

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Bozymowski, Genest, Farley, White

Member Absent: Hubler (excused)

Administrators Present: DeVault, Alberti, Bodiya, Cummins,
Mullen, Pritchett, and Rilley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. The Agenda was accepted as presented. Moved by Farley, supported by White. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

OPEN MEETINGS
COMPLIANCE

President Bozymowski appointed Brian White as Acting Secretary (in Don Hubler's absence). He then asked any patrons wishing to be heard to fill out a form for that purpose and submit it to Mr. White. Time would be allowed under Section II, A.

INTERESTING THINGS
ABOUT STUDENTS AND
STAFF

Superintendent DeVault reported that a Night of the Rocks, a very large county-wide Science Olympiad event, was currently being held at the ESC with over 300 people in attendance.

Glen Peters staff, Christine Kerney (SSW) and Shirley Farnsworth (PSYCH, hosted an afterschool Sibshop for Siblings of Glen Peters' students. This is a wonderful program for siblings of students with special needs.

The Peters PTO hosted the Annual Parent Child Valentine dance. Students decorated the gym with a variety of Valentine crafts, a "beauty shop" was set up for students and siblings to prepare for the big dance. We had a wonderful turnout and a good time was had by all.

Twelve athletes and five chaperones from Peters traveled to Traverse City to compete in Special Olympics. Athletes enjoyed the competition, the comradery and other great activities.

Staff and students participated in the annual Valentines for Veterans event this year. Over 300 valentines were made and given to a representative from the local VA hospital during a ceremony at Glen Peters on February 8th.

Lutz recently received word that their grant application had been approved by the Macomb Autism Society. This grant approved for purchase the following items: Cash register for students to practice their

money handling skills; Camera for students with interest in photography; and Sensory items for a student.

Twelve students from Lutz enjoyed the State Special Olympics in Traverse City last week. They participated in snow shoeing events and were able to meet the Wertz Warriors, who treated the students to snowmobile rides. Students returned with medals and lifetime memories and they were chaperoned by staff members Christine Pilon and Sue Catanese.

The High School HI (Hearing Impaired) Center Program won the CEC (Council for Exceptional Children) award for the Entrepreneurial Classroom. This Center Program located in Lakeview serves the entire county for Deaf and HOH (Hard of Hearing) students who need a self-contained placement. One of the products which they sell was given to each secretary at the Christmas luncheon sponsored by MCAASE for the Directors and their secretaries.

MIPP ESC and MIPP Millar facilitated parent meetings in January on Speech and Language Therapy and Communication. Parents always appreciate these outstanding sessions and the turn-out was great.

Early On sponsored a Bumper Bowling Event at Sterling Lanes for Early On children and their parents. Over 40 attended this monthly opportunity offered by Early On for families in the community.

During the month of January, the staff and students raised \$330 for St. Jude as they held weekly fundraisers (Bake Sale, Hat day, Pajama Day and School Colors).

The Auto Detailing class took a trip to the North American International Auto Show to take a look at emerging technologies in the auto industry.

Lisa Block, Transportation Supervisor, received the 2015-2016 National Association of Professional Women of the Year Circle. She is recognized with the prestigious distinction for leadership in transportation services and logistics.

On January 31, staff from the MISD serviced over 100 people in completion of their FAFSA forms. This form is necessary for any student to receive financial aid whether it is a scholarship or a loan.

Over 400 people attended the CTE Celebration on February 5, where students from all of our county's high schools were honored for their accomplishments. Most Macomb County legislators attended this event also.

MARTIN LUTHER KING AWARDS PRESENTATION

Judy Pritchett, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Sean McBrady, Social Studies Consultant, who presented to the Board the Macomb County students who were recipients of the MLK awards. Mr. McBrady provided background information about the MLK awards and shared that the event has grown significantly over the past five years, starting as an art activity, but now including essays and oratory portions for students at all grade levels in Macomb County. This year the event received over 300 art entries. The artwork will travel for the next year and end up on display in the Educational Service Center.

Mr. McBrady read a letter from Reverend Michail T. Curro, Executive Director, of the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice (ICRJ) thanking MISD for partnering and forging the way with the student art contests: “Rise Beyond the Horizon” Mel Miller Memorial Award as well as the MLK Holiday event.

Sean started the presentation with the High School Art Awards:

- Honorable Mention went to Christina Mendez, Senior, from Dakota High School/Chippewa Valley
- 2nd Place went to Sarah Dalmer, Senior from Stevenson High School/Utica
- 1st Place went to Stephanie Peltier, Senior, from Dakota High School/Chippewa Valley
- The Middle School Essay Competition Award was presented to: 2nd Place – Nathan Ryan, 8th grade, Richmond Middle School
- The Elementary Oratory Competition Award went to: Makia Peyton, 6th grade, Duncan Elementary/Utica

Makia performed her award-winning oratory for the Board of Education and audience members.

President Bozymowski thanked the staff for their hard work in coordinating the MLK competition, event and awards.

2015 M-STEP RESULTS PRESENTATION

Dr. Pritchett provided an update on the 2015 M-STEP Result. Every student in Macomb County took this test online. The test results/graphs discussed were of the combined grades 3-8 and 11. The analysis of these results showed that Macomb County results are the similar statewide results in all areas. These results are baseline this year and will be used to assist our districts in making changes to influence an increase in scores next year. The MISD continues to work with educators.

President Bozymowski thanked Dr. Pritchett for the information.

**INFORMATION AND
INQUIRY**

Superintendent DeVault provided an update on East Detroit Public Schools and the CEO/Emergency Manager proposal, and will forward a copy of the Press Release to the Board Members.

Superintendent DeVault informed the Board that Max McCullough's family contacted him yesterday regarding a memorial donation the family would like to establish with the MISD in Mr. McCullough's honor. The Board expressed their appreciation of the memorial to recognize the long serving Board member.

Superintendent DeVault mentioned that a special board meeting may be needed on February 17, 2016 for review of the County Improvement Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**PARENTING
AWARENESS MONTH**

3. Moved by Genest, supported by White, to approve March as Parenting Awareness Month, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

**EDUCATIONAL
MATERIALS FOR
KINDERGARTEN
TRANSITION PROGRAM**

4. Moved by Genest, supported by White, to approve the Recommendation for Educational Materials for Kindergarten Transition Program, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

RETIREMENTS

5. Moved by Genest, supported by White, 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.

Juliano Bodell
Bus Driver

Ann Iannamico
Paraprofessional

Regina Delegato
Administrative Assistant

Ann Perring
Paraprofessional

Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.


**SPECIAL REPORTS AND
FUTURE BUSINESS**

President Bozymowski thanked Superintendent DeVault and MISD staff on the victory in court this past week. The court prevented the gag order from going forward. This was due to the great job from all MISD staff.


ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



John A. Bozymowski, President



Brian White, Acting Secretary

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