

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bozymowski at 6:30 P.M.

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

Administrators Present: DeVault, Alberti, Bodiya, Mullen, Pritchett, Riley and Nader

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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.

KIDS COUNT REPORT

Judy Pritchett, Chief Academic Officer, provided an update on the “Kids Count Report,” which is issued annually by the Michigan League of Public Policy. The report measures the well-being of children at the state and local levels and uses the information to shape efforts to improve the lives of children by focusing on four areas: economic security; health; family and security; education. The report highlights the status of children in our state and communities and enriches the discussion of policy options for citizens and decision makers at the state and community levels.

Dr. Pritchett reviewed data from the report, and provided countywide and statewide comparisons. The recommendations from the report include: fund programs to find and help young children with developmental delays or disabilities and their families; enroll low-income 3-year-olds in preschool; adequately fund public schools and provide more financial aid for low-income college students.

President Bozymowski expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board of Education, for the informative report and is looking forward to future updates.

MACOMB STEP TRANSITION SERVICES

Beth Alberti, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on Students Transitioning Effectively Post High School (STEP). This program was developed, in conjunction with the 21 local districts, because of the need for additional transition services for post-secondary students with mild impairments. Research shows that students with mild impairments are underserved and underemployed. STEP’s mission is to promote self-

determination through the acquisition of skills in the areas of education, community, employment and adult living so students become fully engaged members of their communities. The local districts send a referral through the Department of Center Programs in order for students to participate.

Miss Alberti introduced Joe Delegato, Transition Coordinator; and teachers: Shannon Beliveau; and Kathy Steuer, who provided a summary and illustrations of STEP transitional services and reviewed the curriculum plan and schedule. The STEP curriculum is founded in four transition domains: Employment; Education and Training; Community Participation and Adult Daily Living. Also presented were student and business contact testimonials regarding the positive impact STEP provides for the student working as a volunteer or as a paid worker. Students also receive training for important life skills, such as accessing public transportation, community safety precautions, exploring independent living options, doing their own laundry, making appointments and many other important daily activities. There are two classroom locations: one at Center for Lifelong Learning in Mt. Clemens and one at the Automotive Pre-Engineering Center in Warren. Michigan Rehabilitation Services provides important support and training with STEP, and companies, such as McDonald's and Arby's work with STEP to provide training and jobs for the students.

President Bozymowski expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board of Education, for the excellent presentation. The results are very impressive.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by Hubler, supported by Genest, to approve the March 11, 2015 Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT

3. Moved by Farley, supported by Hubler, that this resolution shall be the general appropriations act of Macomb Intermediate School District for the fiscal year 2014-2015: An Act to make appropriations, to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all income received by Macomb Intermediate School District in compliance with P.A. 621. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried

MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

4. Moved by Genest, supported by McCullough, to recognize April as Month of the Young Child in Macomb County. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

RETIREMENTS

5. Moved by Genest, supported by Hubler, that the Board of Education accept, with regret, notification of the following retirements, and express its deep appreciation for their efforts on behalf of the Board and its Administration.

Sandra Alvarez, Bus Driver; Karen Cueter, Bus Driver; and Cheryl

LaRosa, SXI Teacher. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND
INQUIRY

Superintendent DeVault noted that due to conflicting schedules and Spring recess the March 25, 2015 Board meeting will be cancelled, and the April 8, 2015 meeting may be moved to April 1, 2015.

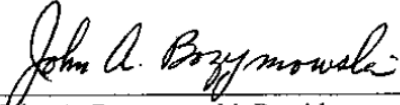
Assistant Superintendent Mullen reviewed the key dates for the 2015 Biennial Election.

President Bozymowski reported that he attended the Macomb County Collaboration Awards ceremony this morning and accepted a recognition award honoring Superintendent Michael DeVault, on behalf of the Macomb ISD.

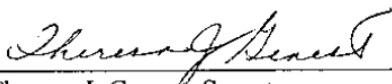
ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



John A. Bozymowski, President



Theresa J. Genest, Secretary