

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Genest at 4:08 p.m.

Members Present: Genest, Hubler, Farley, White and Schulte.

Administrators Present: DeVault, Bodiya, Michalak, Flye, Riley, Cummins and Frank.

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

1. The Agenda was accepted and moved by Farley, supported by Schulte. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

INTERESTING THINGS

Superintendent DeVault reported that on Sunday they had over 300 parents and students from Peters for a holiday party. Today we had a MIPP holiday party and parents were so grateful for what staff has done with their children.

The state of the county address took place last week where Executive Hackel acknowledged the work of the ISD and Alesia Flye, Chief Academic Officer presented to the Richmond Board of Education.

Friday morning we will have legislators visiting our building to have an overview of our partnerships and programs and Friday evening we will be hosting the POHI holiday party.

OPEN MEETINGS  
COMPLIANCE

President Genest asked patrons wishing to be heard to fill out a form for that purpose and submit it to Mr. White. Three minutes per person would be allowed under Section II, A.

REPORT ON  
TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

Teresa Upina and Matt Dowdy, Directors of Transportation provided an update on their visit to Tyler, Texas. Their visit included a route tour where they could see how the equipment worked as well a question and answer with the drivers. The new program includes a medical alert, pre and post trips, student checks, and a sleeping child alert and is user friendly. The MISD had the company map the entire county so that other districts could utilize in the future if they signed on with the new equipment and software. The company recently came to the ISD had installed the equipment on 166 buses in 7 days with 59 of them on a weekend. Our mechanics were able to spend an entire day with the company to learn how to install and remove the equipment. The tablets will be delivered by the end of January and the office staff will pilot them for a period of time and then drivers will complete a two day training with the product going live after March 18, 2024.

The group also recently visited the Tulsa bus plant. While there they

could see how the organization built the buses

## FACILITIES UPDATE

Brian Smilnak of Wakely and Associates presented to the board the latest rendering of the new special education building. We are constantly analyzing the building to find areas that could make the building more efficient as well as refining items to save on costs. The stormwater detention will be located under the parking lots which will eliminate the need for retention ponds. We have modified the size of the cafeteria, some office and conference space as well as changed the bleachers from the gymnasium and added general purpose storage. We are currently working on adjustments to reduce the amount of glass at the front of the building to create energy efficiency. We will be modifying the sunshades from the outside of the building.

Daryl Dombrow of Barton Malow provided an updated cost calculation as the team continues to look for ways to save money. The building has been adjusted by \$2.2 million with review possible. The schedule has remain unchanged and the building demolition bid was awarded for a lower than budgeted amount. The building is currently slated to be complete by September of 2026.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. Moved by Schulte, supported by Hubler, to approve the November 21 2023 minutes, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

## RETIREMENTS

3. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following retirements:

Thomas Chilcote  
Building Operator

Moved by Farley, supported by White, that the Board of Education accept, with regret, notification of retirements as per the above, and express its deep appreciation for their efforts on behalf of the Board and its Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

## ESC- TRAINING/CONFERENCE ROOM AUDIO/VIDEO UPGRADES

4. Mark Cummins, Chief Information Officer stated that the equipment and installation in educational field has been a great success over the years but the equipment in our educational service center meeting rooms has reached the end of its service life. The equipment is over twenty years old and replacement components are becoming more difficult to find. We piloted one room and have had great success with the new equipment so we are requesting to complete an upgrade to the remaining meeting rooms.

Moved by Schulte, and supported by White to authorize Administration to award the Audio/Video Upgrades Project at the

Educational Service Center to VSC, as recommended by Sal Pellerito, Paul J. Bodiya and Chris Frank in an amount not to exceed \$165,244.00.

Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

FACILITIES UPDATE

- 5. Sal Pellerito, Director of Buildings and Grounds stated that NOVA had completed their initial inspection and discovered the building has low amounts of asbestos. Sal was able to obtain three bids and the price was reduced dramatically do to the timing and amount of asbestos.

Moved by Farley, supported by White, to authorize Administration to award the Asbestos Abatement Project at Fillmore Elementary to Midwest Environmental Inc. as recommended by Sal Pellerito, Paul J. Bodiya and Chris Frank in an amount not to exceed \$79,000.00.

Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

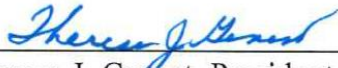
SPECIAL REPORTS AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Superintendent DeVault reported that given conflicting schedules, the January 10, 2024, Board meeting time may be changed to 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

  
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Theresa J. Genest, President

  
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Brian White, Secretary

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