

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
February 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Genest at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Genest, Hubler, Farley, White and Schulte.  
Members Absent: None.

Administrators Present: DeVault, Michalak, Flye and Frank.

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

1. The Agenda was accepted and moved by Hubler, supported by White with the removal of the CTE presentation. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

INTERESTING THINGS

Superintendent DeVault reported that students from Flynn Educational Center will be volunteering for Friends of Detroit Animal Care and Control (DACC) to make enrichment kits/supply kits. These kits come with all the supplies needed to make treats and toys for shelter animals.

Eighteen Lutz students who were selected by teachers and their paraprofessionals attended the Oakland University basketball game on January 27<sup>th</sup> as part of the P.A.W.S. school wide positive behavior support initiative. Nine Lutz students along with three staff represented both Lutz and Area 14 at the Special Olympics winter games in Traverse City this past week. They will have a celebratory assembly this coming Thursday to honor their athletes.

The MIPP infant program held their second parent support group on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Parents learned about infant massage and were able to make connections with other parents. MIPP recently received a generous donation of car seats and other baby/toddler items from Gretchen Bates, Chairperson of Jamie's Smiles Charitable Fund. The donated items will be distributed to children and their families in need in the MIPP program.

Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services, Justin Michalak reported that he attended the Lutz ring ceremony this week where thirty one completers were acknowledged. They had a huge turnout and the administration did a fabulous job.

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.

2025 MEL MILLER AWARD  
WINNER

Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Alesia Flye is excited to share the winner of the Mel Miller award. The award was established in

memory of long-time Macomb County educator Mel Miller who sought to teach students the highest level of personal involvement in the pursuit of equality for others. It is designed to focus on the important role of education in helping students “rise beyond the horizon” in vision and in action as they become the future citizens of the world. This year’s award winner is Mr. Tyson Wright. Mr. Wright is a native to Pontiac, has an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, a graduate degree from Marygrove College and is a history teacher at Mount Clemens Community Schools.

Principal Dennis Veal II reported that it is a great honor to recognize Mr. Wright. He is a superhero in Mount Clemens Community Schools where he is passionate about his students and the community. Mel’s daughter continues the legacy and honor to continue bringing classrooms to life where everyone is included. She wanted to thank Mr. Wright for his hard work, time, effort and passion.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by White, supported by Schulte, to approve the February 12, 2025 Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### RETIREMENTS

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

Dana Buchowski Paraprofessional	Diana Jackson Paraprofessional	Joanne Newman AI Teacher
Diane Sterck Paraprofessional	Deborah Stolarski Paraprofessional	

Moved by Farley, supported by Hubler, that the Board of Education accept, with regret, notifications of retirement 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.

#### 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.

#### PAC RECOMMENDATION- L’ANSE CREUSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

5. Moved by White, supported by Hubler to approve the appointment of Jennifer VanderMark, L’Anse Creuse Public Schools to the Parent Advisory Committee for the 2024-2025 school year as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### INTELLISPARK PRO BY SCHOLARCENTRIC PURCHASE

6. Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Alesia Flye reported that this tool has been requested by student support teams throughout the county as it gives the whole child focus and the cost is based per student. Utica Community School has been using it for a number of years with great

success. We have interest from Utica, Chippewa Valley, New Haven and Eastpointe to purchase this product utilizing our Strong Connections grant.

Moved by Farley, supported by Schulte, to authorize Administration to purchase IntelliSpark Pro by ScholarCentric for Middle and High Schools in the county not to exceed \$1,487,166.00 using the Strong Connections grant fund. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### CHANGE ORDER APPROVALS

7. Juli Sala of AEW reported that detention system standards are more stringent as we go through the permit process and both city and county had to make changes. The solution is to make one detention system smaller and one larger. There is also an additional change order for the splash pad sanitary system which incorporates a separate sanitary line of approximately 1,200 feet to be added to the property due to health department codes. Additionally, Brian Smilnak of Wakely reported that after looking into fabrication drawings there was a two inch discrepancy so the doors and windows needed to be raised in order to match the outside accent. There was also the need for a change order to cover the electrical controls to the splash pad as well as stubbing out for a future garage. Finally, the structural engineer discovered that a number of interior walls that are load bearing will need an extra thickness added to the slab underneath as they are above nine feet will crack the slab. Under question by Board Member the architect reported their error.

Moved by Hubler, supported by White, to authorize Administration to approve change orders related to the new school project, in the amount of \$434,061.69. These changes orders were presented for approval by Barton Malow. After administration reviewed the change orders, Chris Frank has concurred with Barton Malow's recommendation. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### SPECIAL REPORTS AND FUTURE BUSINESS

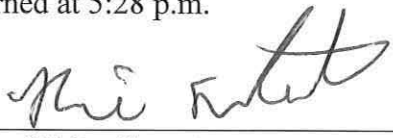
Superintendent DeVault reported that given conflicting schedules, the February 26, 2025 Board meeting may be canceled or the time may be changed to 4:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

8. Moved by Schulte, supported by Farley, to adjourn. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

  
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Theresa Genest, President

  
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Brian White, Secretary

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