MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 14, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Genest at 4:07 p.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INTERESTING THINGS

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

Superintendent DeVault reported that Carolyn Thomas was invited to a roundtable discussion on Michigan School Meals at Eastern Market with the Undersecretary of Agriculture, Stacy Dean and Senator Debbie Stabenow. They discussed the successes that school meals are seeing in Michigan as well as the challenges that districts are facing and the need for a greater supply chain/food hub connection between local farmers who have products to sell and the school districts who would like to purchase from them and support their businesses. Carolyn Thomas will also be hosting three Ontario officials from the Office of School Nutrition as they tour different school nutrition service models in Macomb County. She kicks things off tomorrow at Flynn followed by visits to a High School, Middle School, Elementary school and the central kitchen facility at Warren Consolidated Schools.

Macomb County Center Programs MISD SIBSHOP- Sensory Exploration, is being held on March 20th at Bovenschen from 5-7 p.m.

AI Secondary students in SAP had a great time playing basketball at Dakota High School. One student, River Tyll will be participating in the Frozen 5K at the Polar Plunge. Teacher Mary Meeker received her PhD. The post-secondary students are working with the Motor City Rockers to foster relationships.

Bovenschen's physical education classes have been observing healthy heart week and this Thursday will end with a student/staff healthy heart basketball scrimmage and skill event. This annual event is always enjoyable for the students and staff who participate as well as those that come to watch. On February 23rd, Bovenschen will hold its own Ice Bucket Challenge. Students raised money to support Special Olympics and the students in each classroom who raise the most money will be able to dump ice cold water on the staff they choose from the staff participants. The classroom that raises the most money

will win an ice cream treat.

Lutz's Antonia Pullen had her drawing chosen for the Christmas card this year and received a letter congratulating her. Student Amanda Neister was hired at Popeye's. The staff/student basketball game is Thursday the 15th at 8 a.m.

Maple Lane students went to American House today to play Valentine's Day conversation heart bingo with the residents.

Deb Stephan, Rockwell Program Associate had her college basketball number retired from Oakland University on February 10th. Brandon Bush, Rockwell Teacher, was named the MHFSCA High School Assistant Coach of the Year and was honored in Lansing.

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.

Justin Michalak, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services, introduced Jaimie Fons and Mallory Frank, ISD consultants that work with AAC Core Boards, assistive technology and universal design for learning which helps support students to engage. The department created a 21 things 4 educators that is a self-paced learning platform, there is a read/write tool that provides resources for home which may include text-to-speech, dictation, dictionaries and translators. There is also an assistive technology leader four day training where individuals join a cohort to learn about accessibility and supporting reading and writing. There are currently 132 active leaders in the county. The ISD also houses an assistive technology library.

In terms of the AAC (augmented alternative communication) boards, 320 teams have been trained on these devices which has led to a 400% increase in purchased dedicated AAC devices throughout districts. There are currently four different types of boards in use and even the exclusive playground that is going to be built will utilize our boards as they are recognized everywhere.

Superintendent DeVault added that he has watched these devices, programs and initiatives evolve over a long period of time and it has been a tremendous help to students all over the county.

2. Moved by Farley, supported by White, to approve the February 14, 2024 Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

OPEN MEETINGS COMPLIANCE

AAC CORE BOARDS

CONSENT AGENDA

PAC RECOMMENDATION-
ANCHOR BAY SCHOOLS

3. Moved by Hubler, supported by White, to approve the appointment of Ms. Kristin Bajoka, Anchor Bay Schools to the Parent Advisory Committee for the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

MASB

4. Moved by Schulte, supported by White, to adopt the Resolution electing the Region 8 MASB Board of Director. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Superintendent DeVault reported that given conflicting schedules, the February 28, 2024, Board meeting may be canceled or the time may be changed to 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Theresa Genest, President

Brian White, Secretary

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