

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 28, 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: Alberti, Bodiya, Koepke, Pritchett, Rilley

1. The Agenda was accepted as presented. Moved by Genest, supported by White. 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  
STUDENTS AND STAFF

Superintendent DeVault reported that the Friends of Macomb Township had a pasta dinner and raffle on Saturday, October 24th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at St. Isadore. All proceeds from the dinner benefit Glen Peters School.

The SXI classrooms 9-14 at Glen Peters participated in a literacy unit group activity. The book they are currently reading is "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The activity included bowtie making for the boys, flapper headband making for the girls, and wearing apparel of the era for a photo session. They also were able to enjoy refreshments, all while jazz music was playing in the background. This unit will end with the students performing in several taping sessions that will be compiled together to create their own version of "The Great Gatsby." The parents will be invited to our premier show.

The Bozymowski Center is in the process of developing a School Wide Positive Behavior Support program. In order to build school pride, the staff and students voted on a mascot and school colors. The winning mascot was "The Bozymowski Bear" and the colors are purple and silver.

Bozymowski Elementary staff and students are collecting hats for kids with cancer.

The MISD Autism Program has a goal this year to find fun ways to connect our staff that are working in eleven different locations around the county. This past weekend, the Bozymowski program hosted a Road Rally on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, to start this process of connecting staff and uniting the program. Ten cars participated with close to 50 people in attendance. Proceeds from the Road Rally will be donated to the Bozymowski Center.

Lauren Laicu-LaPaugh, Autism Teacher Consultant, has been working with the Transportation Department to create visual rules to be posted on every MISD bus, as well as pictures that will be attached to lanyards that will assist drivers and aides with communication with our developmentally disabled students and students with autism. AI staff provided training to the transportation staff in the fall, and hope that this combined effort will help our transportation staff better understand the communication needs of the students, and provide tools to help our students better understand the expectations and requests of our drivers.

The AI program has 27 teachers who are still in their first four years of teaching, and they will be hosting “After School Specials” for our staff this year. These “After School Specials” will be two hours, voluntary training opportunities for staff, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and will provide professional growth and learning opportunities for the teachers. Teachers in their first three years of teaching can use these sessions toward hours needed for certification.

The first session will be held on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, and will be about “Structuring Your Classroom to Meet the Needs of Students with Autism,” and will be presented by Allison Geist, Elementary Program Associate.

Mary Meldrum, Principal, and Allison Geist, Elementary Program Associate, were asked to present a one day pre-conference session at the Annual Michigan Council for Exceptional Children State Conference. The session will focus on providing a visual approach to learning in the classroom to best meet the needs of students with developmental disabilities, including Autism. The session will be held in Grand Rapids on March 2nd.

Thursday, October 22nd, was the famous Halloween Dance at Lutz School. Over 150 students enjoyed a great night of dancing. The Parent Group had pizza for all participants. Over 25 staff members helped chaperone the dance.

Recently, a cookie sale was held and over \$150 was raised for United Way.

One of the Lutz students had her bike stolen from a local store. When two Lutz staff members heard this, they were quick to find a bike and deliver it to the student’s home. She was so excited again to have her wheels.

One of the Lutz students (Scott) has been invited by State Representative Anthony Forlini to witness the ceremonial signing of the ABLE Act legislation on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, in Lansing.

The ABLE Act stands for "Achieving a Better Life Experience." The bill, which passed the committee, would allow family members and people with disabilities to start a bank account in which funds could be used for medical, housing, and employment expenses in the future, which cannot be counted as a resource when applying for public assistance. Our student, Scott, will be traveling to Lansing with his mother.

Rockwell School received a grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan to participate in a Building Healthy Communities grant. This grant will allow training and equipment to plan for development of healthy school parties and strengthen physical education classes

Over 400 people attended the annual CTE Advisory Committee event where area business people meet with CTE teachers, in particular career clusters to collaborate on the changes in career expectations. These discussions assist the county CTE teachers with changes in their curriculum and instruction.

Mrs. Genest thanked Superintendent DeVault, on behalf the Macomb County School Boards Association, for the great educational report he gave at their meeting in Roseville on October 27, 2015. Superintendent DeVault mentioned that Roseville did an outstanding job featuring their career prep programs. The students also did an excellent job painting a replica of the famous Diego Rivera's *Detroit Industry* mural.

SCHOOL BASED  
SERVICES SPECIALIZED  
TRANSPORTATION  
SERVICES  
PRESENTATION

Beth Alberti, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Services, reported that the Macomb ISD has been billing Medicaid services for special education students for over 15 years. Over the past six years, we began to look into billing specialized transportation services to Medicaid for the special education students who receive health services. Tom Koepke, Special Education Director, and Katy Irwin, Special Education Accountant, have developed procedures to streamline the transportation billing services, which is a very complex project, and provided a summary of the process.

Special education specialized transportation services include transport to and from the student's pick-up and drop-off site where Medicaid health services are provided. There are approximately 270 trips per day. These trips include student sessions for specialized services, such as, speech therapy, occupational therapy, social worker and other specialized services per their IEP. There are requirements that must be followed before Macomb is able to bill Medicaid for student transportation, including documentation of logging routes and data entry maintained in an Edulog data file.

Prior to 2010, reports were handwritten and the process was extremely time consuming. Staff moved to bubble sheets and streamlined the process in 2010, led by a team in the Special Education Department.

These individuals brainstormed and conducted research for several months before finally deciding to select Teleform Technology.

Technology bubble sheets are used by the bus drivers, who are trained to use and complete logs for each student's trip. They are scanned and reviewed prior to submitting the data reports. The forms are reviewed and verified, then submitted for Medicaid reimbursement. Mrs. Irwin provided a summary of the process and included sample logs and forms. She explained that the new process is more effective and more accurate which is beneficial for monitoring, auditing, and accountability. The reimbursement increased tenfold.

We have received inquiries from other ISDs; and Dr. Koepke and Mrs. Irwin presented the project at a statewide conference. Superintendent DeVault is the MISD representative and has played a major role in the Medicaid Program statewide. Paul Bodiya, Chief Financial Officer, and the MISD team, also assist in the project. Dr. Koepke complemented Mrs. Irwin, Mary German, Project Technician, and all the staff for doing such a great job on this process.

President Bozymowski expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board of Education, for the excellent presentation and thanked the staff for their great work overseeing this responsibility in tracking the data.

## SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS PRESENTATION

Judy Pritchett, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Sean McBrady, Social Studies Consultant, who provided a summary of the Michigan Social Studies standards. In 2013, the College, Career and Civic Life Alignment Project was implemented to develop the new social studies framework. Through a national three year collaborative effort, each state can accept, adopt, or reject C3 and each state may re-name or modify C3 and upgrade their state social studies standards. This framework was developed from the 2006 framework to improve the standards with new thinking and new ideas for assessment in social studies instruction.

Some of changes include: clarified language for long, redundant or confusing content expectations, removal of some parenthetical examples; reintroduction of language about Core Democratic Values in early grades; increased depth of knowledge (e.g., Changing of "Identify" to "Identify and explain"); and deletion of a few multiple content expectations that were redundant, low level, or unnecessary.

Public comments continued into the fall of 2015 and have delayed MDE's action and implementation. However, they are reviewing the new standards currently and will be consideration adopting them at the January State Board of Education meeting. Superintendent DeVault mentioned that there is some controversy from the legislature regarding ethnic comments, civil rights and poverty standards, and MDE is trying to address this.

President Bozymowski expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board of Education, for the great and informative presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2. Moved by Genest, supported by Hubler, to approve the October 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAC MEMBER 3. Moved by Farley, supported by White, to approve the appointment of Mrs. Catherine Green, Reach Academy, to the Parent Advisory Committee for the 2015-2016 school year, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

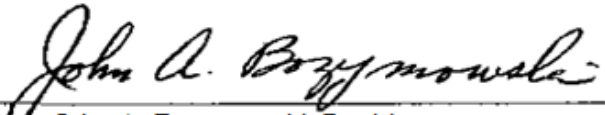
INFORMATION AND INQUIRY President Bozymowski reported that Dr. Jennifer Parker Moore gave an excellent presentation, on behalf of the MISD, at the MASB Conference on Blended and Hybrid Learning. The audience was very enthusiastic about the virtual learning methods.

President Bozymowski commended Don Hubler, on behalf of the Board of Education, for his outstanding service as President of the MASB this past school year. This year's MASB Conference was one of the finest he has attended.

President Bozymowski shared communications of sympathy expressing condolences on the passing of Board member Max McCullough.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

  
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John A. Bozymowski, President

  
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Donald R. Hubler, Secretary