

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Bozymowski, Genest, Farley, Hubler

Administrators Present: DeVault, Alberti, Bodiya, Bollinger, Elias, Mullen, Pritchett, Riley

President Bozymowski asked to stand and pause for a moment of silence in memory of Max McCullough.

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

1. The Agenda was accepted as presented with the addition of an Executive Session to discuss pending negotiations. Moved by Farley, 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 Mrs. Genest. Time would be allowed under Section II, A.

INTERESTING THINGS  
ABOUT STAFF AND  
STUDENTS

Superintendent DeVault reported that the Glen Peters PTO hosted an Open House for parents and students on September 8th. Families had an opportunity to meet the PTO, join committees, meet their new classroom teacher and enjoy a summertime treat.

Glen Peters School staff and students will be treated to lunch on September 17th, compliments of the Alhambra's service organization.

The Glen Peters Golf outing will take place on Saturday, September 19th at Oakridge Golf Club.

Lutz School for Work Experience welcomed 43 new students to Lutz on the first day of school.

Joanne Elkin, Early Childhood and Early Literacy Consultant, reports that the Macomb ISD is participating in the Kindergarten Home Visiting Project that is being conducted in partnership with researchers at the Center for Child and Family Policy at Duke University. The goal is to provide Macomb schools/teachers with a powerful opportunity to increase parents' understanding of the role(s) they play in their child's education, encourage their involvement at home and/or school, and develop a collaborative relationship with the parents and children.

In August, Kindergarten teachers from Anchor Bay Schools, Warren Consolidated Schools, and Warren Woods Public Schools participated in home visits. Data from this pilot will be collected from administrators, teachers, and families to evaluate the positive impact of teachers home visits on family engagement and student transition to Kindergarten.

Superintendent DeVault reported that during the last three weeks, the MISD Educational Service Center has held multiple trainings and workshops. There have been new bus driver orientations and several local districts have held Board and administrative workshops. There were approximately 170 senior citizens here today for a Life-Long Lunch and Learning event.

This week begins the first week of school for most local districts and so far everything is running smoothly.

Superintendent DeVault shared the following tribute statement for Max McCullough, published in a recent SEMCOG regional update: “SEMCOG lost a dear friend and a loyal supporter with the sudden death of Max McCullough, Vice President, Macomb ISD Board of Education, on August 25, 2015. He made lasting contributions to regional policy and to a far better Southeast Michigan region. We could always count on Max for leadership in virtually every aspect of our regional agenda – education, of course, but also transportation, finance, and review of regional projects. In 2003, SEMCOG recognized him as a Regional Ambassador, its highest award. No one was more deserving.”

Superintendent DeVault confirmed that a Special Board Meeting will be scheduled for September 16, 2015, to appoint a candidate to fill the vacancy on the MISD Board of Education. The regular Board Meeting scheduled for September 23 may be cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

Superintendent DeVault has been attending legislative meetings in Lansing, which have been extremely challenging regarding legislation on evaluation, reading retention, special education and the Detroit bailout. We are trying to protect the IEP, and the bills are very troubling. Assistant Superintendent Alberti commented that it is very disconcerting when people that have no educational background are writing the legislative bills that impact special education students.

## PARAPROFESSIONAL AWARD PRESENTATION

Paraprofessional Award. Beth Alberti, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Services, and Paula Elias, Director of Center Programs, provided an overview of the Angie O'Donnell Paraprofessional of the Year Award for outstanding service. Angie O'Donnell was a former teacher and assistant principal at Keith Bovenschen School. She was very dedicated to special education students

and understood that the paraprofessional plays an important role in the classroom. One of her attributes and strong beliefs was team work. Every year, each building nominates a paraprofessional, and then a nomination committee reviews the candidates and selects the winning nominee. Vickey Traub is the award recipient this year. Her peers and administrators have recognized her excellent qualities as a paraprofessional.

Mrs. Elias introduced Vickey Traub, paraprofessional from Neil Reid High School, and presented her with the award. Vickey has been a Paraprofessional with the MISD for over 13 years and has worked over ten years in the instructional technology classroom. She was chosen to receive the Angela O'Donnell Paraprofessional Award for the 2014-15 school year because of her commitment and dedication to special needs students at Neil Reid High School. Mrs. Elias shared the following comments from her colleagues:

“She is able to seamlessly adapt to any situation and/or personality that she is presented with.”

“She is skillful in assisting students at all times, and never hesitates to take small groups of students or even leading the entire classroom when necessary.”

”She truly cares about and knows her students.”

Mrs. Elias also noted that Vickey volunteers her time on many student projects, including the yearbook. She is very effective in speaking to the students when they feel troubled. She has a commanding yet soft voice which brings positive results with the students.

Vickey accepted the award, expressed her appreciation and commented that she loves her job and looks forward to going to work every morning. Vickey's husband was present at the meeting to wish her congratulations, along with Neil Reid Principal Michael Croy, Special Education Teacher, Gerry Goodwin and Paraprofessional Union President, Jeff Whittle.

John Bozymowski expressed congratulations, on behalf of the Board of Education, to Vickey Traub for her dedication and hard work and commitment to the students of Macomb. The Board looks forward to this presentation every year, and wished her good luck in the new school year.

## MACOMB COUNTY 2015 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

Judy Pritchett, Chief Academic Officer, and Beth Alberti, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education, presented a summary of the following Macomb ISD 2015 Summer School Programs:

- Children First Summer Camp (Homeless Education Program)
- Getting Ready for Kindergarten and Summer ELL Camp
- KinderConnect and First Fundamentals
- Linking Literacy and Science

- Macomb Summer Tech Camp
- Mathematics Summer Camp
- Building Bridges for Super Kids Summer Camp MISD Activities
- Daily Living (ADL) Camp (For Students with Visual Impairments)

Dr. Pritchett reviewed some of the instructional lessons and activities and included pictures of students engaged in the summer learning activities. Students participated in literacy, mathematics, science, physical and technology activities, as well as other lessons and activities. This year, the homeless student camp was provided expanded support so that those students were also able to participate in the other camps, including the Boys and Girls Club Camp.

Ms. Alberti provided an overview with illustrations of the summer camp programs for students with special needs. MISD students and students from the local districts attend the camps. The mission of the camps is to provide opportunities to practice the development of appropriate social interaction skills in a safe, secure, fun and natural environment. Students particularly enjoyed the Work Experience Camp and the field trips, where they were able to learn yoga, rock climbing and canoeing.

Staff from the local district taught the camps. The camps were held at the Macomb ISD and at Westview Elementary School, Richards Middle School and Ojibwa Elementary School. Dr. Pritchett and Ms. Alberti shared student and parent feedback, which was very positive and indicated great appreciation for the enriching opportunities.

President Bozymowski expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board of Education, for the outstanding presentation and was very impressed with the quality of the enriching expectations for students participating in the activities. This is a very rewarding program for the students of Macomb County.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by Farley, supported by Hubler, to approve the September 9, 2015 Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF  
AUDIOLOGICAL  
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

3. Moved by Hubler, supported by to authorize Administration to approve the purchase of audiological equipment in the amount of \$110,000.00, as recommended by Administration Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF  
TRAINING ROOMS  
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

4. Moved by Genest, supported by Farley, to purchase fifteen Epson PowerLite model 1985WU 3LCD projectors and associated supplies and accessories from Data Image Systems in an amount not to exceed \$26,310, as recommended by administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CENTRAL  
TRAINING ROOMS  
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

5. Moved by Hubler, supported by Genest, to purchase a Panasonic PT-DZ21K projector and associated supplies and accessories from Troxell Communications in an amount not to exceed \$58,779, as recommended by administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


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

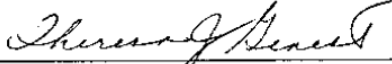
The Board moved into executive session at 7:10 P.M. The regular meeting resumed at 7:58 P.M.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

  
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John A. Bozymowski, President

  
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Theresa J. Genest, Secretary