

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Genest at 5:10 p.m.

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

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

President Genest asked for a moment of silence for Ester Ruby (Hollis) Campbell.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

1. Superintendent DeVault requested that Section II item C be moved before Section II item B.

The Agenda was accepted and moved by Farley, supported by Schulte with Section II item C moved before Section II item B. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

INTERESTING THINGS

Vice President Hubler attended the Macomb Business Awards and stated that they recognized hometown heroes, manufacturers of the year, workforce champions, and Wigs for Kids to name a few. The event provided a real sense of community.

Superintendent DeVault reported that on Tuesday, Henry Ford Macomb hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Henry Ford Tower. Most of the event was to thank Barbara Rossman for all her efforts and years of service. Henry Ford selected over 200 artistic pieces in Macomb County in coordination with Anton Art Center. On Friday they will host their grand opening.

Special Olympics took place at Macomb Community College today. Mark Hackel's team worked a race and a number of people contributed in doing good things. The crowd and participants were very proud and enthusiastic.

Last Thursday we hosted the Early College of Macomb graduation at Jimmy John's Field. Tuesday we will be hosting the Make a Difference Awards, Wednesday is the Arts in the Woods Annual Showcase at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Thursday we will host Earth Day in the bus garage. And the Mental Health Matters Awards will take place Thursday evening at Macomb Community College's South Campus.

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.

OUTSTANDING TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Superintendent DeVault stated that with partnerships with the hospital, government, community college and mental health professionals, we have something different here in Macomb. Tonight we honor our outstanding Teachers as it take a team.

Assistant Superintendent for Special Education & Student Services, Justin Michalak, introduced Principal Julee Anderson of Glen H. Peters School; Assistant Principal Brian Jex of Glen H. Peters School; and Principal Jack Dodd of Maple Lane School who introduced each of the outstanding Teachers and Paraprofessionals of the Year.

Principal Julee Anderson introduced Jason Wasielewski, High School Nominee- Glen H. Peters School

- “He is invested in his students and the communities in which they live.”
- “He is willing to lend a helping hand and be a resource to other professionals throughout the building.”
- “He believes all our students are capable of greatness and celebrates every accomplishment joyfully, whether great or small.”

Principal Julee Anderson introduced Amanda Hayes, Middle School Nominee- Glen H. Peters School

- “She is remarkable in being a welcoming ambassador to our new staff and students.”
- “She volunteers her time to improve our school’s culture for staff and students.”
- “Her ability and conscious effort to build rapport with her students is unmatched.”

Principal Jack Dodd introduced Kelly Mero, Elementary School Nominee- Maple Lane

- “There is no barrier that will stop our teacher from doing what she does best: inspiring students.”
- “She has transformed her positive attitude into the very inner workings of our program.”
- “She actively involves students in the brainstorming process.”

GROW YOUR OWN

Assistant Superintendent for Special Education & Student Services, Justin Michalak reported on the Grow Your Own MISD-WSU Certification Partnership. We currently have an extreme shortage in the special education realm. About three years ago we started conversations with Wayne State where the county will work with current paraprofessionals to become a teacher as they are invested with our kids and our community. We have worked with Wayne State

University to get the program down to about three years. The plan is to have 30 paraprofessionals in a cohort where they will go to school after work here at the MISD and attend two courses per semester and each last seven to eight weeks. The program includes certification in grades 3-6 general education and a special education endorsement in cognitive impairment or autism spectrum disorder. Students will be eligible for the Michigan Future Educators Fellowship (\$10,000 for up to three years) and does not need to be repaid if they continue to teach in Macomb County. Wayne State University and the Macomb ISD will be providing a mentors along with a district mentor.

Superintendent DeVault stated that Justin deserves credit for continuing to work with Wayne State University. If you are a paraprofessional it is impossible to stop working in order to complete this program. The program will open doors and we need to continue to elevate the profession and think of new things to assist.

Vice President Hubler added that this could expand into different programs in the future to help with educator shortages.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by Schulte supported by White, to approve the May 10, 2023, Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

COMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

3. Moved by White, supported by Hubler, to purchase Dell laptop computers and related equipment from People Driven Technologies of Byron Center, MI, in the amount of \$308,000 as recommended by the Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Motion was moved by Farley, supported by Schulte, to go into Executive Session to update the Board of negotiations. Roll Call: All present. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried. The Board moved into Executive Session at 5:57 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Superintendent DeVault reported that given conflicting schedules and employee events the May 24, 2023, Board meeting may be canceled or the time may be changed to 5:00 p.m.

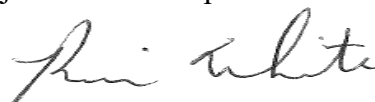
ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Theresa Genest, President



Brian White, Secretary