

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2000**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, October 26, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were John Walker, Vern Kincheloe, Jim Cerva, David Hamilton, Toni Riekeberg, Don Kinkhorst, and Kathy McElwain.

President McElwain thanked everyone for coming and taking an interest in the School. She also noted one person had signed up for public comments. McElwain asked Sue Campbell to address the Board concerning her topic “Tabling Policy GCBA-R”.

Sue Campbell, CTA President wanted to express her committee’s concern to the board on professional staff salaries and also how to attract and retain teachers. She asked the board to please table any decisions made regarding Policy GCBA-R until her committee can research the issue and bring forth some ideas that they might have. She also stated that the teacher shortage and salary issue is not only a problem with Macon’s district, but everywhere in the state.

President McElwain thanked Mrs. Campbell for her input.

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, attendance report, revenue/expenditure comparison, treasurer’s report, monthly bills, Preschool to Kindergarten Transition Plan, and Parent Involvement Plan.

Superintendent Brown reported he had received letters of appreciation from several students enrolled in the new alternative school. The letters are very positive and convey a sense of sincere appreciation for the “second chance” that many feel they are receiving in this program. Students have named their new school “Bridges”. The letters were passed around for board members to read.

Superintendent Brown reported he had received a letter from Moberly Area Community College regarding a new project entitled, “School-To Work Supplemental/Transition Funding”. Funds are available to the members of the Northeast Missouri School-To-Careers Partnership to address parental involvement in careers education. Macon is a partner school. Brown told the Board he had returned a letter of support that was due by October 16th.

Superintendent Brown reported that Larry Day, owner of Riverview Technologies, Inc. who made the presentation to the Board at last month’s meeting had the low bid on the new telephone/intercom system. However, Superintendent Brown recommended delaying acceptance of the bid for thirty days to further study and prioritize other capital improvement needs in the district.

OLD BUSINESS:

Superintendent Brown asked for approval of the proposed "Technology Plan". Terry Russell had presented the plan at last month's board meeting and the revisions were in the board packets. Following the Board's approval, Terry will reprint final, revised copies of the plan for all board members. A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the Technology Plan as presented by Terry Russell.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to redesignate Stephen Nuhn as the district's liaison to work with the Division of Family Services, as required by Senate Bill 757.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to give the board's approval of Policy IKE, regarding "Promotion, Acceleration, and Retention of Students". This is the third and final reading of the policy; it is now formally adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sue Campbell, Middle School Counselor and Assessment Coordinator gave the results of last year's MAP testing for our district, compared to other districts, and Macon's dropout rate. She presented Longitudinal Data from 1998-2000 in MAP summaries by building and also MAP Disaggregated by Subject and Grade data for spring 2000. She informed the board how the district's Map scores affect the MSIP performance standards. The district receives points if students score better from previous years' data. Campbell stated that extra attention had been placed on the testing done last year and she was pleased with the overall results. Macon would score well from the MAP scores for the MSIP review. She also noted that 18 students had dropped-out of school during the spring of 2000.

Joetta Walter, Special Education Director gave her assessment of the Special Education Department. She felt the strengths of the program were certified experienced staff, the inclusion program, parent/teacher communication, communication between staff and administrators, materials and supplies, and experienced paraprofessionals. The concerns she addressed were incidence rates of disabilities, broadening gap between MAP scores, alignment of IEP goals to Show-Me Standards, appropriate curriculum for students, students who do not fit into regular education or special education program who are not succeeding, and confidentiality of special education office. Her future recommendations were investigation of referral and diagnostic process, propose a committee of regular and special education teachers to address MAP score trend, investigate At-Risk Program for Elementary, access curriculum needs of students most cognitively impaired, and a wall between Special Education and Computer Classroom, or alternative office site. Walter's stated that the district was addressing this last issue of confidentiality in the classroom.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the curriculum and competencies for the Practical Arts and Vocational School Programs. The Vocational Programs this year are: Business Education, Health

Occupation, Culinary Arts, Child Care, Family and Consumer Science, Building Trades, Graphic Arts, Auto Mechanics, Industrial Welding, and Ag Education.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the list of persons recommended to serve on the A+ Advisory Committee as presented.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the 2000-2001 bus routes as presented in the report by Gerald Mansfield.

Gerald Mansfield asked the board's permission to request bids for the purchase of one new school bus for the 2001-2002 school year. This would continue the schedule for replacement of buses that has been in place for several years. The required expenditure for the down payment of \$500 is budgeted in the current operating budget and would be payable before June 30, 2001. The balance of the purchase price would be financed through a five-year lease-purchase agreement with one of the local financial institutions.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Don Kinkhorst and passed unanimously to grant permission to Gerald Mansfield to request bids for the purchase of one new school bus for the 2001-2002 school year.

Superintendent Brown recommended continuing with Clarence Walker Construction for snow removal during this school year. A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to approve Brown's recommendation and to continue with Clarence Walker Construction for snow removal for this school year.

The following thank you's were read:

From the John Spainhower family for flower's sent.

For the white mum sent from Linda Ellis and Basler family.

For the plant sent for the loss of Kathy Perkins sister.

Superintendent Brown recognized the following individuals:

KWIX-KRES-KIRK Radio Stations' and Macon-Atlanta State Bank's Job Fair hosted by Macon R-1 School. (23 employers represented, 300+ attendees)

Mickey Briscoe elected to serve on the Missouri State Fair Committee.

Lolli Brothers for their recent services at the school's auction.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Tuesday, November 21, 2000, 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

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

Kathy McElwain, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary