

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Hubler at 4:09 p.m.

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

Administrators Present: DeVault, Bodiya, Michalak, Riley, Flye 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 that students in the secondary autism program enjoyed a reading from Mayor Michael Taylor for March is Reading Month. Students from Flynn Educational Center enjoyed a day of learning how to ice skate with the Motor City Rockers. Lots of smiles and laughter ensued. For those who could not skate, the Rockers pushed them on ice on chairs.

Glen Peters School wanted to thank Superintendent DeVault for supporting their numerous staff members that braved the frigid temperatures and participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. March is Reading month is in full swing at Peters and staff and students are enjoying a wide variety of literacy activities that celebrate the GRIT displayed by our students each and every day. Students enjoyed a visit from the Jimmy Johns USPBL mascot this week as part of our partnership with their "On your mark, get set, READ program."

Bovenschen welcomed students from Glen Peters to participate in their annual spring Special Olympics fun games during the week of March 10th through 14th. This special week goes hand in hand with literacy month and they have a combined theme of jungle rainforest to include literacy and sensory activities for all students during the week long games.

Lutz students went to Imperial Lanes the last six days in groups of three to work with our gym teacher on bowling skills. There are two natural loves our students all share and its pizza and bowling. A group of Lutz completers will be going to a performance called "Mutts Gone Nuts" hosted by the Alhambra. Lutz students are attending at no cost.

Maple Lane is working with high school students from Warren

Consolidated Schools and this week they will be making leprechaun traps with their buddies. Maple Lane currently has thirteen students being integrated to their local district or being considered for integration which is more than twenty percent of their population.

Gleaners was out at Neil Reid to film and interview students/staff for upcoming advertising regarding their mobile food pantry. Auto detailing students attended Autorama to make a real world connection to their class.

Rockwell Middle School received a donation of 53 bikes and 49 helmets from FB4K Detroit and had their first ride on March 11th.

OPEN MEETINGS COMPLIANCE

Vic President Hubler appointed Michael Schulte as Acting Secretary (in Brian White's absence). He then asked patrons wishing to be heard to fill out a form for that purpose and submit it to Mr. Schulte. Three minutes per person would be allowed under Section II, A.

CTE UPDATE

Shannon Williams, CTE Consultant provided an update to the Macomb CTE programs. Enrollment numbers are climbing and we are seeing the largest climb in education and training, health science and information technology while having a decline in finance, manufacturing and STEM. In my research I'm seeing that there are a lot of opportunities arising in the finance section so I plan on bringing that information back to our local districts.

MDE did a CTE desert study. District population versus enrollment in CTE to determine where deserts lie in the state. They did not however look at what programs were where just an overall so I think that's a flaw of that study. The study was done by area then gender, race/ethnicity and special populations to find where under or over representation. Information technology has more boys I think than girls so how do we get girls interested in IT. Our STEM is engineering, mechanical drafting and mechatronics pathways- over representation of white males and that's because of where the program is available. We need to look at where are we truly short on labor market/programs. Skilled trades makes up a huge chunk in Macomb County but you look at opportunities in our community we are low. Data analytics skyrocketing as well as market research. Data scientists have a 600% projected growth. Challenges however include physical space, not enough students interested in pathway, finding a qualified instructor and cost of equipment. Possibilities include partnership programs through MISD and leveraging CTE dual enrollment. There are avenues we can explore.

We also continue our early/middle awareness with little inventors, the career readiness guide and Xello support. For the High School level we continue Operation Senior where we have created three videos

and loaded to our website. There is a video for job seekers, trade schools and the military for those that do not want to attend college. We also continue our district growth and support with the CTE leadership series for directors, math strategies in CTE, and the Career Spotlight series for counselors. Finally we continue our community engagement in partnering with Macomb Community College, have ISD representation on regional and state committees, the advisory committee meetings which includes teachers and business partners and of course manufacturing day where this year we hosted 1,740 students at 68 host sites.

Mr. Hubler stated that he wanted to thank Shannon for all she does, you are well known across the state.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by Farley, supported by Schulte, to approve the March 12, 2025 Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

RETIREMENTS

3. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following retirements:

Sandra Jaracz
SXI Teacher

Dale Konyha
Mechanic

Debra McCormick
Bus Driver

Marianne Pardo
Bus Driver

Patricia Ritonja
Administrative Support

Wendy Scott
Bus Driver

Cheri Thompson
Bus Driver

Moved by Schulte, supported by Farley, that the Board of Education accept, with regret, notifications 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 given conflicting schedules, the March 26, 2025 Board meeting may be canceled or the time may be changed to 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.


Donald Hubler, Vice President


Michael Schulte, Acting Secretary

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