

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2000**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 27, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Kathy McElwain, John Walker, David Hamilton, David Terry, Jim Cerva, and Don Kinkhorst.

President Kathy McElwain called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She also presented a plaque and school bell to David Terry for his nine-years of service on the school board.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Don Kinkhorst and passed unanimously to amend the consent agenda by pulling item (F) Monthly Bills.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by David Terry and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of previous meeting, attendance report, revenue/expenditure comparison, and treasurer's report.

Superintendent Brown reported that he and Don Kinkhorst have been reviewing the monthly AT&T phone bills. The monthly bills have been higher compared to last years and they are discussing with AT&T what could be the reason.

Superintendent Brown reported that Suzy Thompson and Shirley Switzer had completed all the required documentation for the A+ re-designation of the high school and submitted the paperwork to DESE before the deadline of February 15, 2000. There are currently 236 students enrolled in the A+ program. Also, 46 graduating seniors could be eligible for free tuition and books to attend a junior college or technical school next year.

Superintendent Brown and Principal Schoenfelt reported on the freshman orientation that was held Thursday evening, March 23, at 7:00. Mrs. Quick and Mr. Wright presented information on high school testing, college-entrance requirements, and suggestions on how students can be successful in high school. Suzy Thompson spoke about the A+ School Program, 45 students signed up. Walt Thompson gave an overview on the athletic program. Student Council members assisted in the evening by giving parents and students tours of the high school building.

Superintendent Brown reported that Tiffanee Murr, Ed Schoenfelt, and John Williams worked together on the district's application to participate in the Missouri Institute For Improving Performance in Mathematics that was submitted before the deadline date of March 3, 2000. The project is not a matching grant, but schools that are selected are expected to contribute resources and in-kind contributions to supplement program initiatives.

Superintendent Brown reported he had received a letter from Nancy J. Headrick, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational and Adult Education regarding the Account I classes. These classes will now be considered vocational course offerings and the school

will be able to request funding for salary of the instructor and equipment as needed. He noted that the salary reimbursement is not guaranteed for the 2000-2001 school year because of limited funds. Larry Theerman submitted the request for this funding.

Superintendent Brown reported that Mr. Schoenfelt had recently distributed a Survey of MSHSAA Programs to all students in grades 8-11. The data will be used to plan athletic and other offerings for students during the 2000-2001 school year, as well as long-range planning for extra-curricular activities. They will report the results to the board at a later date.

Superintendent Brown reported that Mr. Schoenfelt had surveyed the high school and vocational faculties in regard to their favoring of weighted grades for the Class of 2004. The American Association of College Admissions Officials and the National Association of Secondary School Principals recommend that high schools weight their courses. The results of his survey were as follows: Yes – favor weighted courses = 17, No – do not favor weighted courses = 26, Uncertain = 2. As a result, the decision was made that weighting grades for the Class of 2004 will not occur.

Superintendent Brown reported the high school PTO is planning an “After-Prom” party. Students will be transported by school bus to the Truman State Recreation Center in Kirksville immediately after the dance. A full schedule of activities is being planned, including Laser Tag, movies, games, and indoor sports activities. The PTO is currently soliciting financial support for the activity.

Superintendent Brown reported that the campus participated in the statewide tornado drill on March 9th at 1:30 p.m. Other drills conducted this year have been fire, earthquake, and intruder/bomb threat drills. All drills went well.

Superintendent Brown reported the MSBA’s spring meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, April 13, 2000. Our school’s region meeting will be at Mark Twain Jr./Sr. High School in Center. Members are to let Mr. Brown know if they will be attending.

Superintendent Brown set the spring work session for Tuesday, April 25, 2000 immediately following the regular board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy updates recommended by Missouri School Boards Association was delayed until next month’s meeting to enable all board members to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ruth Rash, CTA Salary Committee Chairman presented a recommendation to the Board for a \$1,000 increase to base salary. Superintendent Brown recommended that the Board study the proposal until the next board meeting. Another variable in the package to consider is the cost of employee health insurance premiums.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by David Terry and passed unanimously to approve the vocational building trades curriculum and its related competencies that was re-written and re-aligned with the Show-Me Standards.

A motion was made by David Terry, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to grant permission to Principal Williams to apply for a Missouri Pre-School Project Grant. This is a three-year match-free grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the development of high quality accredited early childhood education programs for children ages three and four.

Principal Nuhn presented his assessment report on the middle school. He reviewed curriculum, staffing, extra-curricular activities, communication, instruction, school climate, programs, counseling, and student achievements.

Toni Riekeberg entered the meeting.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Don Kinkhorst and passed unanimously to grant permission to apply for a Missouri School-Age Children's Health Services fifth-year continuation grant. The school should receive \$31,067.50 next year, which is reduced from \$36,550. The legislature has continued this funding because it is a fact that the only professional health care received by many of the children is the services they receive from the registered nurses at the school.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to accept the bid submitted by Harold Keating Tuckpointing, Inc. to cut out and tuckpoint all exterior masonry; clean all exterior masonry with high pressure hot water and waterproof with WB concentrate; cut out all exterior windows and caulk; clean all lintals and apply one coat rust inhibitor and one coat finish; clean all coping stones, patch as needed and coat with one coat Thoro-Seal and one coat Thoro-Coat; and caulk all head joints in coping at a total cost of \$104,490. The plan is to pay as much as possible of the total bill, without amending the current budget; budgeting and paying the balance due in the 2000-2001 budget year.

Superintendent Brown reported that he had recently visited with Rob Rollings, an architect and former graduate of Macon R-1. Mr. Brown reported that they had looked at the school and discussed some of the things that are going on in the facility and what things needed to be done to maintain our building and looked at developing a three to five year plan.

A motion was made by David Terry, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed to lease to the Macon Baseball Association the fields known as Tiger Field, Tigerette Field, Elementary Field, and Elementary Playground Field for use in the community-sponsored summer baseball/softball program. The total term rental for all fields is \$1.00 and the lease agreement specifies that school activities take priority regarding the use of the fields until all school-sponsored seasons are ended. John Walker abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Wanda Grimm, Family and Consumer Science teacher effective at the end of this school year.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by David Terry and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Sharon Sell from her position as a sixth-grade science/seventh-grade math teacher effective at the end of this school year.

A motion was made by David Terry, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Beth Cason, cafeteria worker effective March 23, 2000.

President McElwain read the following thank-you cards and letters received:

Isabel McElwain family for the plant.

Vicki Richison, flowers while she was in the hospital.

Academic Team for the T-shirts provided to the team to wear at competitions.

Norm Kaden for the use of the school for a volleyball tournament.

Tatum Thurman for allowing her to student teach.

Honor Council Committee honoring the Student Council for receiving the gold award.

Letter from Mexico Board President regarding their goal to emphasize good sportsmanship.

Letter from Frank Withrow thanking the school for their help in Economic Development.

Superintendent Brown recognized the following students and staff:

Academic team, Lila Petre, sponsor.

Optimist speech winners.

District FBLA contest participants, winners, and sponsors.

National History Day participants, winners, and Don Dixon, sponsor.

Student Council Gold Award, Jessie Sudholt, sponsor.

Senior athletes in basketball and cheerleading, and their coaches.

Donation of batting cage by Mike Teter.

National Principal's Day.

Set the re-organizational meeting for next Thursday, April 6, 2000, at noon in the vocational conference room.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

David Terry 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.

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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.” Toni Riekeberg seconded the motion. Those voting yea – John Walker, Jim Cerva, David Hamilton, Toni Riekeberg, Don Kinkhorst, David Terry, and Kathy McElwain. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

Kathy McElwain, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary