

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2001**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were Kathy McElwain, Vern Kincheloe, Jim Cerva, David Hamilton, Toni Riekeberg, and Don Kinkhorst.

President McElwain recognized retiring teachers Linda Ellis, Joe Webb, and Don Dixon and presented them all with plaques commemorating their years of service.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to pull out item (A) Approval of agenda and amend it by moving from Old Business item (A) Approve Transfers to become item (G) under the Consent agenda.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the amended consent agenda items of minutes of previous meeting, attendance report, revenue/expenditure comparison, treasurer's report, monthly bills, and approve transfers of an amount from the Incidental Fund to zero the Teachers' Fund balance as of June 30, 2001 (no tax levy in the Teachers Fund), and approve transfer of an amount from the Incidental Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to reimburse for equipment and other capital expenditures during the 2000-2001 school year (no tax levy in the Capital Projects fund).

Superintendent Brown reported that the "Annual Assessment of Career Ladder Plan and Activities" report had been completed and mailed to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and gave each board member a copy of the report. A total of 80 teachers participated in the Career Ladder program and spent a combined total of 9,345.25 hours on Career Ladder activities. Some of the activities listed were parent contact, student tutoring, other student contact, curriculum development, professional development, and other instructional improvement.

Superintendent Brown reported that Theresa Lloyd has been chosen to participate in DESE's STARR (Select Teachers as Regional Resources) Program during the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 school years. During the 2001-2002 school year, Theresa will be involved in training and have the opportunity to teach, practice and more fully develop the information she has learned in the STARR Program. During the 2002-2003 school year, she will be absent from our district, as she will be in the field working with area schools.

Superintendent Brown reported on the annual inspection of Macon R-1 school buses. Macon's transportation department passed 100% of the fleet in both the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 school years, and 94.12% of the fleet in the 2000-2001 school year. This compares with 85% statewide. Gerald Mansfield and Keith Maloney are to be commended for their efforts to provide a safe fleet for the students.

Superintendent Brown reported that a workday on Tigerette Field is scheduled for July 20. Plans are to take down the fence that day, after the Tigerette Softball Camp. The backstop will be replaced with 14' poles and 12' sections down to the dugouts. Signs will be placed at the top 2' that will display the names of the "Clarence Cannon Conference" and "Tigerette Field". Money has already been donated to take care of the project. Brown noted that the same improvements need to be done at Tiger Field, from the standpoint of liability, if a spectator is hit by a foul ball or over throw.

Superintendent Brown reported that the school is taking sealed bids on the old high jump and pole vault mats. The new mats are being purchased from a variety of resources, including Coca-Cola's annual donation, Athletic Booster Club, Tiger Maws, and gate receipts.

OLD BUSINESS:

President McElwain presented the third and final reading of the revised Attendance Policy. The policy has been updated with the help of Susan Goldhammer, who is an attorney with Missouri School Boards Association. The policy includes a Saturday or after-school-tutoring program to provide opportunities to make up missed time and still receive credit. Also, there is an appeals process. It was the consensus of the board to delay the final reading to receive more input on how the policy will relate to the A+ program. The revised policy may need to apply only to vocational students.

President McElwain also presented the final draft of the Citizenship Policy prepared by a committee. A Student Participant and Parent Acknowledgement Form will need to be signed by both parent and student before the sponsor/coach will allow participation in extra-curricular activities.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Vern Kincheloe and passed unanimously to increase the base salaries 50-cents per hour for both the building level and central office secretaries/bookkeeper (Levels III and IV). Personnel to receive this increase will be Denise Standbridge, Becky Baldwin, Sherry Wiggans, Judy Bunton, Dianna Bealmer, Judy Headley, and Judy Smith. It was noted that the increase was needed to attract and retain people qualified for these jobs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Julie Bruner presented a report on the "Bridges Alternative School". Eighteen students were serviced in the 2000-2001 school year. The school offered 75 credits, 41.5 credits were earned by students at the end of the school year, with another 20.5 to be completed by the end of summer school. Some of the activities the students were involved with were the Christmas in the Park, and boxing up supplies collected to be sent to the Fayette School after their fire. Two students graduated in May, and one student is college bound and scored a 24 on his ACT test. She reported that Bridges has received a grant for the 2001-2002 school year in the amount of \$35,932, which is a state match. She reported

that students, parents, and community members had completed a survey and there were some very good comments made and that the program had a very successful first year.

Gerald Mansfield, transportation director gave an annual assessment of the transportation department. Mansfield said average number of students transported by bus was 789 per day. The total miles on the buses during the 2000-2001 school year were 170,331 compared to 171,205 for the previous year. The buses accumulated 25,851 miles being used for field trips during 331 school trips and van trip mileage totaled 17,782 miles during 140 trips. He said the average mileage for all buses was 103,785. The director, secretary, and drivers have continued training and educational updates to insure that they can provide an efficient and safe transportation department for the school.

Superintendent Brown gave the annual food service program assessment. The total lunches served to students in the program have increased. There were 148,878 lunches served last year, compared to 146,137 the year before. The breakfast program saw a huge increase. There were 39,573 breakfasts served last year, compared to 32,857 the year before. The average daily participation for lunches served is 69.58%, compared to breakfast participation of 18.28%.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to accept the Preliminary Operating Budget for the 2001-2002 school year as presented by Superintendent Brown. The preliminary budget reflects receipts of \$9,103,353.27 and expenditures of \$9,064,76.84, for a net increase of \$38,589.43. The budget is based on tax levy of \$2.94.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to move \$227,436.00 from the Capital Projects fund to the operating budget for the 2000-2001 school year to complete the projects as outlined in the proposal.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to accept the bid proposal submitted by Earthgrains for bread for the 2001-2002 school year.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to accept the bid proposal submitted by Prairie Farms for milk for the 2001-2002 school year.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to appoint Deborah Baker as Board secretary for the 2001-2002 school year.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Don Kinkhorst and passed unanimously to appoint Sherry Wiggans as school treasurer for the 2001-2002 school year.

President McElwain read thank you cards the board had received.

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The date was set for the tax rate hearing for Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 4:45 p.m. in the high school library.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Don Kinkhorst 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) and (13), 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 – Jim Cerva, Toni Riekeberg, Don Kinkhorst, Vern Kincheloe, David Hamilton, and Kathy McElwain. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

Kathy McElwain, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary