

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1999**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, September 21, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. Board members present John Walker, Toni Riekeberg, Jim Cerva, David Hamilton, Don Kinkhorst, and Kathy McElwain.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to accept the consent agenda, which consisted of approval of agenda, minutes of previous meeting, revenue/expenditure comparison, treasurer's report and monthly bills.

Superintendent Brown reported on the first-day enrollment numbers. K-12 enrollment as of August 25, 1999, was 1,330. This is 56 fewer students enrolled than last year's first-day. During each of the last six years, the district has experienced entering kindergarten classes of 100 students or less and has been graduating classes numbering more than 120. This continuing decline in enrollment is a concern, as a reduction in 50 students this year can translate to approximately \$100,000 in lost revenues for the 1999-2000 school year.

Superintendent Brown presented a proposal from the Macon Elementary School PTO organization to purchase new playground equipment from Fry and Associates/Playworld Systems. They will be purchasing a play structure for the lower and upper elementary playgrounds, and will be updating the physically challenged swing. Total cost for the equipment, site preparation, surfacing and installation is \$32,019.00. The Board made no objections, so the PTO will proceed with the purchase and installation of the equipment.

Superintendent Brown reported that the school received a check in the amount of \$9,667 from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In March of 1997, the school was notified that it might qualify as a claimant in a federal lawsuit regarding asbestos school litigation. It appears that the case has been settled and that the Macon School district shares in the thirty-five million dollars award immediately distributed. Six-million remains to be distributed at a later date upon Court approval. This is money that was not expected in the 1999-2000 operating budget. It has been deposited into the Capital Project Fund.

Superintendent Brown reported that thank you letters had been mailed to Macon area businesses for their donation of gifts that were given to school employees at the back-to-school workshop.

David Terry entered the meeting.

Superintendent Brown reported that the Macon Community At-Risk Council met Thursday morning, September 16, in the vocational conference room. The committee is comprised of representatives from the Macon Police Department, Macon County Sheriff's Office, Probation and Parole, Juvenile Office, Division of Family Services, and school administrators and counselors. This committee was organized in 1994 in an effort

to bring school and community officials together in a common effort to minimize the number of students who, for one reason or another, become at-risk of failing in school or at-risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

Superintendent Brown reported that the annual regional education conference is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, at Brookfield High School. Macon R-I School will have a delegation in attendance.

Superintendent Brown reported that the MSBA Fall Meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, September 23, at Canton High School. Kathy McElwain, David Hamilton, and Superintendent Brown will be attending. Superintendent Brown invited representatives from local law enforcement agencies, including the Macon City police, Macon County sheriff's department, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the juvenile office to attend also. The program is entitled "Managing a Crisis in Your School."

Superintendent Brown reported that the next meeting of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee is scheduled for 5:00 on Thursday afternoon, September 30, in the vocational commons area. He encouraged everyone to attend if his or her schedule permits.

Superintendent Brown reported a public auction to sell the schools surplus property is tentatively scheduled for Thursday afternoon, October 7, at 5:00 p.m., in the vocational parking lot. The auctioneers will be Lolli Brothers. A complete listing of the property to be sold will be published in the Macon Chronicle-Herald and Journal in the two weeks prior to the sale.

Superintendent Brown reported that the MSBA Delegate Assembly is scheduled for October 23, in conjunction with the MSBA/MASA Annual Conference. Macon R-I is entitled to one delegate, which is based on student enrollment. Toni Riekeberg will be the school's delegate and John Walker will be the alternate.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Superintendent Brown and Larry Theerman submitted a proposal for approval from local carpenter Lester Stevenson, for repairs to be made to Eric Chalgren's house that was built during the last school year. The money for the repairs would come from the building trades activity account. Mr. Theerman suggested that in future years to look at limiting the type of house that the class built.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the proposal submitted by Lester Stevenson to make repairs to the Eric Chalgren building trades class house that was built last year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Coach Walt Thompson presented information and gave a report to the Board on extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. Last year 98% of elementary students, 89% of the middle school students, and 78% of the high school students participated in some sort of extra-curricular program. Mr. Thompson is concerned about the declining number of high school students participating in sports. Mr. Thompson thanked the Board for their support.

Kathy McElwain appointed a committee of Coach Thompson, Mr. Schoenfelt, Mr. Brown, John Walker, and Don Kinkhorst to study the current extra-duty salary schedule. Mr. Brown believes there may be some inequities in the stipends in regard to a comparison of the various duties.

Mike Trumper gave a report on the maintenance projects completed this summer. A new rubberized roofing system was applied to the high school addition. An asbestos abatement was done in the high school boys' and girls' locker rooms, as well as two elbows located in the high school gym. The front and back drives were sealed and re-striped. A problem area of the elementary sidewalk was replaced. The Tiger Maws stand at the football stadium was remodeled. Ground fault interrupter electrical outlets were installed in the elementary school. All projects were completed under budget.

Superintendent Brown presented a quote received from Simplex Time Recorder Company to install an intercom system that would connect all classrooms and offices. Total project is estimated at \$90,000. Mr. Brown will look at the possibility of getting grant monies to help with the cost and report at a later date.

Luana Quick, testing coordinator, gave a report on students' scores from the spring, 1999, Missouri Assessment program tests. The scores show an overall improvement in our students' scores and special attention will be given to improving 4<sup>th</sup> grade math, 11<sup>th</sup> grade communication arts, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade science. Mrs. Quick reported that administrators and counselors had met with J.D. King and reviewed the process of MSIP and whether or not the school had met their goals. Counselors will be meeting with teachers to review the testing scores and strategies to improve scores.

Larry Theerman asked the board to consider an addendum to the policy for payment of student organization activities. The policy reads: Students who are involved in activities that require payment to participate must submit a portion of the money for that activity prior to an established deadline. This deadline will be at the advisor's discretion, but prior to the deadline set by the local, district, state, or national coordinator.

A motion was made by Jim Cervia, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to accept the above policy addendum for payment of student organization activities.

Superintendent Brown requested approval of committee appointments to the A+ Advisory Committee and the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Jim Cervia and passed unanimously to approve the committee appointments recommended by Superintendent Brown for the A+ Advisory Committee and the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Advisory Committee's.

Superintendent Brown requested that the school contribute \$200 to the Green Thumb program. The school has a Green Thumb worker helping in the elementary office each day from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and receives no compensation from the school. The school has been asked to donate \$200 to the program.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by David Terry and passed unanimously to contribute \$200 to the Green Thumb program.

Superintendent Brown reported he had received a letter of resignation from Ingrid Simms, a part-time paraprofessional assisting Patricia Knowles effective September 10.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to accept Ingrid Simm's letter of resignation.

The following thank you's were read:  
Police Chief Scott Ziebarth for help with the Bicycle Safety Day.  
Irma Moore for the plant she received.  
Sherry Wiggans for her 15-year service pin.  
John Williams for a plant when his mother passed away.

Superintendent Brown reported that Dianne King had received information on an incentive program, which is called the "M.O.U.S." (Microsoft Office Users Specialist) Program with a \$2,500 value. This program will provide training and testing for area teachers and upper level students. This will require additional work and Superintendent Brown will provide more information later.

Superintendent Brown played two videos from the middle and high school students whom, under the direction of Paula Glover and Maureen Funk, had winning entries in the Drug Awareness public service announcement contest sponsored by KTVO television station. There were thirty schools participating and Macon placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the high school

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and our middle school placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. The students were to be recognized during a Governor's Proclamation Ceremony on Tuesday, September 28, 1999 at the state capital in Jefferson City.

Superintendent Brown recognized the following individuals:  
Macon Athletic Booster Club for the new siding they provided for the exterior of the press box.  
Danny and Nancy Brown and Donnie and Cindy Bonuchi for painting all the bleachers in Hugh Dunn Stadium.  
Patricia Knowles in her work with the CDAC grant. She was to train 10 students and actually trained a total of 24.

Kathy McElwain read a letter received from Brad Funk, a parent of a high school cheerleader, which stated his approval of the quality program.

Superintendent Brown reported that the MINTS technology people were here to do some measuring in preparation for the upcoming installation of equipment.

Superintendent Brown reported on the use of a "Video Smart Board" that had been recently received.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, October 21, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

John Walker moved that the Macon R-1 Board of Education enter into executive session as provided by Missouri Law, Section 610.021, for the purpose of discussing personnel, specifically employment of certificated and non-certificated personnel. Macon R-1 Board Policy BC, Section 3, states that "The Board reserves the right, as provided by law, to conduct closed meetings, including any records or votes, to the extent that they relate to: actions relating to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of particular district employees." David Hamilton seconded the motion. Those voting yea – Toni Riekeberg, Jim Cerva, John Walker, David Hamilton, David Terry, Don Kinkhorst and Kathy McElwain. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

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Kathy McElwain, President

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Deborah Baker, Secretary