

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Genest at 4:03 p.m.

Members Present: Genest, Hubler, Farley and Schulte.

Members Absent: White.

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

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

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

OPEN MEETINGS
COMPLIANCE

President Genest appointed Michael Schulte as Acting Secretary (in Brian White's absence). She then asked patrons wishing to be heard to fill out a form for that purpose and submit it to Mr. Schulte. Three minutes per person would be allowed under Section II, A.

EARLY CHILDHOOD
FRAMEWORK

Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Alesia Flye introduced Joanne Elkin and praised her for the work she has done throughout the county on the Early Childhood Framework. We see numerous requests from outside of the county.

Joanne Elkin, Early Childhood/Early Literacy Consultant provided an update on the Early Childhood Framework. Social/emotional is a learning domain and if not in place children cannot learn. It becomes a problem when behavior consistently affects learning. Teachers see a lot of behaviors in classrooms, so Joanne brought a team together to create the early childhood guidebook. This guidebook is a continuous resource to guide and support children. The layout includes data collection forms, strategies for specific behaviors, classroom visuals and resources. We have a policy and always focus on standards to drive instruction. The learning environment has to be in place. It needs to be inviting and have things labeled at a child's level.

The framework also lays out guidance for classroom expectations and uses a screener and curriculum. Joanne is also providing professional development for communicating with families. The framework provides sample behavior plans and uses visual support as an effective strategy for young children.

President Genest asked if every district in our county is utilizing. Joanne Elkin stated that every GSRP teacher in Macomb County has the document, and it would be relevant for anyone dealing with children.

Superintendent DeVault added that he is a huge fan of this framework; it is relevant, simplistic and an operational piece.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by Farley, supported by Hubler, to approve May 14, 2025, Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

BUS CAMERA SYSTEM PURCHASE

3. Assistant Superintendent of Business Chris Frank stated that these systems are something we have been looking at for a while. We started with four systems and narrowed it down to two. Our local district Warren Consolidated Schools as well as Genessee ISD were able to demonstrate the product for us to help make this final decision.

Moved by Schulte, supported by Hubler, to approve the bus camera system purchase in the amount of \$734,641 from Radio Engineering Industries (REI) as recommended by Paul J. Bodiya, Chief Financial Officer and Chris Frank, Assistant Superintendent of Business in their memo dated May 5, 2025 and Teresa Upina and Matthew Dowdy, Transportation Directors in their memo dated April 25, 2025. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

STEAM & LITERACY SUMMER CAMP KITS

4. Chief Academic Officer Dr. Alesia Flye stated that this is an opportunity to update some of the materials that are funded by the out of school time grant.

Moved by Schulte, supported by Farley, to authorize Administration to purchase STEM kits from ECA Science Kit Services in the amount not to exceed \$44,549.13 from the approved Out-of-School Time (OST) grant authorized by the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP).

SPECIAL REPORTS AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Superintendent DeVault reported that given conflicting schedules, May 28, 2025, Board meeting may be canceled, or the time may be changed to 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.



Theresa Genest, President



Michael Schulte, Acting Secretary

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