

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bozymowski at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

1. The Agenda was accepted and moved by Genest, supported by White. 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 Mr. Hubler. Time would be allowed under Section II, A.

INTERESTING
THINGS ABOUT
STUDENTS AND
STAFF

Superintendent DeVault welcomed back Treasurer Farley after recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

The following Assistant Superintendents were asked by Superintendent DeVault to introduce current and new leadership to their departments who were recently promoted and hired. Mark Cummins, Chief Technology Officer, introduced Michael Trachsel who is the new Systems and Telecommunications Manager. Justin Michalak, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education Student Services, introduced Jennifer Rogers, new Principal of the Secondary AI Program at Bozymowski; and Jennefier Egan, new Assistant Principal at Bozymowski. Paul Bodiya, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Salvatore Pellerito the new Director of Building and Grounds; and Patricia Hifko, the new Director of Transportation. On behalf of the Board of Education, President Bozymowski welcomed all of the new employees to the MISD family.

Yesterday, former MISD Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Judith Pritchett was sworn into the Michigan State Board of Education in Lansing and both Superintendent DeVault and Secretary Hubler attended the ceremony.

The IAM recently celebrated 10 years of providing excellent learning experiences for students. Principal Eric Sturm, staff and students facilitated a wonderful celebration. Many alumni returned for this celebration. Additionally, prior to the celebration, alumni returned to speak with current students about their college experiences.

Lutz School for Work Experience Student Council collected items to make holiday stockings for needy individuals around Macomb County. Over 100 stockings were delivered to the Department of Human Services and donated to both young and elderly individuals throughout the County.

The Lutz PE Department hosted basketball teams from Glen Peters, Bovenschen & Woodland on Tuesday for a series of games to practice for the upcoming Special Olympic tournament.

Another Lutz student has been hired for the night shift at Kroger and starts over the holidays!

Lutz completers had the opportunity to see A Christmas Carol at Meadow Brooke Theatre to celebrate their last year as Lutz students.

The Lutz parent group is feeding the entire building—students and staff—this Thursday to celebrate the holidays.

All of our students participated in our second annual Ninja Warrior Competition. Our adaptive PE teacher Pam Penkala and paraprofessional Gary Vojtasak set up an obstacle course that all of our students participated in throughout the week and earned a certificate for completing the course!

On November 9th, Lutz's Veterans' Day Committee, lead by Susan Pavloff, put together a fabulous ceremony honoring 12

veterans who are related to or family or friends of Lutz students. The emotional ceremony brought tears to attendees, and Lutz staff was appreciative of the support from the Board and administration from the MISD that day.

National Apple Crunch Day was held October 23rd where every student and staff member in Center programs bit into an apple at 1:00 p.m. Westview Orchards donated 2,500 apples for the event.

MIPP recently received a grant from Seedlings Braille Books for Children in the amount of \$2,550 to be used to purchase braille books for our students and families.

On Wednesday, MIPP Romeo will hold holiday festivities.

The UAW and Kiwanis sponsored 13 families by providing gifts and food for the holidays.

The Jamie's Smiles Foundation, which was founded by one of our former MIPP parents, continues to provide thousands of dollars in donations each year for our families in need by providing gifts and household needs for our families.

MIPP Rockwell had a wonderful party with Santa today and served pancakes and ham for the MIPP families! Over 75 people attended the fun event including President Bozmowski from the Board and Don Bollinger, Deputy Superintendent.

The MIPP ESC event will be on Wednesday (President Bozmowski donated many, many beanie babies for party)! MIPP Millar and MIPP Home Program will host their events on Thursday!

Twenty students from Neil Reid recently attended a field trip to MCTI to explore post-secondary options on October 24th. Several Neil Reid students also had the opportunity recently to tour Macomb Community College to hear about their Jumpstart Program aimed at providing post-high school options for students.

On Wednesday, November 7th, Neil Reid students participated in an OK2SAY school-wide assembly. OK2SAY empowers students to break the code of silence and speak out and confidentially report threatening behaviors.

Rockwell Middle School hosted their first Family Activity Night of the school year on Tuesday, October 30th. There were in excess of 65 students and family members who attended the event where they trick-or-treated from room to room; participated in craft stations and games in the gym and student lounge. It was a huge success and helped increase the very important partnership between school and home.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION

Superintendent DeVault started the recognition of the MISD Board of Education by expressing his gratitude and appreciation of the Board and staff who make up a culture of people who want to work together and do the right thing for students and families.

To honor the Board, on behalf of the administrative team, Justin Michalak, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services, presented each Board member with products made by MISD students: a wooden plate board with a red apple and verse painted on it—“An investment in education pays the best interest.” The next gift made by students was a wooden wall sign with “Home” stenciled on the board—the “o” being a stencil of the shape of the Michigan mitten and upper peninsula. Kristi Martin, Director of Management Technology, expressed her appreciation of the Board and thanked them for all they do for the students and families in Macomb County. She also presented the Board with student and department mementos on behalf of the whole Management Technology team.

President Bozymowski thanked everyone in attendance and declared that this is a labor of love who like to interact with the students and parents. Trustee White added how thankful he is for the shared talents of the MISD staff; and Secretary Hubler

added how he admires the work the MISD does. President Bozymowski continued to share how valuable the work the MISD does is throughout the whole state of Michigan.

LITERACY UPDATE

Alesia Flye, Chief Academic Officer, and Lisa Rivard, ELA Consultant, updated the Board on the literacy document created by the ELA team which was recently presented to Macomb County and the state of Michigan, for part of the “Read by Third Grade” legislation which will affect next year’s third grade students. An overview of “Macomb County’s Comprehensive Approach to Effective Literacy Instruction” training modules was given to the Board. The comprehensive approach includes: MISD PreK-12 Literacy Framework; MISD PreK-12 Indicators of High-Quality Literacy Instruction and Literacy Learning Modules. The eight-day training targeted for second-grade teachers is very comprehensive, thorough and collegial. The Macomb County team has received requests for the materials from throughout the state.

Dr. Rivard shared that for the last three years, the president of the Michigan Reading Association (MRA) has been from Macomb County. The MRA publishes annually a statewide journal earmarking the celebration of Michigan’s student authors in the Kaleidoscope publication. Dr. Rivard gave each Board member a copy of the 2018 Kaleidoscope MRA publication. Each March at the MRA conference the students are honored. The student manuscripts are selected by the schools throughout the state. Macomb County has always been extremely well represented in this publication and has been a great highlight. In March, 2018, there were 79 submissions from across the state, and 56 came from Macomb County. All published student authors, parents and schools are celebrated each year at a statewide luncheon. Each winning student receives a Kaleidoscope booklet, and the families have the opportunity to purchase additional copies. Each student is also awarded a medal. For the students who cannot afford to attend the statewide event, MISD will be hosting a dinner on May 7th at the Italian Cultural Center.

This March, 2019, there will be 62 authors published in Kaleidoscope and 44 are from Macomb County.

Dr. Rivard shared that she is frequently asked at the MRA Conference why Macomb is so well represented, and she always responds, “We never miss an opportunity to celebrate students.”

President Bozymowski declared his amazement after reviewing some of the student author essays inside the booklet and thanked both Alesia Flye and Lisa Rivard for their commitment to literacy and this presentation.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Moved by Farley, supported by Hubler, to approve the January 9, 2019, Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION
COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM PURCHASE

- 3. Moved by White, supported by Genest, to authorize the purchase of a dual-mode Transportation Communications System and associated support/warranty contracts from C3 Business Communications in a total amount not to exceed \$145,770.20, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

COMPUTER SERVER
DATA
MANAGEMENT/BACK
UP SYSTEM
PURCHASE

- 4. Moved by Genest, supported by Hubler, to purchase a Computer Server Data Management and Backup System and the related three-year Maintenance Contract for the system from Inacomp TSG in a total amount not to exceed \$187,604, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

SPECIAL REPORTS
AND FUTURE
BUSINESS

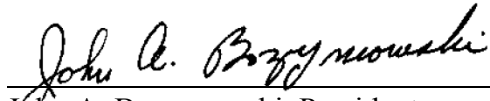
Superintendent DeVault reviewed the upcoming calendar schedule with the Board which included the School Board Orientation sponsored by the Macomb County School Boards Association on Thursday, January 17 at 6 p.m.

The time for the January 23, 2019, Board Meeting may be changed to begin at 4:30 p.m. due to conflicting schedules.

ADJOURNMENT

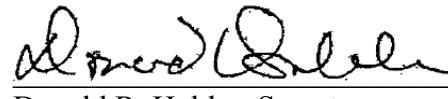
5. Moved by Farley, supported by White, to adjourn. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



John A. Bozymowski, President

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Donald R. Hubler, Secretary