MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Genest at 4:02 p.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

INTERESTING THINGS

Superintendent DeVault reported that he participated in the faculty/student hockey game at Lutz today and on Sunday he was a guest on WJR.

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.

PERSONAL CURRICULUM

Assistant Superintendent for Special Education & Student Services, Justin Michalak reported that long before he entered the ISD he fought for personal curriculum through Michigan Merit. In the 2023/2024 school year Macomb had 293 personal curriculums created for students with IEP's. Approximately 12,000 were written in Michigan and half were students with IEP's however not all have been counted. Personal Curriculum allows for tweaks to the graduation track.

In the 2022/2023 school year the statewide graduation rate was 81.77% with Macomb County's four year cohort rate at 83.47%. The special education statewide graduation rate was 64.98% with Macomb County's special education four year cohort at a rate of 76.85%.

Our special education department has developed a brochure and guidance booklet to support districts with understanding personal curriculum as well as training local districts on transitions.

POWER OF ATTORNEY VS. GUARDIANSHIP

Assistant Superintendent for Special Education & Student Services, Justin Michalak reported that Jennifer each year presents to the Parent Advisory Council and transition conference about power of attorney and guardianship. For years parents were taught to prepare guardianship paperwork but now it is recommended that parents complete the power of attorney because guardianship is more

restrictive, expires in five years, must petition court to take it away and a judge determines if someone is incompetent.

A power of attorney however can be changed, assigns a person to manage affairs, is voluntary, is outside a court process and gives people a choice. The Arc of Macomb has been a tremendous resource to families in our county.

Superintendent DeVault stated that we are grateful that our principals are well versed on this entire process.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. Moved by White, supported by Schulte, to approve the November 11, 2024 minutes, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

MACOMB COUNTY COMMON CALENDAR

3. Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Legal Affairs, Dave Rilley reported that the ISD is required to publish a five year county calendar and districts can add to those calendars but cannot take away days.

Moved by Farley, supported by Hubler, to approve the Macomb County Common Calendar for the 2028/29 school year as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

PAC RECOMMENDATION-RISING STAR ACADEMY

4. Moved by White, supported by Hubler to approve the appointment of Clarice Kostadinovski, Rising Stars Academy, to the Parent Advisory Committee for the 2024-2025 school year, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

BUS PURCHASE

5. Assistant Superintendent of Business, Chris Frank requested that the ISD purchase 14 diesel buses with 11 of them including lifts as part of their standard annual order and they will arrive by the summer of 2026.

Moved by Schulte, supported by Farley, to authorize Administration to purchase 14 Thomas buses from Hoekstra, as recommended by Matthew Dowdy, Teresa Upina, Paul J. Bodiya and Chris Frank in an amount not to exceed $2,087,912. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

STRUCTURED CABLING AND ACCESS CONTROL

6. Technology Services Manager, Mike Trachsel stated that the structured cabling network wiring allows the systems to talk to each other. We have worked with the tech team as well as Justin's team and placed the needs into our drawings. We received great response on our bids and came in under budget.

Moved by Hubler, supported by Schulte, to purchase the structured cabling and access controls from Nerds Xpress in the amount of $231,111.00 as recommended by Paul J. Bodiya, Chief Financial Officer and Chris Frank, Assistant Superintendent of Business. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Superintendent DeVault reported that given conflicting schedules, the December 11, 2024, Board meeting may be canceled or the time may be changed to 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Theresa Genest, President

Brian White, Secretary

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