

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34
September 16, 2014
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
North Mac High School Cafeteria
6:30 P.M.

1. A Special Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Farley Cole.

1.1 Roll call: Alexander, Handy, Hays, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Cole - Present

Also present – Marica Cullen, Patti Fetter, Dennis McMillin, John Downs, Nancy Bitner, Michele Cimarossa, Jamie Cosgriff, Jenny Buhl, Mallory Buhl, Christina Coleman, Mark Monery, Brigitte Burnett, Mike Marsaglia, Eric Harrold, Nikki Harris, Suzanne Gray, Millie Burgess, David Harmon, Stacey Hughes, Michelle Bearden, P. Ashley Creasey, Connie Schroeder, Andrea Christopher, Dan Bitner, Tammy McCready, Judy Hendricks, Debbie Ochu, Ron Ochu, Bruce Paisley, Lyndell Payne, Doug Worth, Kimmy Eldridge, Kris Eldridge, Jessica Rogers, Jay Rogers, Debbie Butler

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance led by President Cole

- 1.3 President's Remarks – Mr. Cole began his remarks with the Press Release that was on the North Mac Web Page which had been written by Jeannie Alexander, Terri Worth, Marica Cullen and himself. He then began to express his appreciate to staff, community and students. (See attached list)

Mrs. Cullen then also thanked everyone for all the help on Monday. She mentioned the Disaster Plan was followed and the book was not even opened. She said first started around 8:30 and grew from there. A big hats off to Mr. Love for his part in starting the evacuation. The Annual Review of the Disaster Plan is due in the near future which is held with the Police and Fire Departments.

Jeannie Alexander who had also been at the school on Monday read a short report which is attached.

Terri Worth expressed her appreciation for everyone's help.

It was expressed by Mr. Cole how the First Priority is the safety of the students. Parents have entrusted us with their safety and we have to make sure all of them are safe. The traffic on Route 4 was bumper to bumper two miles north and one mile south. The plan was followed, get students to safety, call 911 and then notify parents.

An inspection was started Tuesday morning, boilers had not kicked on over the weekend. The problem was a very large water heater that's vents through the roof and the pipe had come apart. Burgess was working on the repair. A

roofing company has also been called to secure the pipe to the roof better. The ROE from both Macoupin and Sangamon Counties will do a Health, Life, Safety check. The architects will check the building as well as Liberty Utilities for air quality checks after repairs have been made.

After the repairs were made everyone involved wanted to make sure that the problem had just been the pipe from the water heater so the pipe was taken apart. On Monday the air quality levels had been at 300, after only 10 minutes the level was up to 200. It was decided that had been the problem. Everything is up to code, but we want to make sure everyone is safe, so CO detectors will be installed on Wednesday in all buildings around boiler rooms.

Staff meetings will be held on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in all of the buildings. Mr. Cole then asked the board if they had any questions. Everything is working in the buildings, and Wednesday morning we will confirm that levels are still at a 0 for carbon monoxide which will be 18 hours. We are waiting for insurance adjuster to contact us.

Mr. Nichols stated we were not the first school this had happened to in the state of Illinois but the law requiring CO detectors has never passed the legislature.

Alexander asked about the detectors that can be carried on the belt, if possibly maintenance could wear them.

The Administrators Team met this morning to review all tasks that needed to be done before teachers return. Students come first, education and safety. We are one of the best districts and communities. The hospitals expressed how well behaved all the students had been during their treatments.

- 1.4 Visitors comments – Jenny Buhl thanked everyone for the quick response and stated how CO not even on radar for emergencies. Debbie Ochu expressed her appreciation and stated how mistakes are always made but everyone safe. Stacy Hughes also thanked everyone. She stated when she arrived at the school that it looked like chaos but then realized that everything was under control and children were being transported to safe areas. Jay Rogers stated no one can be 100% able to prevent an accident, but we did 150% to handle the situation. Michele Cimarossa thanked everyone. Bruce Paisley said we proved that kids come first by the teachers who were sick and continued to help the students.

2. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

President

Secretary