

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Administrators Present: DeVault, Alberti, Bodiya, Elias, Martin, Mullen, Pritchett

President Bozymowski welcomed new Board member, Brian White, who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the passing of our dedicated and dear Board member, Max McCullough. Mr. White comes with a lot of experience and over two decades of serving on a local Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

1. The Agenda was accepted as presented. Moved by Genest, supported by Hubler. 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 Mr. Hubler. Time would be allowed under Section II, A.

INTERESTING THINGS  
ABOUT STAFF AND  
STUDENTS

Superintendent DeVault reported that he attended two events in Lansing today: one with Senator Jones, who unfortunately introduced legislation to jeopardize intermediate school districts, and he will share more details later in the meeting. The other event was a meeting regarding Evaluations and Reading and Retention legislation, which is still in session and may go all night long. We are working on amendments for the ISDs.

Superintendent DeVault reported that we received correspondence from Sue Trombley, Warren Consolidated School Board President, regarding an incident with one of our bus drivers, who had encountered traffic obstruction, due to construction, and impatient and rude drivers. Mrs. Trombley was very proud of the MISD bus driver, who reacted very polite and handled the situation in an excellent manner.

Glen Peters staff hosted annual Treats for Transportation to thank our transportation staff for their hard work and provided them with positive behavior support tools to support students on the bus.

Glen Peters PTO purchased bully prevention books and Bluetooth speakers for every classroom.

The Macomb Daily highlighted a field trip our SXI students took to the Detroit Symphony Opera.

Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, is the "2nd Annual Trunk of Treat" at Bovenschen School. Last year, over 75 students and their families participated, along with staff. This event takes place starting at 6:00 p.m. in the school parking lot and is sponsored by the Bovenschen PTO.

Bovenschen will be having "Spirit Week" the week of October 19th. The themes during the week are as follows:

Monday: Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday: Pajama Day

Wednesday: Lancer Gear/School Colors Day

Thursday: Wear Your Favorite Sports Team Day

Friday: Halloween Shirt/Black and Orange Day

This coincides with the "PBS Kick Off Assembly" on Wednesday, October 21st at 10:15 a.m.

The "Flu Clinic" will be at Bovenschen on October 21st to provide staff the opportunity to receive their flu shots from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On October 23rd, the front of Bovenschen will be turned into a "pumpkin patch." Students will be treated to donuts and cider, as well as trick or treating in the gym. This is all set up and donated by the Warren Elks Club.

On Saturday, October 24th, our building will be the host of a Macomb/St. Clair Autism event with parents, student activities and a Halloween celebration. It starts at 1:00 p.m. and our Board is welcome to attend.

October 30th is a school wide trick or treat activity at Bovenschen. Students dress in costume and go door to door inside the school.

At Lutz School for Work Experience, 38 Completers were eager to be fitted with their Completer Rings. These rings will be presented at a ceremony on December 3rd.

A student (Michael), in Patti Hoekstra's class, was proud to announce he had secured competitive employment. Michael was hired at Sheena's Market in Romeo. This was a joint effort with Joe Delegato, Patti Hoekstra and Vicki Wright from MRS, working collectively to prepare Michael for this moment.

PE teacher Bob Kruse and three other Lutz staff led 14 Lutz students to the Fall State Special Olympics in soccer. Our soccer team was excited to participate and proud to return with a gold medal.

Deanna Jury, from the Assessment Center, offered a session on a “Good Night’s Sleep” to MIPP and Early On parents last Wednesday evening.

On September 30th, MIPP ESC had about 40 families visit Blake's Cider Mill. They enjoyed a hayride out to the pumpkin patch to pick pumpkins, followed by a walk through at the petting farm/zoo. They then ended their trip with cider and doughnuts for all. It was great weather and over 100 individuals participated.

Neil Reid High School raised \$1,446 dollars in a softball tournament with the goal of raising enough money to send Neil Reid students to Camp Tamarack for a Leadership Experience. Neil Reid also received a \$3,000 donation from ICL Incorporated, which made it possible to fully fund Camp Tamarack for 20 Neil Reid Students (November 20-22).

Over 40 Macomb County manufacturers opened their doors to hundreds of high school students on October 2nd for the National Manufacturing Day. This event, which is a partnership with the Macomb County Executive Office, was coordinated by Scott Palmer, CTE Consultant. We were also honored with the attendance of the Undersecretary of Commerce from the White House during one of the tours.

Dr. Thomas Koepke was invited to present to Wayne State University, Child Psychiatry Fellows and Pediatric Intern Clinical Psychologists, on Wednesday, September 30th, on various topics regarding special education programs, services, and legal requirements.

On October 8th, the SRS Visually Impaired and Orientation and Mobility departments provided a day of professional learning for over 30 administrators, professionals and support staff. The topic was “Seeing from Different Points of View.”

In the morning, there was a keynote presentation, providing an overview of visual impairments and orientation and mobility. Following the keynote, several presentations were made by the staffs of the VI and OM departments. During the afternoon, participants attended sessions on Braille reading, tactile graphics, the Nemeth Code, mobility instructions, classroom accommodations, iPad/technology integration, audio textbooks, and software capabilities specific to students with VI.

One of the highlights of the day was when the participants were provided with eyewear to simulate, in a limited way, the challenges and triumphs that our students experience.

EDUBLOG NETWORK  
IMPLEMENTATION  
PRESENTATION

Beth Alberti, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Services, reported that the Macomb Intermediate School District teachers expressed an interest in implementing an online network platform, Edublog, that would feature informational links and blogging features for their classroom. Dr. Jennifer Moore, Instructional Technology Consultant, along with staff members, Kathy Fandale and Tim Zimmerman trained teacher coaches on the Edublog Campus online program. The Edublog classroom site was implemented in the 2014-15 school year for classroom staff, parents and student participation. Teachers can customize their site and there is complete control for privacy with users and content.

Dr. Moore provided an overview of Edublog, along with the following MISD Edublog coaches: Elizabeth Torchala, AI Program teacher for secondary students; Shawn Frezza, AI Program teacher for students ages three to five; Patti Hoekstra, Lutz Community Coordinator for students ages 18 through 26; and Adrienne Ballor, Lutz Teacher for Introductory Program and the MISD Special Treasures Store. The teachers explained how they are using Edublog with their classrooms and featured examples from their sites. Information and links include: classroom schedules, upcoming events, classroom assignments, contact information, music, pictures of students participating in lessons, projects and activities, book of the month and links to valuable resources for parents and students. Parents can email the teachers and blog information, which teachers control and monitor. The program has been very successful and beneficial. By March of 2015, there were 101 blogs and 93 users. By October, 2015, there were 152 blogs (out of approximately 200 teachers in the district) and 136 users.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT  
PLAN

George Butler, legal counsel, provided an update on important legislative issues. He explained that there are proposed legislative bills that could seriously impact public education statewide, which include jeopardizing intermediate school districts and takeover of Priority schools. Priority schools will be under the control of the Governor's Department of Management and Budget. The lack of oversight by the Michigan Department of Education and the State Board of Education may have negative implications for the local districts and the intermediate school district. There are multiple concerns regarding governance, outsourcing, finance and other issues. He will continue to keep administration and local superintendents informed.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by Farley, supported by White, to approve the October 15, 2015 Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CTE  
ASSESSMENT  
PURCHASE

3. Moved by Hubler, supported by Farley, to authorize Administration to purchase CTE Technical Skills Assessments from NOCTI in the amount of \$24,000, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTENT  
MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEMS PURCHASE

4. Moved by Hubler, supported by Farley, to authorize the acquisition of consulting services and related software from Hannon Hill for the MISD Website modernization project, in an amount not to exceed \$3,800, as recommended by administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

RETIREMENTS

5. Moved by Genest, 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

Kathy Baecker AI Teacher	Katie Klein Assistant Principal	Darlene Lauhoff Paraprofessional
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Bonnie Moroni Paraprofessional	Faith Rambow Bus Driver	Lisa Rziemkowski Paraprofessional
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Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND  
INQUIRY

Assistant Superintendent Pritchett provided a brief overview of the 2015-16 Countywide School Improvement Plan. She reviewed the Advisory Steering Committee names, which consisted of educators, business and community leaders.

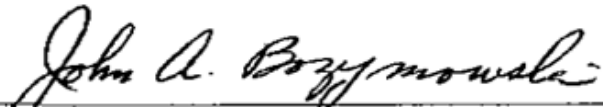
She also reviewed the subcommittees, which will develop the school improvement process, consisting of superintendents from Macomb's local school districts.


An Advisory Committee planning meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2015 and the final report is due February 5, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

  
John A. Bozymowski, President

  
Donald R. Hubler, Secretary