

**NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**North Mac High School Media Center**  
**231 West Fortune Street, Virden, IL**  
**6:30 p.m. – February 26, 2025**

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Present – Alexander, Nichols, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher

Absent – Kirk

Also Present – Kyle Hacke

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Christopher

3. Communications

3.1 Student Presentation – Intermediate/Middle School - Mrs. Dowell and Mrs. McFarland with students Elana Streibig, Griffin Theel, Sawyer Keifer, and Ellie Fairful explained about clubs and DEAL (Drop everything and lead) day. The last Wednesday of the month is spent with the morning in clubs and the afternoon sharpening their leadership skills. Each student explained about clubs as well as their Leadership clubs. The students expressed their enthusiasm for this project. The Leadership Groups help provide students engagement and connection with school community. Many service projects are coordinated through the leadership groups. McFarland shared a staff prospective. This helps build relationships with students in all grade levels and create a community. Helps staff share their other talents outside of school and connect on a deeper level with students.

3.2 Administrator's Reports – Mrs. Raynor, Mr. Troutwine, Mr. Downs, and Ms. Anderson experienced a poverty simulation. Participants were able to realize the barriers present daily and relate to how parents/families struggle.

4. Public Comment – N/A

*Note: Public Comments are limited to 5 minutes per speaker. Public Comment is not a question-and-answer format. If you have questions you wish to have answered, please submit those questions or a request for information to the District Office.*

5. Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Nichols to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Yea Votes: Watson, Alexander, Nichols, Pinkston, White, Christopher

**\*Consent Agenda (ALL ITEMS ITALICIZED AND IN BOLD)**

**5.1 *Approval of Minutes from the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Regular and Closed Sessions***

**5.2 *Financial Reports***

**5.3 *Bills Payable***

6. ***Employment and Resignation of Personnel\*\****

**6.1 *Accept Resignation of James McKinney, Bus Driver, as of January 30, 2025***

**6.2 *Accept Resignation of Joan Gocking, Paraprofessional, at the Conclusion of the 2024-25 School Year***

**6.3 *Accept Resignation of Chad Burton Drama Club Sponsor***

**6.4 *Accept Resignation of Molly Leigh, Cook, as of February 18, 2025***

**6.5 *Employ Amy Sullenger as Intermediate-Middle School Assistant Principal Contract Beginning July 1, 2025***

**6.6 *Employ Emily Gillis as High School Art Teacher for the 2025-26 School Year***

**6.7 *Employ Maddux Rigsby as Middle School P.E. Teacher for the 2025-26 School Year***

**6.8 *Employ David Bain as Bus Driver as of February 14, 2025***

**6.9 *Employ Hailey Wills as Middle School Head Track Coach***

**6.10 *Approve Matt Pusch as Volunteer Middle School Track Coach***

- 6.11 Approve Braden Plunket as Volunteer Middle School Track Coach**
- 6.12 Approve Scott Hendricks as Volunteer Middle School Track Coach**
- 6.13 Approve Ryan Leonard as Paid Volunteer High School Track Coach**

**\*\*Note: Final employment of all new employees is contingent on the successful completion of a criminal background check and all necessary local and state requirements.**

7. Items to be Considered for Action

7.1 \*Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Watson to adopt 2025-26 School Calendar. Yea Votes: Alexander, Nichols, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher

7.2 \*Motion was made by Pinkston, seconded by Watson to approve the contract with Loy Miller Talley for Audit in 2025. Yea Votes: Watson, Alexander, Nichols, Pinkston, White, Christopher

7.3 \*Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Nichols to approve the purchase of a lawn mower from Sloan Implement Company. Pinkston asked if this was a new purchase or replacement of existing equipment. Riffey stated that this zero turn 72 in mower is to replace a unit that needed costly repairs. Yea Votes: White, Alexander, Nichols, Pinkston, Watson, Christopher

7.4 \*Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Watson to approve agreements for easement and transfer of existing sewer line to the City of Girard. Hacke indicated that paperwork was needed due to a small change in location. Yea Votes: Nichols, Alexander, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Superintendent's Report – Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan - Mrs. Raynor presented on the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan. This plan is located on isbe.net. A literacy committee was established with at least one teacher from each building and all Administrators. Literacy committee met to choose curriculum that aligns with this plan. Literacy committee's next steps are 1. Each building working through the modules, 2. Evaluating materials used for literacy to coincide with the literacy plan, 3. Planning for a strong MTSS 4. Parent/family involvement.

8.2 Hacke commended staff, principals, everyone for getting through the last few weeks of sickness and pulling together and keeping our buildings open.

8.3 Heating unit not working at High School. This unit needs replaced and not fixed due to age of unit and parts not being available. May qualify for an Emergency HLS money. We have funds in that account that can be used for that if granted. White asked if we can keep this old unit for parts for the other unit that we still have.

9. \*Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by White to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee or office of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Yea Votes: Pinkston, Alexander, Nichols, Watson, White, Christopher

9.1 Superintendent Evaluation

Motion was made by Pinkston, seconded by Alexander, to return to open session at 8:30 pm. Yea Votes: Alexander, Nichols, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher

10. \*Motion was made by Pinkston, seconded by Watson, to adjourn at 8:31 pm. Yea Votes: Alexander, Nichols, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher