

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 11, 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, Mullen, Pritchett

President Bozymowski asked to pause for a moment of silence in Honor of Veteran's Day and in recognition of all the veterans, especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

1. The Agenda was accepted as presented, with the addition of an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Moved by Genest, supported by Hubler. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

INTERESTING THINGS
ABOUT STAFF AND
STUDENTS

Superintendent DeVault mentioned that on Veteran's Day, it is important to note that approximately 98% of veterans who lost their lives were from traditional public high schools. He reported that he attended important legislative meetings in Lansing today.

Superintendent DeVault announced that the next board meeting date will be moved to Tuesday, November 24, 2015, due to the holiday, and held at Keith Bovenschen School.

Superintendent DeVault also reported that the Glen Peters staff and students welcomed over 60 parents and 40 volunteers into the building for Trick-or-Treating this year. Students enjoyed trick-or-treating with volunteers from the Dakota 9th grade center.

SXI teachers arranged to have dancers from a local dance studio perform a swing dance for students as part of their Great Gatsby/Roaring 20s literacy unit.

Once again, Glen Peters has partnered with a 4th grade teacher at Ojibwa for the Peer Pal program. Ojibwa students assist in Peters' classrooms weekly.

The Human Services classroom at Lutz School for Work Experience was recognized in the Church of Christ newsletter as a model for "volunteerism" and for the services Lutz students provide for the elderly.

Lutz student, Chris, was named Usher of the Year at St. Mary's Church in New Baltimore.

The Lutz students and staff will honor our Veterans in a special Veteran's Day tribute. Lutz is expecting a number of veterans to attend this student-led ceremony.

On Monday evening, November 9, SRS Vision Services presented to the staff from Children's Hospital Eye Center. Staff members from the Clinton Township, Detroit, and West Bloomfield offices participated in a presentation providing them with information regarding vision evaluations and services in the school setting. In addition to providing referral information to the staff, the SRS Visual Impairment Teacher Consultants and Orientation and Mobility Specialists provided a comprehensive overview of the evaluation process, services provided, and equipment and materials provided to students as tools for accessing the curriculum and learning, as well as O & M services within the school, community and home settings.

Over 80 MIPP families went to the apple orchard at Westview and had a great time.

There were 60 MIPP and Early On families that visited Weigand's Nursery and had cider and donuts and experienced the various Halloween activities.

The Alexander Graham Bell Michigan State Conference was held at the MISD. Over 75 educators of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing attended this excellent in-service

The MIPP Home Team obtained a \$1,000.00 grant from Jamie's Smiles.

On Thursday, November 5, over 400 high school and middle school students attended a Student Diversity Summit at the Macomb Community College South Campus. The purpose of the day-long summit was to provide breakout sessions for students to discuss diversity and develop action plans to provide programming within their own schools.

President Bozymowski reported that he and Mr. Farley attended the Roseville Community Schools brunch in honor of Veteran's Day. There were approximately 75 veterans that attended. The veterans were very gracious and appreciative. Mr. Farley noted that Superintendent Kment expressed sincere gratitude to the veterans in a heartfelt message during his speech. The Roseville Culinary Arts students provided an excellent meal.

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.

CITIZENS PRESENT/OMA

George Van Loon asked various questions involving instruction and curriculum.

Superintendent DeVault stated that we will have someone follow-up with a call in response to his questions and noted that our primary job at the Macomb Intermediate School District is special education programs and services for students and families in Macomb County.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS PRESENTATION

Beth Alberti, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Services, reported that each year Special Olympics holds athletic competitions, which take place at local, regional, state, national and world levels. Students from the MISD participate in several of the events. She introduced Sherry Dick, MISD Adaptive Physical Education teacher, who is the Macomb Special Olympics Area 14 Director for Macomb; and Jean Lambert, the Special Olympics Southeast Regional Manager for Michigan Special Olympics, who provided an overview of the Special Olympics in Macomb and Michigan.

Special Olympics was founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Special Olympics offers 32 Olympic-type summer and winter sports to more than 5 million athletes in 226 programs in 170 countries and over 400 competitions statewide. More than 750,000 volunteers and 300,000 coaches worldwide contribute their time and expertise to help Special Olympics reach as many athletes as possible.

This past year, Macomb had one of the largest participation in games in the state with 1,800 athletes, which included 500 volunteers. Special Olympics athletes are placed into divisions based on age, gender and ability. There are 23 sports offered at seven state level competitions. Students train year round for the competitions and programs are provided at no cost to athletes.

Special Olympics Michigan is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization supported almost entirely through corporate funding, individual gifts, and special events and without the support of state funds. The generosity of Michigan organizations, individuals, and statewide businesses enable the program to continue.

Macomb County also has seven schools participating in Project UNIFY, a Special Olympics program, for students with and without disabilities, working together to help change school climate by promoting respect and unity opportunities for all students.

Sherry Dick and Jean Lambert provided information and shared pictures of students participating in the summer and winter games. There will be local games in May of 2016 at Macomb Community College. Ms. Dick

thanked the Board of Education, Superintendent DeVault and Ms. Alberti for all their support. Ms. Alberti presented Sherry Dick and Jean Lambert with a Years of Service Appreciation Award, on behalf of the Board of Education.

President Bozymowski expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board of Education, for the excellent presentation and their dedication and commitment to the students participating in Special Olympics.

MANUFACTURING DAY – 2015 PRESENTATION

Superintendent DeVault reported that the national Manufacturing Day was held on October 2nd this year. Macomb County's participation was rated as the number one activity in the State and across America. County Executive Hackel attended the event, as well as other community leaders. Superintendent DeVault met with the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press yesterday and shared the success of this excellent program.

Judy Pritchett, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Scott Palmer, Director of Career Technical Education, who does a phenomenal job for Career Technical Education (CTE) in Macomb County and Michigan's southeast region to provide training opportunities for students. He works very diligently with employers to provide real life experience and training to develop students' skills.

Mr. Palmer provided an overview of the Manufacturing Day event. He reported that on Manufacturing Day last year, 1,200 students visited 42 manufacturing sites. This year, 1,772 students participated and there was at least one busload from every high school in Macomb County visiting manufacturing sites. There were 56 tours, which visited 56 sites. Macomb had the honor of receiving a special guest, Jason Miller, Special Assistant and Deputy Director, of National Economic Council from the Office of the President of the United States. The manufacturing companies sponsored costs for T-shirts, which featured company logos; and printed banners and fliers; as well as transportation reimbursement.

Mr. Palmer provided an overview of the various companies that participated, as well as the Planning Committee members. He also reviewed the job demand needs for the future and education and skill training required. Currently, there are 200,000 jobs unfilled across the country and the average age of manufacturing employees is 55. Therefore, the need for skilled training is very high. This year's event has expanded to Oakland and Wayne Counties; where they had 800 and 500 students, respectively. There will be a Career Day Expo on December 3, 2015, at Macomb Community College, which will include robotics, engineering and technology.

President Bozymowski expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board of Education, for the outstanding presentation and important work that is being done for the students in Career Technical Training.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL
KINDERGARTEN
TRANSITION KITS
PURCHASE

3. Moved by Genest, supported by White, to authorize Administration to purchase prepared Kindergarten Transition Kits, as recommended by Administration in the amount of \$132,790.00
Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Moved by Genest, supported by Farley, to move into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Roll call vote Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

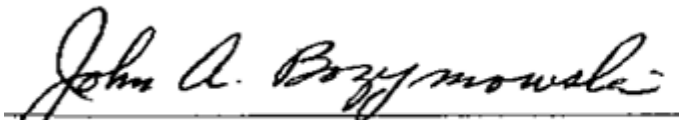
The Board moved into executive session at 7:20 P.M.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:59 P.M.

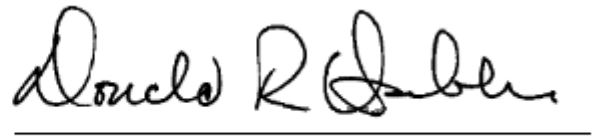
ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.



John A. Bozymowski, President



Donald R. Hubler, Secretary

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