

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION – THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2000**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, August 31, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were David Hamilton, Kathy McElwain, Jim Cerva, Don Kinkhorst, Toni Riekeberg, and John Walker.

President McElwain welcomed everyone and announced that she had presented to Gerald Mansfield, transportation director prior to the meeting an award. The exemplary school bus maintenance award was given to the school for its' school bus maintenance program for compliance with at least 100% of Missouri school bus regulations and safety standards during the spring 2000 school bus inspection conducted by the Missouri State Highway Patrol for five passages.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to amend the approval of agenda by adding Item (E) Unofficial Results of MAP Scores under the Superintendent's Report to the Board.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the remaining consent agenda items of minutes of the previous meeting and the monthly bills.

Superintendent Brown reported on first-day enrollment counts. This year's total count of 1,332 is two greater than the number of students enrolled on the first day last year. There are also 20 three- and four-year-old children enrolled in the new preschool program. Brown also noted that he had obtained from Tri-County Christian and Immaculate Conception Schools enrollment counts. This year, Tri-County has 97 total students, compared to 68 last year; ICS has 56, compared to 57 last year.

Superintendent Brown reported that Keith Morrissey is soliciting support from community organizations for a fence project for Tigerette Field. The project will increase the height of the fences between the dug outs and also replace the outfield and side fences. Total cost is estimated between \$5,000 to \$6,500. A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the improvements to the field.

Superintendent Brown reported that Morrissey is also asking permission to lease signs for advertising around the outfield softball fences. All advertising messages would be brought before the board for approval. President McElwain appointed a committee of John Walker and Toni Riekeberg and for them to select two area residents to look into the sign-lease project.

Superintendent Brown stated the Missouri School Board's Association (MSBA) Region 3 fall meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, September 14, at the Kirksville Primary School.

Superintendent Brown reported that he had received a letter from Andy Morris, City Administrator asking if the school was going to be bringing any sort of bond issue or rollback measure before the voters because the City did not want to place something on the ballot at the same time. Brown said he doesn't think the school needs to bring any issues to the voters in April.

Superintendent Brown reported that the preliminary MAP scores are in and look positive. The students, teachers, administrators and parents have supported the testing and Brown feels confident that we will improve the test scores.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Superintendent Brown requested approval of the 1999-2000 Annual Secretary of the Board Report and Application of State Transportation Aid. A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the 1999-2000 Annual Secretary of the Board Report and Application of State Transportation Aid.

Superintendent Brown reported that after reviewing the school's tax rate calculations, the State Auditor has increased the current year tax ceiling from \$3.62 to \$3.63. As a result, Superintendent Brown asked the Board to amend both the unadjusted and adjusted tax rates for the 2000-2001 school year.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to amend both the unadjusted and adjusted tax rates for 2000-2001 school year set last month. The corrected 2000-2001 unadjusted levy will be \$3.63 and the adjusted levy \$2.94

Superintendent Brown also asked the Board to amend the 2000-2001 school calendar as a result of offering teachers an additional \$750 in base salary for three days of in-service. Brown commented that the district had 100% participation in the additional three days from teachers.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to amend the 2000-2001 school calendar by adding two days for professional development and the third day will be a work day following the last day of classes.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Julia Adami, elementary school guidance counselor gave a report and handout on how her time is divided in the elementary.

Vern Kincheloe entered the meeting.

Sue Campbell, middle school guidance counselor gave a report and handout on activities being conducted for middle school students.

Garnita Woodward, high school guidance counselor gave a report and handout on activities scheduled to happen and what she had been doing since taking over as counselor.

Principal Williams introduced the Title I Reading Recovery teachers and they gave a presentation of their assessment of the progress being made by students that were going through the program. They had documented charts of the tremendous strides being made and showed a video of one student and the progress that he had made.

Superintendent Brown requested approval of the Professional Development Plan for the 2000-2001 school year. A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the Professional Development Plan for the 2000-2001 school year.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to approve the faculty/staff and student handbooks that were prepared for all grade levels.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Don Kinkhorst and passed unanimously to approve the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Advisory Committee as presented.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to accept the agreements with local law enforcement agencies (city, police, county sheriff, and juvenile) for the reporting of incidents of alleged third-degree assault on school property, buses or during school activities.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Don Kinkhorst and passed unanimously to approve the lease agreement with First Christian Church for the Nuts & Bolts Preschool Program located at the Church.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to approve the lease agreement with Kevin Prenger for the Early Childhood Special Education Program located at Holly Circle.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Don Kinkhorst and passed unanimously to approve the lease agreement with Macon Realty for the Alternative School Program located at 1211 Enterprise Road.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to approve the request from Macon Youth Football Association to use the facilities at Hugh Dunn Stadium for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade football games.

Superintendent Brown requested approval of the final operating budget for the 2000-2001 school year. Projected revenues exceed anticipated expenditures by \$196,426.67. This

should be a reasonable surplus, which will ensure that the district will remain in stable financial condition in the coming years.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Don Kinkhorst and passed unanimously to approve the final operating budget for the 2000-2001 school year as presented.

Superintendent Brown recommended increasing the 2000-2001 non-resident tuition charge from \$4,300 to \$4,500, an increase of \$200. Per pupil instructional/support costs is \$4,553.76 based on calculations in the Annual Secretary of the Board Report.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to increase the 2000-2001 non-resident tuition charge from \$4,300, to \$4,500, an increase of \$200.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to readopt Policy BBFA, Board Member Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the Retention/Remediation Policy as presented.

Superintendent Brown reported that he and John Walker were reviewing the MSBA Spring Updates and will be bringing their recommendations at next months meeting for policy changes.

President McElwain read thank you's the board had received from Marilyn Schoonover, Larry Theerman, Lynda Sandner, Missouri District Engineer's Office, and the Macon Middle School Faculty.

President McElwain presented a certificate to board member Vern Kincheloe for completing his 16-hours of training.

Superintendent Brown recognized the Varsity Cheerleaders for their 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at the AAA Large Varsity Division meet.

Superintendent Brown also recognized the Transportation Department for their "Exemplary School Bus Maintenance Award."

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Tuesday, September 26, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Toni Riekeberg 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

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

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Kathy McElwain, President

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Deborah Baker, Secretary