

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Genest at 5:01 p.m.

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

Administrators Present: DeVault, Bollinger, Bodiya, Michalak, Riley and Frank.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

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

INTERESTING THINGS

President Genest wanted to congratulate Mr. Michael A. Schulte and Mr. Brian White on their recent election to the Macomb Intermediate School Board.

Superintendent DeVault reported that yesterday Alesia Flye, Sarah Strohbeck, teacher cadet students and himself presented to the State Board of Education. The group received positive feedback and the presentation was well received.

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.

CAREER READINESS
AND COUNSELING
UPDATE

Superintendent DeVault introduced Sarah Strohbeck, a consultant from Macomb Intermediate School District. Sarah Strohbeck introduced herself as a product of this county as she spent most of her career as a school counselor for East Detroit. Her focus is to create a professional organization of school counselors where professional development is provided and focuses on the work that individual counselors need. Each year, Sarah works to place 650 students for job shadowing with the early college. She also maintains countywide initiatives to make sure students have more opportunities.

This year the ISD launched a student support symposium kick off rally for all of Macomb County. The rally was a full day event with over 120 staff and a huge representation from Oakland County where staff felt fully supported and invigorated about coming back in the fall.

The ISD has also provided one hour virtual career spotlight series and will be shifting to a college spotlight series next year. There is also a new counselor academy that provides four sessions for a crash course in school counseling as well as provides direct mentorships to individual counselors.

Sarah is also focusing on K-12 career readiness initiatives where she has arranged alternative high school visits, worked with English teachers to include resume writing, explores career electives at the elementary and middle school level, utilizes the Xello software across the county, created a Macomb Engage social media page, hosted a operation senior career fair and a teacher cadet academy.

Board members thanked Sarah for her amazing presentation and the difference all of these initiatives are making to the county.

PUBLIC HEARING

President Genest opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2023-24 Budget and asked any individual who wishes to address the School Board on the Proposed Budget, complete an inquiry card and submit it to Mr. Brian White, Secretary, for comments during this portion of the Agenda. Information cards and budget information are available during the meeting. Board action will occur later in the Agenda under Section IV. Action Items.

Since there were no comments, President Genest concluded the Public Hearing on the proposed 2023-24 Budget and asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Moved by Farley, supported by White, to close the Public Hearing on the proposed 2023-24 Budget. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE
CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Moved by White supported by Hubler, to approve the June 14, 2023, Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

**MACOMB COUNTY
COMMON CALENDAR**

3. Moved by White, supported by Farley, to approve the extension of the Macomb County Common Calendar for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 school years as recommended by the Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING AND
TENTATIVE APPROVAL
OF BYLAW #0142.1**

4. Moved by Farley, supported by Hubler, to approve the First Reading and Tentative Approval of Bylaw #0142.1. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

**APPROVE 2022-2023
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

5. Moved by Farley, supported by Schulte, that this Resolution shall be the general Appropriations Act of Macomb Intermediate School District for the fiscal year 2022-2023; an act to make appropriations, to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all income received by Macomb Intermediate School District in compliance with P.A. 621. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

PROPERTY TAX RATE

6. Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Chris Frank, stated that for the first time in eight years there are no rollbacks and the rate remains the

same as last year. We are not issuing debt however this fall they will issue a revised winter levy.

Moved by Hubler, supported by White that the MISD set its 2023 tax rates as follows: 2.5962 mills for Special Education, .1913 mills for the Allocated Operating and 1.8425 mills for the Enhancement millage, as recommended by Administration. These rates included an “additional” millage rate as defined by Section 24e of the Property Tax Limitation Act (Truth-in-Taxation) of .1463 mills for Special Education, .0108 mills for the Allocated Operating and .1038 for the Enhancement millage.

If Macomb County certifies assessment data and/or millage reduction fractions differently than those now estimated, the administration is directed to make the appropriate/ adjustments to levy the maximum allowable millage rate and to sign the required tax certification forms on behalf of the Board. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

ADOPT 2023-2024
BUDGET

7. Moved by Farley, supported by White, that this Resolution shall be the general Appropriations Act of Macomb Intermediate School District for the fiscal year 2023-2024; an act to make appropriations, to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all income received by Macomb Intermediate School District in compliance with P.A. 621.

A General fund operating tax rate of 0.1913 mills, and 1.8425 Enhancement mills and a Special Education Fund tax rate of 2.5962 mills will be levied to pay for the expenses described herein. However, if Macomb County certifies assessment data and/or millage reduction fractions differently than those now estimated, the Administration is directed to make the appropriate adjustments to levy the maximum allowable millage rate and to sign the required tax certification forms on behalf of the Board of Education.

BUS PURCHASE

8. Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Chris Frank stated that we were notified that the bus manufacturer we have utilized in the past will no longer continue with the current model and that a new model has not been set as of yet so they had set some buses aside.

Moved by White, supported by Hubler, to authorize Administration to purchase 15 International IC buses from Midwest Transit, as recommended by Matthew Dowdy, Teresa Upina and Paul J. Bodiya in an amount not to exceed \$2,122,886. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

AUDIOLOGICAL
PERSONAL HEARING
ASSISTIVE

9. Moved by Schulte, supported by White to authorize Administration to approve the purchase of Audiological Personal Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT) equipment replacement and updates from Phonak

TECHNOLOGY
EQUIPMENT

and Oticon, which are the sole providers, in the amount not to exceed \$145,000.00. All services will be purchased through consortium pricing as recommended by Administration.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND
FUTURE BUSINESS

Superintendent DeVault reported that given the vacation and work related availability, the next board meeting is tentatively planned for the last regularly scheduled meeting on July 26, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Theresa Genest, President
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Brian White, Secretary