

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Hubler at 4:09 p.m.

Members Present: Hubler, Farley, White and Schulte.

Members Absent: Genest (excused).

Administrators Present: DeVault, Bollinger, Bodiya, Rilley, Flye, Michalak and Frank.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

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

OPEN MEETINGS
COMPLIANCE

Vice President Hubler 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.

GROW YOUR OWN

Dr. Alesia Flye, Chief Academic Officer presented to the board regarding Grow Your Own. The MDE grant that was received by the ISD offers a full ride for students. We have 25 students eligible this fall.

Sarah Strohbeck, College and Career Readiness Counselor presented that this is the only program in the state for High School students. The grant was originally written for early college graduates and teacher cadets that graduated. There will be two cohorts with one beginning in the fall of 2023 and another in the fall of 2024. Currently there are 17 students enrolled for the first cohort which will cover all tuition, books and certifications and those funds will be available to these students until the end of 2026.

Each cohort has commitments and expectations that include a monthly cohort meeting, paid work experience to districts while in the program, must teach in Macomb County after their degree for as many years as in the program, expansive opportunities for student teachers and partnership agreements with districts to support each student. Students are currently enrolled in the following areas: elementary education preK-3 and grades 3-6, early childhood birth-K and preK-3, secondary education and special education. Our fall cohort has twelve students attending Oakland University, three students attending Wayne State University, one student attending Grand Valley and one student attending Eastern Michigan University.

Similarly, Justin Michalak, Assistant Superintendents of Special Education and Student Services has begun a “Grow our own”

program here at the MISD. This program guarantees paraprofessionals will obtain a full-time teaching job after completion of the program. All Candidates had to complete a FASFA in order to apply for the future educator grant. The grant will not cover all costs so districts agreed to pick up the rest of the cost but paraprofessionals must remain in the county. We currently have 19 committed in the county from 7 different districts. In September the MISD submitted a proposal to cover for the next three years and if we receive that grant we could have upwards of 200 new teachers.

Vice President Hubler added that a unique set of programs we have created that give opportunities and makes a pathway possible.

BOND/CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE

Brian Smilnak of Wakely and Associates presented to the board the latest rendering of the new special education building. The building will be roughly 130,000 square feet with thirty two classrooms that all have exterior exits into courtyards. There will be three parking lots with approximately 277 spots for staff, parents and visitors. The design offers the capability of adding an additional twelve classrooms for future development.

Daryl Dombrow of Barton Malow provided a snapshot in time with the costs of about \$89.1 million and allows for design and escalation contingency for things we may not know yet. They have also included a construction contingency for change orders. Demolition should be complete on the site in May of 2024 with the completion of the building in September of 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Moved by Farley, supported by White, to approve the September 27, 2023, Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND
FUTURE BUSINESS

Superintendent DeVault reported that given conflicting schedules, the October 11, 2023, Board meeting may be canceled or the time may be changed to 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Donald Hubler, Vice President

Brian White, Secretary

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