

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bozymowski at 5:00 p.m.

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

Member Absent: None.

Administrators Present: Anderson, Berg, Bodiya, Bollinger, Clark, Collins, Croy, Cummins, DeVault, Dodd, Egan, Elias, Flye, Fontanive, Hifko, Jenuwine, Nader, Pilon, Michalak, Riley, Rogers, Shelton, Shubnell, Stephan, Sulkowski, Trachsel and Velazquez.

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 reported that the Instructional Technology and Management Technology Departments worked over the holidays helping a couple of school districts who were attacked by ransomware. Kristi Martin, Director of Management Technology, added the districts know we stand with them and are available to help them at all times.

Tonight Mike Croy, Principal, Neil Reid High School, is facilitating a New Teacher Academy her in the Educational Service Center.

Post-secondary students from the AI Secondary Program wrapped gifts for Friends of Foster Kids. Students and PTO family members have been asking about service-learning projects, and wrapping was perfect for our students. The

students were so proud to help. One student was quoted, “We helped other little kids today; we didn’t need the help—they did! We were like Santa’s elves doing good.”

Board members attended many of the following events hosted by MISD programs. Glen Peters School students enjoyed a holiday concert by the International Academy of Macomb. Special thanks to Music Director, Brad Arnold, for arranging this event.

Approximately 60 families enjoyed the Cookies with Santa event held by the Parents and Friends of Glen H. Peters last Thursday evening. Students were able to visit with Santa, decorate cookies, play games and enjoy refreshments.

Lutz School for Work Experience was excited to partner with several new community organizations for job training. After the holiday, three Lutz students will be having a work assessment completed at Home Depot. There will also be training at the Shelby Nursing Care facility. This is exciting as our students will be exposed to many new departments for training.

Lutz Student Council recently led a collection of items and stuffed over 100 stockings which were donated to Macomb County Department of Human Services.

MIPP and Assessment staff provided holiday assistance to over 50 families this holiday season with the help of our community partners including: The Shelby Foundation—Jamie’s Smiles; UAW Local 400; Kiwanis; Knights of Columbus, and St. Martin de Porres. In addition, the MISD Business Department adopted a MIPP family.

MIPP and Assessment staff also provided many holiday gift donations to Friends of Foster Kids; and as a team, donated time to help wrap holiday gifts for this organization.

During the month of November, the PACS Department collected items for All About Animal Rescue in memory of Denise Wellman, former secretary from MIPP Millar.

In addition, each MIPP site held holiday events this week complete with snacks, pancakes and ham, and visits and pictures with Santa. These events hosted hundreds of our MIPP families in total.

On December 11th, 2019, the Neil Reid High School “Jinglers” went over to the Lake Pointe Center Nursing Villa to spread some holiday cheer singing Christmas Carols.

Superintendent DeVault was recently presented with a basketball engraved with the MISD logo and signed by all MISD administrators at the last Administrative Council meeting.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION

Superintendent DeVault welcomed the Board to the annual Board of Education Recognition and acknowledged that it is because of the Board’s support and dedication of this organization that the employees are strengthened as a unified team working together to do the right thing for students and families.

Kristi Martin, Director of Management Technology, thanked the Board for all of their support and presented them with a gift of a freezable lunch tote filled with Michigan products including a pasty from the UP and Yooper bar.

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 which included: an engraved wooden plaque and a set of engraved glasses. Mr. Michalak also expressed Administration’s appreciation of the Board and thanked them for their support. Superintendent DeVault also presented to each Board member a 3-ring organizer tote.

On behalf of the Board, President Bozymowski expressed how proud the Board is of the MISD staff and administrative team for their dedication to the most precious commodity—our children. President Bozymowski thanked everyone and wished a very successful and happy new year with many interesting educational experiences.

## EARLY ON<sup>®</sup>

Dr. Lynn Fontanive, Director of Preschool and Assessment Center Services, and Lisa Collins, Supervisor, of Macomb Infant Preschool Program (MIPP) presented information to the Board regarding the Early On<sup>®</sup> program at MISD.

MISD's Early On<sup>®</sup> program is the first contact parents have with newborns and toddlers to age 3 with developmental delays or who are at risk for delays. The Early On<sup>®</sup> program was started in the 1960s at MISD; and Michigan is only one of five states mandated.

Early On<sup>®</sup> recognizes how critical brain development is in the first three years and helps educate parents on how to help their children. A list of "Established Conditions" was distributed to the Board that indicates automatic eligibility for Early On<sup>®</sup>. The referral process was discussed and comes from a variety of sources including pediatricians, Department of Health and Human Services, etc.

The Evaluation Process starts with an assessment appointment with an MISD Family Intake Coordinator who guides the family through the process to ensure the child receives appropriate evaluations. MISD holds an average of 50 appointments a week.

The differences between Part C and full services were discussed. If a child was assessed with more than 20 percent delay or an established health condition, they are eligible for Early On<sup>®</sup> Part C and may also qualify for MISD MIPP. When a child is found eligible for MIPP, they receive individualized services based on their needs. Services may include: teacher, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, social work, vision and hearing services, etc.

Upon time of transition, ages between 2.5 and 3 years old, the child will transition to their local school district or other program as appropriate. The resident district completes an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to secure those services.

President Bozymowski reiterated how unique these services are to the MISD and thanked Dr. Fontanive, Ms. Collins and their staff.

APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by Genest, supported by Hubler, to approve the January 8, 2020, Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

KINDERGARTEN  
TRANSITION KITS  
PURCHASE

3. Moved by White, supported by Farley, to purchase school materials for backpacks from Lakeshore Learning Materials, the low bidder, in the amount of \$138,450 as recommended by Alesia Flye.

Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

EXTENSION OF  
LICENSING  
CONTRACT WITH  
XELLO

4. Moved by Hubler, supported by White, to authorize Administration to extend the license with Xello (formerly Career Cruising) for employability development services in the county not to exceed \$150,000 using Perkins Federal Grant fund for the 2020-2021 school year. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

SPECIAL REPORTS  
AND FUTURE  
BUSINESS

Superintendent DeVault announced that, due to conflicting meeting schedules, the January 22, 2020, Board meeting will be canceled.

ADJOURNMENT

6. Moved by Genest, supported by Hubler, to adjourn. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



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John A. Bozymowski, President



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Donald R. Hubler, Secretary

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