

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 28, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Genest at 4:17 p.m.

Members Present: Genest, Hubler, Farley and White.

Members Absent: Michael Schulte.

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

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

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

INTERESTING THINGS

Superintendent DeVault reported that on Tuesday he had a chance to be with the Lieutenant Governor at Oakbrook Elementary in Utica Community Schools. The teachers, paraprofessionals and support staff were so nurturing and welcoming.

SAP just wanted to share that it was neat to see the social media post from our paraprofessionals on their first day of “Grow Your Own” school. The paras take great pride in their work and the comments and support for them continuing their education through the partnership with the MISD and Wayne State University was positive.

This year Glen Peters relaunched their 4H program. Projects were included in the 4H barn at the recent Armada Fair and students enjoyed a field trip to the fair to see their work on display. We would like to acknowledge all of the college kids that came home for the summer and subbed in our building. Many of them are returning summer employees that even recruited a friend to come sub too. We are always grateful for their help but also appreciate the opportunity to enhance their exposure to the career possibilities within education. Many of them leave in August with new plans to major in special education, speech, physical or occupational therapy. Thank you to HR for working to process them all so quickly and making this opportunity possible.

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.

## TEACHER & PARA OF

Assistant Superintendent for Special Education & Student Services, Justin Michalak, introduced Cathy Sulkowski from Keith Bovenschen School; Heather Shubnell from Bozymowski Center for Education; and Julee Anderson and Brian Jex from Glen Peters School who introduced each of the outstanding Teachers and Paraprofessionals of the Year.

Principal Shubnell introduced Kasi Smith, Elementary School Nominee- Bozymowski ASD Program

- *“I truly believe that she was made to teach, especially special needs students.”*
- *“She motivates, leads by example, and sets a positive tone that is infectious throughout the building.”*

Principal Anderson introduced Stacey Swanigan, Middle School Nominee- Glen H. Peters School

- *“I feel incredibly lucky to have such a compassionate, motivating, determined and supportive teacher guiding and influencing my daughter and her classmates each and every day.”*
- *“She’s not just a teacher; she’s a mentor, a friend, and a shining light of positivity in the school.”*

Principal Sulkowski introduced Joel Ruggero, High School Nominee- Keith Bovenschen School

- *“The nominee makes our school a great place for students to learn and staff to want to be.”*
- *“I’m very happy and pleased that my daughter has experienced such a kind, generous, and loving teacher.”*
- *“Always willing to go the extra mile to help staff, students and the entire school community.”*

Principal Anderson introduced Samantha Raab, Paraprofessional Nominee, Glen H. Peters School

- *“Exhibits the ability to engage students in fun ways by always being upbeat and energetic during her interactions with the students.”*
- *“Our candidate sought out advice from other professionals to ensure the students had what they needed to support transitions, sensory needs, and communication skills.”*

*“She demonstrates the ability to be an active member in, not only, her classroom team but also in other school wide programs.”*

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Daryl Dombrow of Barton Malow provided an update on the current construction project. We are currently on schedule and deep foundations are complete. Masonry is underway and electrical and plumbing are on site working hand in hand with the masons. Structural steel is ongoing and underground will start this fall. The building enclosure should take place in the winter of 25.

Brian Smilnak of Wakely and Associates presented to the board that the trees along Irving as well as the trees on the north side have been well maintained and will be utilized. I have had numerous meetings with Justin and Cathy regarding the interior. Each classroom wing will be distinguished by color coding. Each classroom will have a unit ventilation and there will be a generator for emergency power in the cafeteria.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by White, supported by Hubler, to approve the August 14, 2024 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: Helen Torrento, Paraprofessional

Moved by Hubler, supported by Farley, that the Board of Education accept, with regret, notification of retirement 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.

## SPECIAL REPORTS AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Superintendent DeVault reported that we are pushing hard to get the project completed. He also reported that given conflicting schedules, the September 11, 2024, Board meeting may be canceled or the time may be changed to 4:00 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

*Theresa Genest*

Theresa Genest, President

*Brian White*

Brian White, Secretary

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