MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 30, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Genest at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Genest, Hubler, Farley, White and Schulte.
Members Absent: None.

Administrators Present: DeVault, Michalak, Rilley and Flye.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Superintendent DeVault requested that the Board have an executive session after the Clintondale appointment for negotiations. The Agenda was accepted and moved by Schulte, supported by Hubler. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

INTERESTING THINGS

Superintendent DeVault reported that one of the longest serving Board members in our county was Dr. Milonas who also served on our Board.

We had a great day at Selfridge with the dedication of twenty-one F15 fighter jets going to the base. We've served on the base community council for decades and never thought it would occur.

Last night we had the All Academic Awards banquet which use to be co-sponsored by the Macomb Daily. They still feature the ceremony in the paper and over a third of the students are going to attend University of Michigan while others are attending Oakland, Michigan State University, Harvard, Yale, Utica Community Schools and Wayne State and at least three stated they will be going into teaching. On Friday, the leadership awards were also held and on Saturday the Special Olympics held a fundraiser at the Mirage.

Fitzgerald Public Schools is honoring Jim Edoff by naming the planetarium after him on Wednesday with the Early College Graduation later that evening. Metro Bureau is hosting their dinner on Friday and the county bus rodeo will be held here at the ISD on Saturday. The Macomb Business Awards are being held on May 15th at AMC Forum which honors businesses. The Breakfast of Nations will be held on May 16th here at the ISD and the Macomb County Pre-School Fair on May 17th.

The week of May 19th we will be hosting the IAM Honors night and Make a Difference Awards at the Macomb ISD and on May 22nd the IAM Graduation will take place at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

OPEN MEETINGS

President Genest asked patrons wishing to be heard to fill out a form

COMPLIANCE

for that purpose and submit it to Mr. White. Three minutes per person would be allowed under Section II, A.

CITIZENS PRESENT (OMA)

William Rucker-Floyd, citizen of Clinton Township, spoke to the Board of Education regarding the Clintondale Community Schools vacancy. Mr. Rucker-Floyd wanted to thank the Board and state that he is a proud alumni and civil engineer and has walked the halls and knows the challenges and needs of the students. He began at Clintondale High School sweeping floors and that was the first job that shaped his work ethic and commitment to the community. He also sat as a student representative for two years on the Board. He has support from prior board members and is currently employed at Metro Engineering Solutions. He wants to support the superintendent goals and policies while assisting the needs of the students and to give back to the much needed skilled trades programs.

Diane Zontini, citizen of Clinton Township, spoke to the Board of Education regarding the Clintondale Community Schools vacancy. Ms. Zontini has lived in the district for 42 years and has owned/operated a vocational school for 27 years. She is community focused and serves on the Park and Recreation Committee for Clinton Township. She was the past co-chair of the committee to build the new police station, a past member of the fire expanding service committee and a past member of the cultural diversity committee all in Clinton Township. Ms. Zontini also previously served on the Clintondale Board of Education for twenty months to fill a vacancy where she was a part of the education, policy, and reproductive health committees. She also was involved in the superintendent evaluation, the hiring of a new superintendent, zoom classes with MASB and still closely follows key initiatives so that she can seamlessly pick up where she left off.

Barry Powers, citizens of Clinton Township, spoke to the Board of Education regarding the candidates for the Clintondale Community Schools vacancy. He stated that it is an honor to be here. He did what he could to do a background check on each candidate and he is addressing the best public education team of all time. He added that he is currently the Treasurer of the Clintondale Board of Education and a Clintondale graduate of 1980. He obtained his degree from University of Michigan and went to Wayne State Law School being a part of the state bar since 1987. He currently owns his own law practice in Mount Clemens so he feels it's his duty to be here as he took an oath. He did send a letter on April 29th with recommendations.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. Moved by Farley, supported by White, to approve the April 9, 2025 minutes, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

CLINTONDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTMENT

3. President Genest stated that the purpose of this portion of the Agenda is to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Education of Clintondale Community Schools and asked Rosetta Mullen for comments, Rosetta Mullen outlined the process for the Board and citizens present.

Rosetta Mullen provided a review of the appointment process, which began with the February 26, 2025 letter from Superintendent Kenneth Janczarek on behalf of the Board President of Clintondale Community Schools, to Brian White, Secretary of the Macomb Intermediate School District Board of Education stating that: The Clintondale Community School's Board was unable to appoint a candidate to fill the vacated seat on their Board within the statutory deadline during their Meeting on February 10, 2025, and requested, on behalf of the Clintondale 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 death of Mr. Michael Manning. The appointment expires December 31, 2026.

The MISD posted the notice of vacancy on its website and in local newspapers, which serves the communities that encompass the Clintondale Community Schools district. Clintondale Community Schools also posted the notice of vacancy on its website. The notice provided eligibility criteria and stated the Applications will be accepted through 4:00 p.m. on April 17, 2025.

Pursuant to the process, we have two candidates who submitted letters of interest for this Board's consideration. Both candidates and Ms. Felicia Kaminski, Board President of Clintondale Community Schools Board of Education, were notified in writing of tonight's meeting by Brian White. The two candidates are: William Rucker-Floyd and Diane Zontini.

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.

Trustee Schulte 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 Clintondale Community Schools Board. There are 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 and support provided, this is a difficult decision for us to reach; however, I would like to make a motion to nominate Diane Zontini. I am impressed by Diane's outstanding background, community involvement, her role as a vocational educator and her previously serving on the Clintondale Community Schools Board.

Moved by Schulte, and supported by White to appoint Diane Zontini, to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education for Clintondale Community Schools; said appointment to expire December 31, 2026.

Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

President Genest commended the candidates and expressed congratulations to Diane Zontini on behalf of the Board of Education.

Superintendent DeVault congratulated the candidates and mentioned that Ms. Zontini could take the oath of office tonight. President Genest administered the oath of office to Ms. Zontini at 7:25 p.m. Ms. Zontini then signed the acceptance of office, affidavit of eligibility and the constitutional oath of office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Motion was moved by Schulte, supported by Hubler, to go into Executive Session to update the Board on negotiations. Roll Call: All present. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Superintendent DeVault reported that given conflicting schedules, the May 14, 2025 Board meeting may be canceled or the time may be changed to 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Theresa Genest, President

Brian White, Secretary

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