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**BOARD MEETING
MACOMB ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Date: March 17th, 2026
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Macomb Academy
39092 Garfield
Clinton Township, Michigan 48038

MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: ☒ Regular ☐ Special ☒ Proposed ☐ Approved

I. CALL TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER AT 5:16 P.M.

President Marilyn Wittstock

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Marilyn Wittstock

ROLL CALL BY:

President Marilyn Wittstock

Roll Call:

		<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Marilyn Wittstock	President	yes		
Ms. Felicia Westbrook-Hilton	Vice-President	yes		
Ms. Melina Chynoweth	Secretary	yes		
Ms. Denise Flinders-Victory	Treasurer	yes		
Ms. Francette Pate-O'Hara	Trustee			yes

MOTION CARRIES

4/0 Unanimous Vote

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Marilyn Wittstock	President
Ms. Felicia Westbrook-Hilton	Vice-President
Ms. Melina Chynoweth	Secretary
Ms. Denise Flinders-Victory	Treasurer

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Ms. Mikelle Hillewaere, Supervisor

GUESTS PRESENT: NONE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Marilyn Wittstock

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from January's meeting. **Motion made by President Marilyn Wittstock supported by Vice-President Felicia Westbrook-Hilton to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held January 20th, 2026. All in favor. Unanimous 4/0**

Roll Call:

		<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Marilyn Wittstock	President	yes		
Ms. Felicia Westbrook-Hilton	Vice-President	yes		
Ms. Melina Chynoweth	Secretary	yes		
Ms. Denise Flinders-Victory	Treasurer	yes		
Ms. Francette Pate-O'Hara	Trustee			yes

MOTION CARRIES

4/0 Unanimous Vote

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Marilyn Wittstock

The Board reviewed the agenda for the March meeting. **Motion** made by **President Marilyn Wittstock** supported by **Vice-President Felicia Westbrook-Hilton**, to approve the March meeting agenda. All in favor. Unanimous 4/0

Roll Call:

	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Marilyn Wittstock	yes		
Ms. Felicia Westbrook-Hilton	yes		
Ms. Melina Chynoweth	yes		
Ms. Denise Flinders-Victory	yes		
Ms. Francette Pate-O'Hara			yes

MOTION CARRIES

4/0 Unanimous Vote

IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS (if applicable)

Ms. Mikelle Hillewaere

No guests in attendance

V. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (if applicable)

Ms. Mikelle Hillewaere

No correspondence received

VI. ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

**President Marilyn Wittstock
and Ms. Mikelle Hillewaere**

OLD BUSINESS:

Student employment status- Two more students gained full time employment.

Second semester scheduling has been completed, provided to students, and is going well now that all updates have been made as well.

The robotics team completed in their first competition of the season from 03/13/26-03/15/26 in Marysville. The team is having a great time learning and competing together. They've expressed goals of having an autonomous robot in the future. The next competition is 03/28/26-03/29/26 at Troy Athens.

Smart bus passes remaining are being used to help one remaining student with school transportation for the remainder of the year.

Gift card donations previously received from the Yahtzee Club have been gifted to families in need along with being used for Count Day activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Contract Amendment Request Resolution and Questionnaire- No changes to be made at this time.

Fire Inspection- Minor violations were noted and it was suggested that the school invest in a Knox Box for the Fire department to have emergency access to the building as needed. Due date for corrections is April 14, 2026.

Robotics Team- Looking for new sponsors (financial, volunteering at meets, donations of food and other team needs during meets, etc.)

VII. FINANCIALS

Treasurer Flinders-Victory

The Board reviewed the financial report for the month of January 2026. **Motion** made by **Treasurer Denise Flinders-Victory** supported by **Treasurer Melina Chynoweth** to approve the finances for January 2026. All in favor. Unanimous 4/0

Roll Call:

		<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Marilyn Wittstock	President	yes		
Ms. Felicia Westbrook-Hilton	Vice-President	yes		
Ms. Melina Chynoweth	Secretary	yes		
Ms. Denise Flinders-Victory	Treasurer	yes		
Ms. Francette Pate-O'Hara	Trustee			yes

MOTION CARRIES

4/0 Unanimous Vote

VIII. BOARD PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

**CMU Authorizer and
President Marilyn Wittstock**

Board members asked to create and be prepared to present an elevator speech during upcoming minutes. These will provide moments for them to showcase the school and help possibly increase interest in the school with the community. Presentations will begin at next meeting on April 9, 2026.

IX. MACOMB ACADEMY BOARD COMMITTEES

No new news to report at this time, everything is good at the moment.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

All

XI. CMU COMMENTARY

CMU Authorizer

Reminder of Board member reception for those with invitations was provided. Reception to be held on 03/18/26 from 4p-6p.

Annual conference scheduled for April 22, 2026 to include special education collaboration webinar.

Special education webinar: 6 ships of improvement scheduled for May 27, 2026.

XIII. BOARD COMMENTARY

President Marilyn Wittstock

Discussion about upcoming Grosse Pointe Fair. There was also discussion of connecting with Whitney Burney (Channel 7 news) regarding possible coverage of the Academy in the news. Request made for Academy representation at an upcoming Clinton Township Kawanis Meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President Marilyn Wittstock

Motion made by **President Marilyn Wittstock** supported by **Vice-President Felicia Westbrook-Hilton**, to adjourn the board meeting at 6:05p.m. All in favor. Unanimous 4/0

Roll Call:

Ms. Marilyn Wittstock	President
Ms. Felicia Westbrook-Hilton	Vice-President
Ms. Melina Chynoweth	Secretary
Ms. Denise Flinders-Victory	Treasurer
Ms. Francette Pate-O'Hara	Trustee

Ayes

yes
yes
yes
yes

Nays

Absent

yes

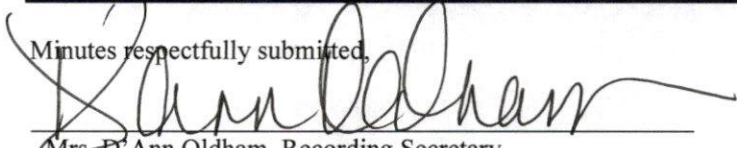
MOTION CARRIES

4/0 Unanimous Vote

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MINUTES CERTIFICATION

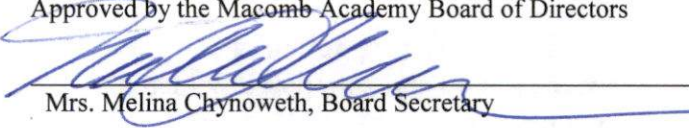
Minutes respectfully submitted,


Mrs. D'Ann Oldham, Recording Secretary

Date

04/08/26

Approved by the Macomb Academy Board of Directors


Mrs. Melina Chynoweth, Board Secretary

Date

4/9/2026