

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 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

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.

INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT STUDENTS AND STAFF

Superintendent DeVault reported that he attended Governor Snyder's address on Reinventing Michigan, which was held on March 31st in Harrison Township, sponsored by the Sterling Height Regional Chamber of Commerce.

President Bozymowski reported that recently there was a special insert in the Macomb Daily featuring very positive information on our STEP Program and Early College Program. Superintendent DeVault noted that he showed these inserts to Governor Snyder and County Executive Hackel at the March 31st event.

Superintendent DeVault reported that Bovenschen School hosted the 2015 Special Olympics with Peters and Woodlands schools in March. Students participated in athletic activities and lessons relating to themes from children's books

Over 100 students from Bovenschen had the chance to experience the SCS Ice Show this year with the help of Shorewood Kiwanis Club. Ice skaters, music, costumes and snacks were enjoyed by all.

Theresa Gabalis, mother of a student at Bozymowski and President of the Macomb/St/Clair Autism Society, was given the Parent of the Year Award from the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children on March 5th.

Students in Peters School SXI and SCI programs enjoyed participating in Special Olympics this week at Bovenschen.

The MISD Homebound program received over 1,000 new and gently used books from the Destination Imagination Club from various middle schools within the Chippewa Valley Schools. These books will be used to enhance literacy activities for our students served in the homebound program.

The parents and friends of Glen Peters held their 10th annual Vegas night on March 28th. The money raised at this event continues to improve the playgrounds at Peters.

The Teacher Cadets from Utica's Henry Ford High School visited on March 24th. The cadets learned about the different careers at Peters and took a tour of the building/classrooms.

Theresa Genest read to three classrooms at Peters, as part of March Reading Month.

The student/staff basketball game was a big hit. The staff barely won according to the score, but the students won by far when you count the number of aches and pains experienced by staff.

An evening parent meeting was held to learn about the employment initiative called Pathway to Careers. Many families attended to get information on this grant program, which provided opportunities for Lutz and STEP students.

A student from Lutz School is is part of the Fraternal Order of Police. He participated in a benefit basketball game against the Detroit Lions.

A Lutz student recently secured a job on weekends at Parrotville in Clinton Township.

Two Lutz teachers were asked to teach a class on Health Education to a group of Wayne State students. The topic was teaching Health to students with disabilities.

The Lutz Parent Teacher Conferences was a very successful evening.

This year, at Maple Lane Elementary School, therapy dogs are going to school almost every week to work with students in several classrooms, each visit. As the final phase of the program begins, students are going to start reading to the therapy dogs.

Many of our MIPP sites recently received a variety of therapeutic toys from the Autism Wish List Grant. The grant also provided the MIPP Millar site with a new ball pit complete with over 3,000 balls.

The MIPP Millar and Romeo sites recently engaged in a family outing to "PUMP IT UP," which expanded on the therapy we provide to our students.

MIPP had two families receive charitable endowment funds from "Jamie's Smiles."

Dan LaFerte, a teacher at Neil Reid High School, was recognized as Teacher of the Week as a result of a parent submission to Radio Station WNIC. He will be recognized with a plaque and the entire staff will be treated to Dunkin Donuts at a later date.

Rockwell Middle School is having their annual spring pancake breakfast/lunch on Thursday, April 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They also have a bingo event with all the students at 1:00 p.m.

Rockwell just received notification that the school building meets the Michigan HEARTSafe School criteria and will be awarded a designation for the 2014/2015 academic year. This designation is valid for three years. The official award announcement will occur in May, 2015. More details will be coming soon about this award.

Over 600 high school students attended ACT preparation classes here at the MISD over four Saturdays in January and February. The full day sessions were taught by two experienced high school teachers who are very knowledgeable about important test preparation strategies. The MISD provided transportation to students who needed those services and each student was given a comprehensive ACT Preparation Manual to continue their preparation at home after the sessions.

Over 350 people attended the Month of the Young Child Celebration on March 6th followed on March 7th by the Parenting Conference. The Conference was attended by over 400 parents and educators who shared activities and resources to support children ages 0-5.

Mike Klein and Jennifer Gottlieb, two of our Science Consultants, will be presenting at the National Science Teachers Association annual conference to be held in Chicago in March.

Lisa Rivard, ELA Consultant, is coordinating the entire program for the three day Michigan Reading Conference to be held at the end of this month.

Debbie Ferry, Math Consultant, has received notification the MISD has been awarded a continuation of the EMATHS grant for the next two years. The MISD has administered this grant for over six years and this continuation will provide us the opportunity to continue to support teachers of Mathematics. This is in partnership with the University of

Michigan.

Over 50 educators attended an Internet Safety workshop, which featured Macomb County law enforcement and the Prosecutor's Office, who provided information about current events related to adolescents and internet/cell phone safety and use.

Tiffane, a 2014 graduate from Eisenhower High School, completed her first semester at Baker College on the Dean's List. Earlier this year, Tiffane was honored and recognized as the 2014-2015 New Horizons Transition Student of the Year. Tiffane is a student with a visual impairment and received services through SRS.

Kevin, a student with a visual impairment and a projected 2015 graduate of Sterling Heights High School, has been accepted at the American University in Washington, DC, and has been offered a scholarship to pay for all but \$4,000 of the \$56,000 yearly cost to attend. Kevin plans to fundraise for the remaining costs. Kevin presented to the MISD Board of Education last May with the SRS Orientation and Mobility staff, and received MISD funding to defray the cost of his attendance in the 2014 Young Americans Leadership Academy. He was selected from an impressive number of applicants across the country, and participated in a five day academy in Washington, DC, aimed at teaching young adults how to make a difference in their communities. Kevin plans to be a political science major at American University, with aspirations of becoming an attorney or advocate.

Aaron, a student with a visual impairment and a projected 2015 graduate of Eisenhower High School in Utica, has been accepted to and will attend Michigan Technological University to pursue a major in engineering.

SRS staff members, Beth Stormont and Grace Haden, teacher consultants of the visually impaired, delivered a presentation on Braille Literacy at the recent Tri-County Swap Meet held at Wayne RESA. The Swap meet is scheduled to be held at MISD next year.

Brianna, a Warren Mott High School Student from Warren Consolidated Schools, attended an inspirational gathering at the Lion's Club with Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein in Berkeley on Monday, March 23rd. In an impromptu invitation, Brianna was selected by Justice Bernstein to join him and speak to the crowd. Brianna shared her story of being blind since birth and responded to questions from the audience.

The Berkeley Home Town Life paper published an article about the event. Brianna is an amazing young lady with many talents. You may remember Brianna from her vocal performances at Opening Day, where five years ago, she and a friend performed an original song they co-wrote, and two

years ago, Brianna delighted us with a solo performance of one of her original songs. She receives VI and OM services through MISD Support and Related Services Department.

Paul Bodiya reported that the MISD winter bus inspection passed with a 100% score.

The Board members reported that they attended the Green School Awards where Mike Klein was presenting and Lutz won a Green School Award.

Mr. McCullough reported that last week he attended the SEMCOG Executive Committee meeting and Don Hubler was elected to the Executive Committee. Mr. Hubler commented that it is a tremendous honor.

MICHIGAN SCIENCE STANDARDS PRESENTATION

Judy Pritchett, Chief Academic Officer, reported that Science Consultants Michael Klein and Jennifer Gottlieb have been very instrumental in moving forward on new Michigan Science standards and framework that came out three years ago.

Mr. Klein thanked the Board for hiring Jennifer Gottlieb and giving him the opportunity to work with her as she has been a great addition to the MISD staff. Mr. Klein and Mrs. Gottlieb provided a summary on the new methods being used for students to learn about Science under Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). They reviewed where the content expectations are currently, and where they are heading.

NGSS methods allow students to explore and participate in Science lessons by using various materials and engaging in more learning activities. Mr. Klein and Mrs. Gottlieb provided examples of the shift in conventional teaching used previously to the new teaching methods where students can focus on investigating, evaluating and developing solutions. Students do less text reading and focus on action based activities. Students learn to ask more questions and become deep thinkers by critiquing the standards, like scientists. MISD provides support for NGSS through Science Leadership Council; Exploring the Science and Engineering practices through action research; and Administrator and content area workshops. Mr. Klein and Mrs. Gottlieb are 100% confident that this is an excellent model for students.

President Bozymowski expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board of Education, for the very impressive presentation and the brilliant and creative method they are using in teaching the students.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAC MEMBER

- 3. Moved by Genest, supported by Farley, to approve the appointment of Ms. Nicole Grabowski, Warren Consolidated Schools, to the Parent Advisory Committee for the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

RETIREMENTS

- 4. Moved by Genest, supported by Hubler, that the Board of Education accept, with regret, notification of retirements as per the above, and express its deep appreciation for their efforts on behalf of the Board and its administration.

Carol Buscemi Bus Driver	Corinne Elizando Paraprofessional	Patricia Janisse Paraprofessional
Deborah Nelson Paraprofessional	Martha Renaud Paraprofessional	Denise Whittington Transportation Assistant

Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

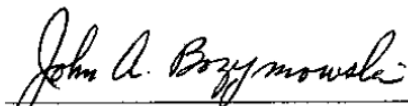
INFORMATION AND INQUIRY

Superintendent DeVault.

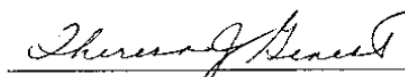
ADJOURNMENT

- 5. Moved by McCullough, supported by Farley, to adjourn. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



 John A. Bozymowski, President



 Theresa J. Genest, Secretary