

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bozymowski at 6:33 P.M.

Members Present: Bozymowski, McCullough, Genest,  
Farley, Hubler

Administrators Present: DeVault, Alberti, Cummins, Mullen,  
Pritchett, Rilley

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

1. The Agenda was accepted as presented. Moved by Genest, supported by McCullough. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

INTERESTING  
THINGS ABOUT  
STUDENTS AND STAFF

Superintendent DeVault reported that Keith Bovenschen School has a longstanding tradition, for over 40 years, of providing Christmas baskets to Bovenschen families with the support of local high schools and community organizations. This year between 25 and 30 families received such baskets, which included clothing, toys, and food. Thanks go out to the concerted efforts of the Warren Rotary Club, Sterling Heights High School Leadership students, Regina High School Girls Basketball teams, Lakeshore High School National Honor Society and Bovenschen School staff.

The Student Council at Lutz School for Work Experience held a food-drive collection. They collected over 1,000 items, which were donated to the Homeless Program for distribution.

The Lutz Class of 2015 received their class rings on Thursday, December 4. The Completers and their families enjoyed the ceremony, and afterwards, everyone gathered in the cafeteria for refreshments prepared by Lutz students.

Anthony Ianni made a presentation at Lutz on overcoming challenges and anti-bullying. Anthony is a former MSU basketball player, who was diagnosed with Autism. He overcame challenges and played on the MSU National Championship Team. He was accompanied by Miss Michigan, who is part of the anti-bullying campaign. While asking students what they learned from this presentation, they all responded "we need to be nice to each other."

The Mt. Clemens Ice Arena hosted a pizza party for our students that use this facility as a job training site. After the party, the students had a skating session.

Through the generosity of our students and staff, we compiled 23 food baskets to support needy families at Lutz. This included a Lutz family that suffered a house fire right before Christmas. All families were very grateful for the support.

Maple Lane Elementary held a Holiday play on Friday, December 19. For Christmas, 31 families were adopted by Maple Lane staff and St. Martin De Porres. The Clinton Township Kiwanis adopted an additional seven families for holiday support. Toys for Tots donated toys for all Maple Lane students.

On Thursday, December 18, the MIPP ESC staff hosted a Breakfast with Santa event at the Educational Service Center.

On Monday, December 22, MIPP Rockwell team hosted a Breakfast with Santa event at the Rockwell site, and the MIPP Home Program team hosted a Holiday party with Santa at our Millar site.

In addition, the MIPP Millar and MIPP Romeo teams joined together to host a Breakfast with Santa event at the Educational Service Center on Tuesday, December 23.

Over 250 high school juniors will be attending ACT Workshops sponsored by the MISD over four Saturdays in January and February. Teachers, who have experience in ACT preparation, will be working with students for the entire day on these Saturdays. We are offering scholarships for students who are unable to pay the \$50 fee, and also, there are three pickup spots in the county where we are providing no-cost round-trip transportation for those students who need it.

The College Bowl Sunday is scheduled here at the MISD on Sunday, February 8. This nationally sponsored event provides an opportunity for parents and students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) information with the assistance of individuals from the MISD, higher education and college placement counselors. This is the fourth year we have been involved in this event. FASFA is required for any student attending college who wishes to apply for scholarships, loans, or receive any financial aid. Our goal is to have 100% of our Macomb County seniors complete this form.

In November, April Church, from SRS Physical Therapy Department, presented at the Fall 2014 Michigan POHI/SXI Conference in Lansing. April's presentation was focused on Tips and Strategies for "Facilitating a Transition from a Center-based POHI Program to a General Education Setting."

On Monday, December 1, Jerri Gilbert and Anita Willis, two occupational therapists from the SRS Occupational Therapy Department, presented to the MISD PAC on the topic of Sensory Integration: its Use and Outcomes in the Schools. Jerri and Anita provided background knowledge for the parents so they could have a common understanding of the language and process of sensory integration. From there, they led the parents through some activities so they could experience the effects of sensory integration for students.

On Tuesday, December 9, the SRS Visually Impaired and Orientation and Mobility Departments provided a day of professional learning for administrators, professional and support staff, who have visually impaired students in their districts/buildings. The topic was “Seeing From Different Points of View.” The day was separated into two sessions. The afternoon sessions were topic specific and participants attended sessions of particular interest to them. They learned Braille reading, tactile graphics, the Nemeth Code, mobility instructions, classroom accommodations, iPad/technology integration, audio textbooks and software capabilities.

Superintendent DeVault also reported that recently there have been several publications in the media profiling Macomb County’s attributes, successes and excellent educational programs. These complimentary reports were featured in The Macomb Daily, Crain’s Business Detroit and Make Macomb Your Home magazine, as well as the Chamber of Commerce newsletters.

## BOARD RECOGNITION

Superintendent DeVault thanked the Board of Education, on behalf of the entire staff, for all their support and dedication. The staff is proud to work for this Board and want to thank the Board for all they do for the staff and students. The team would not be what it is if they didn’t know they have the support and commitment of this Board of Education.

Assistant Superintendent Beth Alberti, on behalf of Administration, support staff and students, presented the Board members with a craft item made by the students from the Autistic Impaired Program. Kristi Martin presented “power” items representing technology, in appreciation of the Board members, on behalf of the Management Technology Department.

The Board of Education members expressed their thanks and commented that they are very appreciative that those present took time out of their busy schedule to attend this meeting. The dedicated staff makes the Board look well by all the work they do for the children. The Board members enjoy attending the various school events and seeing the student activities. It’s a privilege to be on a Board that can count on the support by this group of people, whose word and work is exemplary.

OPEN MEETINGS  
COMPLIANCE

President Bozymowski asked any patrons wishing to be heard to fill out a form for that purpose and submit it to Mrs. Genest. Time would be allowed under Section II, A.

READING PROPOSALS  
PRESENTATION

Judy Pritchett, Chief Academic Officer, provided a summary of recent educational proposals provided to Governor Rick Snyder regarding reading proficiency, accountability, (formerly, Letter Grade) and Career Technical Education (CTE). Dr. Pritchett reviewed the components of the three proposals which address these issues, as well as the financial considerations.

The first Reading Proposal would identify students in Grade 2 that are below average readers by using multiple measures before students enter Grade 3. Additional instruction time and summer school would be provided. The second Reading Proposal, which is based on Project LEAP, would identify students in Grades K-4 that are below average readers by using comprehensive, flexible multiple assessments and re-assessing on a regular basis.

The proposal for Accountability recommends that the state use and expand the current MiSchool Data.org that contains information about schools. The last proposal for CTE provided options related to flexibility in the Michigan Merit Curriculum and funding adjustments. These concerns and the three proposals were sent to the Governor and shared with MASA. We will also be sharing the proposals with Senator Pavlov, Senate Education Chair, and the new House Education Chair.

The Board of Education expressed their appreciation for the outstanding work and partnership with big businesses. The information was very thorough, fact based and supported by research. The Board appreciates plans to follow through with legislators.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Moved by Hubler, supported by Farley, to approve the December 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF  
INTERNET SERVICE  
PROTECTION PURCHASE

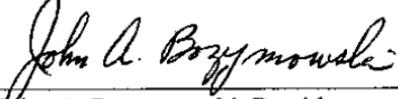
3. Moved by Hubler, supported by McCullough, to approve to purchase two years of Internet Service Protection for the continued support of our constituent districts from AT&T, in an amount not to exceed of \$98,000 as recommended by Administration.

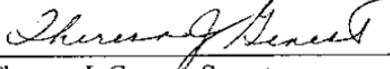
Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

4. Moved by Genest, supported by Farley, to adjourn. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

  
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John A. Bozymowski, President

  
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Theresa J. Genesi, Secretary