

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2001**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 21, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. Board members present were Kathy McElwain, John Walker, David Hamilton, Jim Cerva, Vern Kincheloe, and Don Kinkhorst.

President Kathy McElwain called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. McElwain officially thanked all the administration and staff for the great MSIP review recently completed. She and the school board appreciated all the hard work and dedication shown in getting prepared for the review. She then asked Boy Scout Branson Barnhill to lead everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Vern Kincheloe and passed unanimously to amend the consent agenda by pulling item (C) Appoint committee to study ball fields advertising and summer leasing, which was under Old Business.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of previous meeting, attendance report, revenue/expenditure comparison, treasurer's report, and monthly bills.

Superintendent Brown reported on the student count that will be submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The school is required to count students twice each year, on the last Wednesday in September and the last Wednesday in January. The January membership count is 18.14 students less than the September membership count. September 2000 count was 1,290.75 and the January 2001 count is 1,272.61.

Superintendent Brown commented on the MSIP Advance Questionnaire Summary Report that each board member had received in their packet. Macon school measures comparably with other districts on most standards. Macon also received more positive results on three standards relative to vocational education and adult education programs. There were some standards where the school measured lower than other school districts. Mr. King and Deb Sutton were not overly concerned with these results, since the staff interviews did not corroborate these findings. However, they suggested that the district include strategies in the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan in an attempt to improve these areas.

Superintendent Brown reported that there is considerable concern about Missouri's budget for the next fiscal year. Governor Holden continues to publicly state that he is opposed to any budget cuts for education, but Brown said in the meetings he has attended they are talking about a 10% across-the-board reduction in the categorical revenues as a real possibility.

Superintendent Brown reported that the new telecommunications system will be completed this weekend and will be fully operational on Tuesday morning, February 20. Larry Day, owner and operator of Riverview Technologies, provided in-service for all employees on Friday.

Superintendent Brown reported that John Walker, David Hamilton, and Toni Riekeberg; the facilities committee will meet at 4:00 on Thursday afternoon, March 1 in the vocational conference room. The committee will try to prioritize the various facilities needs that have been identified.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Superintendent Brown recommended that the Board enter into an agreement with Forrest T. Jones, Inc. for 403(b) Gatekeeper services. Forrest to Jones, Inc. is endorsed by Missouri School Boards Assoc. and there are no costs to the district or employees. A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to enter into an agreement with Forrest T. Jones, Inc. for 403(b) Gatekeeper services for the district.

Superintendent Brown reported that Glenn Norton has declined the invitation to be the speaker for this year's graduation ceremony, due to the fact that his own daughter is graduating the same day. The committee will have to meet again and come back with another recommendation.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Principal Williams gave his annual assessment report of the Macon Elementary School. The report covered curriculum and instruction, incentive grants, technology, reading recovery, elementary guidance, services for students "at risk" of school failure, school climate, community partnerships, MAP and performance data.

Principal Schoenfelt requested the Board's permission to apply for a Safe-Schools Continuation Program Grant. The grant received this year has enabled the school to implement an alternative program at the Bridges School for students who need to be removed from the regular classroom because of violent, abusive, and/or chronically disruptive behavior. A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to grant permission to Principal Schoenfelt to apply for a Safe-Schools Continuation Program Grant.

Principal Williams requested the Board's permission to apply for a federally-funded 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant. Patricia Stark has taken the initiative to write a grant proposal to the United States Department of Education for approximately \$1,000,000 (match-free) to fund an After-School and Summer Program. A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Vern Kincheloe and passed unanimously to grant permission to Principal Williams to apply for the federally-funded 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant.

Vocational Director Larry Theerman requested the Board's permission to bid the building trade's project for the next school year. This is done to explain the procedure to the public; bidding of the project has gone very well for the last several years. A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to give permission to Larry Theerman to bid the building trades project for the 2001-2002 school year.

Transportation Director Gerald Mansfield had requested bids from the local car dealerships for a van. The district is currently short one vehicle, as a motor is out of one of the vans. The van is needed to transport meals to the alternative school and the preschool. Special education students are also driven who are in the work coop program to various locations in the community. The vans are also used for trips outside the regular school day. Mansfield and Superintendent Brown recommended that the Board approve Sutton Motor's bid on the program van. A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Don Kinkhorst and passed unanimously to accept Sutton Motor Company bid on the 2000 Chrysler Voyager program van of \$16,900, with an extended service plan (six years or 100,000 miles with a \$50 deductible) for \$1,250.00, for a total cost of the van at \$18,150.00.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to regretfully accept the resignation of Don Dixon, High School History Teacher, effective at the end of this school year.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to regretfully accept the resignation of Nancy Forquer, Elementary Music Teacher, effective at the end of this school year.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to regretfully accept the resignation of Rhonda Adkins, Vocational Business Teacher, effective at the end of this school year.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to regretfully accept the resignation of Dianne King, Vocational Business Teacher, effective at the end of this school year.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to regretfully accept the resignation of Marge Bolin, Paraprofessional, effective April 1, 2001.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Jesse Simons, Custodian, effective June 30, 2001.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to regretfully accept the resignation of Karen Deweese, Paraprofessional, effective at the end of this school year.

President McElwain appointed Jim Cerva and herself to serve on the CTA Salary Committee. The administration will be working with the faculty salary committee in the coming weeks to formulate a salary-improvement recommendation that will be presented to the Board this spring.

President McElwain appointed Toni Riekeberg as a delegate and John Walker as alternate for the MSBA Spring meeting.

President McElwain read the following thank you received:

President McElwain read a letter she received from Sister Barbara Rose from the Immaculate Conception School, thanking the district for its help and support.

A card received from Marge Bolin's family for the plant received when her father passed away.

Superintendent Brown recognized the following students and staff:

Missouri School Improvement Review:

J.D. King, Area Supervisor of Instruction

Administration, faculty, and staff

Media, newspaper and radio

Macon community and parents President McElwain read a letter she received from Sister Barbara Rose from the Immaculate Conception School, thanking the district for its help and support

Keith Maloney, school bus driver, complimented by parents.

Varsity basketball teams – exceptional seasons.

Tigers – Clarence Cannon Conference champions.

Tigerettes – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Clarence Cannon Conference

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, March 22, 2001, 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." Vern Kincheloe seconded the motion. Those voting yea – John Walker, Jim Cerva, David Hamilton, Vern Kincheloe, 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