

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Genest at 4:00 p.m.
Members Present: Genest, Farley, White and Schulte.
Members Absent: Hubler

Administrators Present: DeVault, Bollinger, Rilley, Michlak, Frank and Cummins.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

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

INTERESTING THINGS

Superintendent DeVault reported that the Secondary Autism Program had a very successful Macomb Food Drive. The students had an amazing time. The district was able to donate nearly half a ton of food to the Macomb Food Program, directly helping families in our community. This would not have been possible without everyone's willingness to donate, encourage students, and support this effort in so many ways.

The Lutz completers played in a basketball tournament against other MISD schools at Flynn on January 6th. They had a great time competing against each other. On January 21st, Lutz took 18 young adults to watch the Oakland Grizzlies men's basketball team in action. These students were the lucky winners of our December P.A.W.S. assembly drawing. Everyone had a fantastic time at the game. The Special Olympic Winter Games are taking place January 27th through 30th. Lutz sent nine student athletes to the games along with their chaperones.

Thanks to the initiative and collaborative efforts of Matt Freund from Management Tech and Sarah Ko, Peter's speech therapist, Peter's has started an Adaptive Video Gaming Club. It is an inclusive space where students with disabilities come together weekly to enjoy mainstream video games using adaptive tools (e.g., switches, adaptive controllers) and software (e.g., smart steering). Our mission is to foster social interaction, teamwork, and skill development through the exciting world of eSports. This program seeks to empower students to play independently while building confidence and connections in a supportive, fun environment.

On January 22nd, Neil Reid had a DEA agent come and talk to all students regarding the dangers of vaping and drug use.

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.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Daryl Dombrow of Barton Malow provided an update to the Board on the current construction project. The building is watertight and now we focus on finishes. We will have permanent heat in February. Tile and ceiling grid work is complete. The casework should wrap up in March and in April we will begin the pool commissioning, floor completion and start the final cleaning. From April to June, we will finish asphalt paving, landscaping, playgrounds, the splashpad, punch list, final cleaning and final inspection. We have had a few challenges along the way with manufacturer delays, contractor and labor availability and the spring weather. Mike Stobak of Barton Malow added that things are moving along well. There are always challenges but nothing concerning holding us up with contractors.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. Moved by White, supported by Farley, to approve the January 14, 2026 minutes, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

RETIREMENTS

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

Gail Lemmer Bus Driver	Linda Montgomery Paraprofessional	Michelle Bommarito Paraprofessional
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Julia Reed
Paraprofessional

Moved by White, supported by Schulte, that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, notification of retirement as per the above, and expresses its deep appreciation for their efforts on behalf of the Board and its Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW SCHOOL FURNITURE PURCHASE

4. Deputy Superintendent Bollinger praised Justin Michalak and Cathy Sukowski for the many hours of research and visitations regarding furnishings. They also included teaching staff in the selection. The provided the Board of Education a presentation of proposed purchases.

Moved by Schulte, supported by White, to authorize Administration to purchase furniture from Interior Environments, as recommended by Chris Frank and Justin Michalak in an amount not to exceed \$1,536,600. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

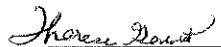
SPECIAL REPORTS AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Superintendent DeVault reported that given conflicting schedules, March 11, 2026, Board meeting may be canceled, or the time may be changed to 4:00 p.m.

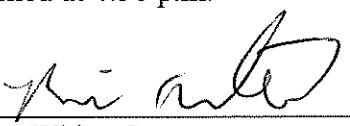
ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.



Theresa Genest, President



Brian White, Secretary

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