

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2002**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, January 17, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were John Walker, Vern Kincheloe, Don Kinkhorst, David Hamilton, Jim Cerva, Toni Riekeberg, and Kathy McElwain.

President Kathy McElwain called the meeting to order and asked Girl Scout Brook Hess to come forward and lead the group in the pledge to the flag.

President McElwain informed the board that President Bush had signed a new educational bill that was over 1,000 pages in length and that legal people were reading through to see what it would mean to school districts and funding.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to amend the consent agenda by adding under New Business item (B) Graduation Exercises.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda, which consisted of, minutes of previous meeting, attendance report, revenue/expenditure comparison, treasurer's report, and monthly bills.

Superintendent Brown reported that the week of January 21-27, 2002 is "School Board Recognition Week" in honor of school board members throughout the state who unselfishly volunteer their personal time and talents to serve as advocates for children, youth, and education. Brown asked each member to attend Saturday evening's boys' championship varsity basketball game to be recognized and presented certificates at halftime.

Superintendent Brown reported that school board candidate filing for the April 2, 2002 board election closed at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15. Seven people have declared their candidacy. They are, in order of filing, Don Kinkhorst, Kathy McElwain, Toni Riekeberg, Allison Rowland, Denise Czuba, Scott Blodgett, and Clyde Smith.

Superintendent Brown noted that January 29, 2002 is "Legislative Day" at the Capitol. This day is designated annually as a time when administrators and board members can visit with their senators and representatives about educational issues that are scheduled for discussion during this legislative session. David Hamilton, Jim Cerva, Vern Kinchloe, and Toni Riekeberg will be attending this year.

Superintendent Brown noted that an Advanced Certified Board Member Workshop is scheduled prior to the Legislative Forum on January 29th. The topic is "Professional Development: How school board members can support teachers to increase student achievement." Board members were to let Brown know if they plan to attend.

Superintendent Brown noted that MSBA's School Board Teleconference is scheduled for February 28, 2002, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Brown reported that all school board

candidates had received a brochure about the teleconference and were advised that the district would pay the registration fees.

Superintendent Brown reported that Mike Trumper had conducted a surveillance during the Christmas break as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of the existing asbestos-containing buildings and materials. Significant changes to the ACBM have occurred as a result of the maintenance work that was done last summer. All vinyl asbestos floor tiles in the elementary hallways and cafeteria was encapsulated. During the process of remodeling the art room, an asbestos-containing board was removed. As required, it was properly tagged as the property of the Macon County R-I School District, wrapped twice in six-ply plastic, and disposed of at Superior Landfill.

OLD BUSINESS:

Superintendent Brown reported that Rob Rollings and George Esser, representing SBWE Architects could not be present tonight due to other commitments. SBWE Architects have volunteered their services and have compiled an executive summary that was given to board members. The plan and the supporting documents should serve as a guide for both long and short-term decision making associated with maintaining and improving the overall school facility. The overall strategy behind the plan revolves around three major categories for action. These include life safety and code compliance, maintenance/building envelope and building additions to solve educational program needs.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to authorize SBWE Architects to come up with bid specifications for upgrading electricity needs in the district. Currently there are not enough electrical outlets in rooms to accommodate computers and newer technology and the school has maximized all their power. The City of Macon will also have to upgrade the districts transformer to receive more power.

Superintendent Brown reported that a survey of all certificated employees had been conducted regarding the school calendar for the 2002-2003 school year. Sixty-seven (67) percent of those surveyed returned their surveys. Fifty-eight (58) teachers preferred Calendar #1, and twenty-two (22) teachers preferred Calendar #2. The administrators also recommend calendar #1, which is the same as the recommendation of the sending schools' administrators.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve Calendar #1 for the 2001-2002 school year. The first semester ends prior to the Christmas break and includes seven additional minutes of instruction time each student contact day, which will enable the district to accumulate time to be used for early dismissals for professional development.

Superintendent Brown reported that the district received a letter from Public Entity Risk Managers regarding the district's Educators Legal Liability insurance policy. There is a Discovery Period Agreement that defines the ability to exercise a Discovery period, which would extend the reporting period of this coverage for another twelve months.

The cost of the benefit is \$868.00. Brown recommended declining to exercise the Discovery period provision. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Brown asked for the board's continued support of the A+ program. A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to sustain the A+ schools concept through planning, implementation, and evaluation efforts, including the community partnership and the required assurances.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the performance standards for the A+ program as recommended by Suzy Thompson, A+ Coordinator that were revised and approved in December 2000.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the A+ programs "Community Partnership Plan" with the district.

Superintendent Brown read the first reading of the proposed revision to policy IKFB – Graduation Exercise. The revision will add a paragraph that will allow board members, both current and former to present diplomas to their child at graduation exercises.

Superintendent Brown recognized the following students and staff:

Special Olympics team participating at Moberly area tournament, brought home 9 gold medals, Vicky Nevius is their coach.

Sarah Sutton selected as a People to People student ambassador.

Briah Ketchum, Secretary and Charlie Carpenter, Parliamentarian new FCCLA officers – Trisha Knowles students.

President McElwain read thank you's the board received and also an invitation to attend the Martin Luther King Fellowship breakfast to be held Monday, January 21st at 6:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Set date for next regular Board meeting for Thursday, February 28, 2002 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 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." John Walker seconded the motion. Those voting yea – John Walker, Jim Cerva, David Hamilton, Toni Riekeberg, Vern Kincheloe, Don Kinkhorst, and Kathy McElwain. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

Kathy McElwain, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary