shared the following information with the Board:

- Lincoln Project: This project is essentially done but there is still work to be done to eliminate the echo and excess noise in the new gym structure. Proposed solutions include hanging baffles on the walls all the way around the gym and possibly treating the ceiling.
- Edison Project: The plans are nearing completion. The Board Facilities and Finance Committees will meet jointly once plans are done to review and discuss.
- Middle School Project: The first round of drawings is done and Dana Isackson and her staff are reviewing and will make suggestions for changes. New drawings will reflect those suggestions and the design process will continue until complete.
- Turf Project: The District entered an agreement with BuyBoard, a company that facilitates the bid process. AGT Sports is the turf company and we will have a no change order contract, so everything must be included in the contract from the beginning. There is an electric pole that should be moved, but cost and whether Ameren will move the pole need to be determined. Construction of a sidewalk around the concession stand to the visitors' stands are also included in the project. The bid should come in early to mid-January and our goal will be to begin the project right after school ends.
- All-Project Timeline: Finish Lincoln, approve Edison plans early to mid-winter with bucket in the ground in spring. Begin the turf project the end of May with projected finish early August. Approve middle school plans before the end of this school year, bid the project over the summer, with bucket in the ground in the fall. All projects will be completed or underway at the beginning of next school year.
- Classroom Spotlight: Kim Couza donated the book – “Crazy Horse: The Lakota Warrior’s Life and Legacy”, signed by the author, to the MHS Library collection.
- Weather-related school closings: Dr. Twomey described the procedure he follows to determine whether to have or cancel school when bad weather is predicted. He emphasized he rarely

cancels school the night before. He is up and out at 4:30 a.m. to drive each of 4 quadrants to see what the bus drivers will experience. If slow, but safe travel is possible, school will be in session. Winter weather is part of life in the Midwest and most conditions are manageable. When extreme cold is predicted, Dr. Twomey uses a guide of -20. He goes out at 5:00 a.m. dressed in a jacket and walks. He makes his decision on how it feels to be out slightly underdressed. All notifications regarding closings and late starts are done through the District Skylert system, which provides emails, texts, and/or phone calls to all District families.

- FOIA: Illinois Department of Employment Security annual request for employee list, wages, and other information.

Kelly Carpenter, Principal at MacArthur Early Childhood Center, addressed the Board regarding Goal 4, Strategy 4-3 of the District Strategic Plan: Provide learning spaces that reflect best practices and innovation.

Member Thompson requested items 9.1 and 9.2 of the Consent Calendar, Minutes from the November 19, 2018, Public Hearing re: Sale of Bonds, and Minutes from the November 19, 2018, regular Board of Education meeting, be considered separately. Member Gray moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve items 9.1 and 9.2 as presented. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Members Torrance and Thompson abstained. Motion carried.

Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve items 9.3-9.12 of the Consent Calendar, which included the 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), Monthly Activity Account reports, Monthly Food Service Report, State Funding Update, and WCISEC Financials and Personnel, as presented. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Gray moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve and hold indefinitely minutes from the closed meeting held during the November 19, 2018 regular Board meeting. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Myers, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Members Torrance and Thompson abstained. Motion carried.

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

Certificated Staff:

Request for Leave:

Jami Minter, School Counselor, Macomb Senior High School, request leave to begin approximately February 14, 2019, and extend through April 30, 2019.

Educational Support Staff:

Employment:

Meghan Herron, Program Assistant, Edison Elementary School, effective January 3, 2019, up to 29 hours per week (new position Special Education needs).

Annette Wrighton, Program Assistant, Macomb Senior High School, effective January 2, 2019, up to 29 hours per week (replaces Hall).

Co-Curricular:

Employment:

Susan Lafary, Parent Coordinator, Grant funded, effective December 11, 2018.

Julio Montes, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Macomb Junior High School, Level 8, effective 2018-2019 season.

Zach Wilson, Head Wrestling Coach, Macomb Junior High School, Level 7, effective 2018-2019 season.

Volunteer:

Max Kreps, Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach, Macomb Senior High School, effective 2018-2019 season.

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

Member La Prad moved, and member Thompson seconded, to approve Tonya Hamer’s proposed summer 2020 trip to Spain. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Myers moved, and member Gray seconded, to approve the proposed 2018 levy. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board recognized Alai Stone, MHS Senior of the month for the Month of November.

Member La Prad moved, and member Gray seconded, to continue the Bass Fishing Team and use District funds to support it. The estimated annual cost per year for the team is \$7425.00, which includes supplies, the sponsor stipend, transportation, and purchased services. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to declare as surplus for sale by sealed bid one (1) 2001 Dodge 2500 4x4 pickup with ladder rack and a Meyers C-7.5 snow plow attached. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve a Fire & Life Safety amendment in the amount of \$57,000.00 for repair of tile floors at Edison Elementary School. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Gray seconded, to approve a Fire & Life Safety amendment in the amount of \$32,880.00 for repair of doors and the football grandstand at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Thompson moved, and member Adams seconded, to approve the restated 403(b) plan as presented. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

At 7:54 p.m., member La Prad 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 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),

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student discipline, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), and pending or imminent litigation, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Torrance announced the Board would return to open session and take action following the closed meeting.

The Board returned to open session at 9:23 p.m.

Member Gray moved, and member La Prad seconded, to approve the proposal for Board legal, liability and package, workmen’s comp, cyberliability, drone, and tail coverage in the amount of \$194,775 with coverages to be provided by ICRMT, Accident Fund, Beazley, and Liberty Mutual. Members voting “yes”: Duncan, Gray, Adams, Torrance, Myers, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

Member Myers moved, and member La Prad seconded, to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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President

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Date

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Secretary