

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Genest at 6:34 p.m.

Members Present: Genest, Farley, White and Schulte.

Members Absent: Hubler (excused)

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

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

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

INTERESTING THINGS

Superintendent DeVault reported the elementary AI program at Sequoyah and Wilde will be celebrating Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving. We are going to reenact the feast seen in the cartoon while the movie plays in the background. Who doesn't want popcorn and jelly beans for dinner!

On October 12<sup>th</sup> the Secondary Autism Program held their Parent Teacher Conferences with an Ice Cream Social and on October 26<sup>th</sup> they hosted a Floor Hockey Tournament with Bovenschen, Peters and Lutz students. On October 28<sup>th</sup> Macomb Autism Connect held their annual Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat at Flynn. Sarah, a teacher that works with high school students with autism, was selected as WYCD's Teacher of the Week.

Bovenschen's PTO will recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Keith Bovenschen School on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Gazebo Banquet Center. Current Bovenschen and MISD staff, retirees, parents, and the family of Keith Bovenschen will come together to celebrate what this school has meant to them over the years. On October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Warren Elks provided all Bovenschen students with pumpkins, cider and doughnuts. Volunteers setup a trick or treat village in the gym for students to collect candy and other treats.

On October 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, the Early Childhood Department welcomed 451 early childhood educators to learn and develop a deep understanding of the recently approved Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Birth to Kindergarten.

Current Early College of Macomb student Abdullah, is a senior student from Cousino High School and recently presented to the Macomb Community College Board of Education about his experiences.

The MISD Disciplinary Literacy team enjoyed hosting the first two sessions of their seven session learning series and supporting this work through professional learning sessions in the Lake Shore, Utica and Richmond districts.

The Science IB Group 4 Project led by science department teachers, gave seniors the opportunity to experience real world science experimentation in the field. They traveled to Yates Cider Mill and conducted student designed interdisciplinary group experiments and then created presentation posters with their groups to present to their entire senior class.

The secondary mathematics team has been busy supporting our middle and high school teachers with Tier 1 instructional support aligned to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics effective teaching practices. Aligned with this work has been a regular presence in multiple districts as they work through the implementation phase of new, high-quality curriculum materials.

The K-5 Math Coaches Network is in its second year of implementation. The network has grown from year one to now include 31 coaches representing 12 of our local districts and 1 charter academy. The focus this year is supporting coaches as they work to impact Tier 1 instruction in their districts/buildings. We are facilitating learning labs so that we can see high quality instruction in action across the county.

On Saturday, the building was jammed with over 2500 people for our annual Macomb Reads celebration. This year included a number of authors, face painters and activities along with Joanne Purtan, Mark Hackel and over 90 volunteers.

#### 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.

#### CITIZENS PRESENT (OMA)

Rashidah Hammond, citizen of Mount Clemens, spoke to the Board of Education regarding the Mount Clemens Board vacancy. Ms. Hammond is a Mount Clemens resident that has worked for twelve years in the early childhood sector. She works for the County of Macomb with the Head Start and GSRP programs.

Alex Bronson, citizen of Mount Clemens, spoke to the Board of Education regarding the Mount Clemens Board vacancy. Mr. Bronson is a Mount Clemens resident and runs his own construction company. He has seen a number of students leave the district and wants to look for ways to attract people to the city to increase student enrollment at Mount Clemens Community Schools.

APPROVAL OF THE  
MINUTES

2. Moved by White supported by Schulte, to approve the November 1 2023 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:

Jennifer Parker  
Instructional Technology Consultant

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

MOUNT CLEMENS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APPOINTMENT

4. President Genest stated that the purpose of this portion of the Agenda is to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Education of Mount Clemens Community Schools and asked Superintendent DeVault for comments, Superintendent DeVault outlined the process for the Board and citizens present.

Superintendent DeVault provided a review of the appointment process, which began with the September 27, 2023 letter from Board President of Mount Clemens Community Schools, to Brian White, Secretary of the Macomb Intermediate School District Board of Education stating that: The Mount Clemens Community Schools Board was unable to appoint a candidate to fill the vacated seat on their Board within the statutory deadline during their Meeting on September 26, 2023, and requested, on behalf of the Mount Clemens Board President, that the MISD Board fill the vacancy by appointment, pursuant to MCL 168.311 of the Michigan Election law. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Stephanie O'Neal. The appointment expires December 31, 2024.

The MISD posted the notice of vacancy on its website and in local newspapers, which serves the communities that encompass the Mount Clemens Community Schools district. Mount Clemens Community Schools also posted the notice of vacancy on its website. The notice provided eligibility criteria and stated that Applications will be accepted through 4:00 p.m. on October 27, 2023.

Pursuant to this process, we have five candidates who submitted letters of interest for this Board's consideration. All five candidates and Mr. Rickman, President of Mount Clemens Community Schools Board of Education, were notified in writing of tonight's meeting by Brian White. The five candidates are: Alex Bronson, Rashidah

Hammond, Melissa Kowalske, Jason Monk and Paul Sheppard.

President Genest confirmed that MISD Board of Education has received letters of interest and resumes from the candidates. Also the Board of Education was provided letters of support and recommendations from a cross section of citizens and leaders in the county, President Genest asked what the pleasure of the Board is regarding the Mount Clemens appointment.

Secretary White said, "Serving on the Board of Education as we know is an important role. All of us have served or are currently serving locally and on the MISD Board. We appreciate the citizens who have volunteered to serve on the Mount Clemens Community Schools Board. There are many excellent candidates and we appreciate the communications we have had on behalf of the candidates from the community – from letters of interested citizens who are concerned for their school district.

After reviewing the information, support and information provided, this is a difficult decision for us to reach; however, I would like to nominate Jason Monk. I am impressed by Jason's outstanding background, support and that he had previously ran for the Mount Clemens Community Schools Board of Education.

Moved by White, and supported by Schulte to appoint Jason Monk, to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education for Mount Clemens Community Schools; said appointment to expire December 31, 2024.

Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

President Genest commended the candidates and expressed congratulations to Jason Monk on behalf of the Board of Education.

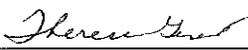
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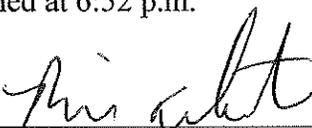
Superintendent DeVault reported that given conflicting schedules, the November 21, 2023, Board meeting time may be changed to 4:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

  
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Theresa Genest, President

  
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Brian White, Secretary

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