

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Administrators Present: DeVault, Alberti, Bodiya, Mullen, Pritchett, Rilley, Elias Nader, Kinney, Meldrum

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. The Agenda was accepted as presented. Moved by McCullough, supported by Farley. 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 STAFF AND STUDENTS

From April 29th through May 1st, Bovenschen's staff and students went to Camp Fowler in Mayville, Michigan. The mission of The Fowler Center is to respect the individual gifts of each participant and to enhance personal growth and independence through outdoor adventures and activities by providing opportunities for "learning-by-doing." The students were able to take part in horseback riding, hayrides, and a zip-line course.

On May 6th, the MISD Health Plus Committee, along with Board of Education Trustee, Don Hubler and his wife, Donna, cleaned Crocker Road between Harper and Metro Parkway as part of our ongoing partnership with the Adopt-A-Road Project. It was a beautiful day and many residents in the area stopped by to say "thank you."

On Thursday, May 21st, Bovenschen's PTO and Wellness Committee will host its fourth annual "Fun Run" where students will walk, run, or roll (wheelchairs) down Frazho Road to Schoenherr Road and back. This event is aimed at providing students with the opportunity for movement as well as exposing them to healthy choices. This event is also done in accordance to ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously), which is celebrated in May.

Area Special Olympics on May 5th was a hit with Bovenschen athletes and staff. Twenty classes participated in a variety of events, including the wheelchair games. General Motors had 90 engineers who volunteered to

assist in this event. Students enjoyed the college campus, participating in events that highlighted new and improved skills, working with Peer Pals from other schools, and networking with friends from around the county.

Bovenschen School is sending 15 athletes and 7 volunteers to participate in the 2015 State Summer Special Olympics, which begins on Thursday, May 28th. Student athletes will be participating in Aquatics, Developmental Games, and MATP (motor activity training program).

Bovenschen will honor ten students at their Completers Ceremony on June 3, 2015. The ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m.

Students from Glen Peters School and their families participated in the PTO sponsored Family Fun Day on May 1st. Students played carnival games, and enjoyed a hot dog lunch and snow cones.

All students at Peters participated in the County Special Olympics at Macomb Community College on May 6th. The athletes were able to compete in their events before the rain began.

The Mobile Dentist was at Peters on May 6th and provided dental care to approximately 30 students.

The Lutz School Parent Group hosted an excellent Staff Appreciation event last week.

You will soon see raised garden beds at Lutz School. The partnership with McLaren Hospital and the Hope Center have funded the project. Students are excited to start planting.

Former Lutz student, Jordan Olbrecht, will be performing this summer at DTE as part of the backup groups for Kid Rock and Foreigner.

The MIPP Information Exchange was held on May 8th and we are in the process of transitioning over 200 students, who are turning 3 years old, to their local districts or MISD Center Programs. MIPP will still have 250 students next Fall, plus this summer MIPP will conduct over 80 evaluations in the Assessment Center.

Over 375 young ladies from all of the middle schools in the county attended the Math/Science Symposium on May 8th. The girls were able to hear speakers from all careers especially in the area of math/science. We also had participation from high school and college young women who were able to share their goals.

On Friday, May 15th, 117 students from all 28 comprehensive high schools in the county will graduate from the Early College of Macomb

program. These students have been a part of this program for three years and are now completing their high school diplomas and earning their Associate Degree. This is double the number of students who graduated last year from the Early College of Macomb, as the program grows every year and is now the largest in the state.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS

Outstanding Teacher Awards. Beth Alberti, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Services and Paula Elias, Director of Center Programs, announced the MISD Outstanding Teacher Award candidates and provided an overview of the selection process. One teacher is selected by a nomination committee from each level; High School, Middle School and Elementary School.

Mrs. Elias introduced Allison Geist, Elementary School Nominee, from Sequoyah Elementary, and presented her with the award. Principal Mary Meldrum reported that Allison motivates everyone around her to a higher level of dedication and commitment to students. Her caring extends far beyond the classroom walls and stays with them throughout their lives. Her style is always engaging, and she combines structured playfulness with strong expectations. One of her students, who is non-verbal, was in the hospital and she brought visual aid devices to the hospital for the nurses to use so the student would be more at ease.

Mrs. Elias introduced LaTika Fenderson, Middle School Nominee, from Rockwell Middle School, and presented her with the award. Principal Kinney reported that LaTika is part mother and part drill sergeant in the classroom and has high expectations for her students, and they rise to her expectations. She demonstrates effectiveness as a teacher and is perceptive to the teaching strategies and strengths of her classroom paraprofessionals. She commands and captivates the attention of her students through her vivacious delivery of instructional content. She has not only been a great mentor for teachers, but also to become a respected professional with her colleagues at work. She has also assisted in the office and met every expectation.

Mrs. Elias reported that Lauren Kennaugh, is the High School Nominee, from Lutz School. She was not able to attend this meeting because of a family obligation. Principal Nader reported that Lauren is a great teacher and great mother and, as a devoted parent, she was attending her daughter's student assembly this evening. She is always thoroughly prepared in her classroom and her students are always engaged. She is very organized and is an asset to Lutz School and the MISD. She is able to turn any environment into a teachable moment and make that student feel happy, positive, and successful. She makes countless contributions above and beyond her classroom responsibilities. She blends her lessons and activities to support both the academic and functional needs of her students.

President Bozymowski, on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked the teachers for their dedication and commitment to the students, staff and parents.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY STUDENT
PRESENTATION

Beth Alberti, Assistant, Superintendent for Special Education and Student Services, reported that the presentation they will hear this evening is a follow-up from a presentation last May regarding the MISD Support and Related Staff Program (SRS). At that presentation, we met Kevin, a Sterling Heights High School student, who receives support from SRS Staff Beth Stormont, VI Consultant and Shelly Weidmayer, Orientation and Mobility Specialist. Kevin has been very successful and is excelling in high school as well as outside of school. He was chosen to participate in a Student Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C.

Kevin reported that he is a senior at Sterling Heights High School, and proudly announced that his school has just been named the best high school in Macomb County; the 63rd best in the state and is in the top 2,000 in the country. Kevin provided a presentation of the academy he attended in Washington, D.C. this past summer with a group of other students from the Student Leadership Academy. There were two students from Michigan and five from Kentucky in his group. The group met with legislative officials and staff and engaged in activities and learned about the political process. They also visited the Supreme Court, the Lincoln Memorial and other government offices. Kevin has been accepted into American University and received a scholarship. He will be majoring in CLEG, Communications, Legal Institutions, Economics and Government, and is looking forward to a career in Political Science.

Kevin expressed his appreciation to the Board of Education for allowing him the opportunity to attend the Student Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C. He also thanked his teachers and his mother. Kevin presented the Board with an ornamental memento with the official emblem from Washington, D.C.

President Bozymowski, on behalf of the Board of Education, expressed thanks and congratulations to Kevin for the outstanding presentation and wished him continued success in the future.

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CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by Genest, supported by Hubler, to approve the May 13, 2015 Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

COUNTYWIDE
CALENDAR

3. Moved by Genest, supported by Hubler, to approve the Macomb County Common Calendar for the 2019/20 school year as, recommended by Administration Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

RETIREMENTS

4. Moved by McCullough, supported by Farley, 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.

Barbara Comparoni
Bus Driver

Denise Jackson
Principal

Dee Gore
Teacher SEI

Mary Matthes
Paraprofessional

James Gullen
Consultant

Mary Jo Megel
Speech Pathologist

Linda Izzo
Bus Driver

Ronald Rappaport
Bus Driver

Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.


INFORMATION AND
INQUIRY

Superintendent DeVault and Assistant Superintendent Pritchett provided an update on the recent tragedies of students from Utica Community Schools and a summary of the support provided by the MISD crisis intervention team. They also provided an update on other recent school issues.

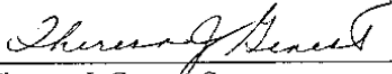
ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



John A. Bozymowski, President



Theresa J. Genest, Secretary