

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2002**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Kathy McElwain, John Walker, David Hamilton, Vern Kincheloe, Jim Cerva, Toni Riekeberg and Don Kinkhorst.

President Kathy McElwain called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. McElwain led those present in the pledge to the flag. The meeting was then moved to the high school cafeteria to accommodate the large audience. She then announced that Chris Shoemaker had signed up to speak during the public forum portion of the meeting.

The Honorable Chris Shoemaker addressed the public as to why he voted the way he did on school funding in the House of Representatives. Shoemaker stated that right now the foundation formula is fully funded. He stated that there are two sides to the issue, one side says to spend and the other side says that more taxes are needed to help schools.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to amend the consent agenda by adding item (C) A+ Curriculum and Redesignation under Old Business.

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

Superintendent Brown reported that Macon Middle School had been awarded a \$100,000 School Renovation Grant for electrical and HVAC improvements to the building. Brown and the facilities committee will be working with Rob Rollings and SBWE Architects to develop bid specifications. The school has until September 2003 to complete the project in order to receive the grant.

Superintendent Brown reported on recent legislative action regarding school funding. Legislation proposed in the last two weeks include 1) reducing funding for summer school, 2) cutting \$15 million from special education, 3) reducing funding for gifted programs by 3%, 4) cutting \$2 million from the funding for Safe-Schools Grant, and 5) reducing funding for transportation by 5%.

Superintendent Brown reported that this past Monday, a worker's compensation investigator, visited the school to conduct a risk control field survey. He reviewed the claims files for the current school year, as well as those for the previous three years. Based on his findings, he offered suggestions that may help the school reduce the frequency of falls, contusions, etc. The district needs to keep its' workers compensation claims down for the next three years in order to see relief from the high premiums.

Superintendent Brown reported that the administration has decided that it is in the district's best interest to move the alternative school program onto the main campus for the 2002-2003 school year. Two reasons for the move. First, funding for the grant will be cut by 50%; and second, on-campus access will provide greater administrative supervision of the program. Brown wrote a letter to Dean and Dan Wilt advising them that the school would be vacating the building at 1211 Enterprise Road at the end of this school year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Toni Riekeberg reported that Glenn Norton, a graduate of Macon High School, had accepted the invitation to be this year's Commencement Speaker. Mr. Norton has distinguished himself as an attorney-at-law and is currently serving as Governor Holden's chief legal counsel.

Superintendent Brown read the second reading of Policy IKE – Reading Retention Plan.

Superintendent Brown read the third and final reading of Policy IKFB – Graduation Exercises.

Superintendent Brown asked to table the reading of revision to Policy GCG – Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation Plans. Brown needs to get more information from the legal department at MSBA.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Vern Kincheloe and passed unanimously to accept weight training and advanced biology into the A+ curriculum program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Brown reported that the CTA Salary Committee did not want to present to the board, but were asking for a \$1,000 raise to base pay. Brown based on current school funding could only recommend at this time a \$500 increase to base pay.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, and seconded by John Walker to increase teacher base salary \$500, from \$24,600 to \$25,100, and to reconsider increasing this base if additional funds become available. Those voting yea – David Hamilton, Vern Kincheloe, Toni Riekeberg, John Walker, Don Kinkhorst, and Kathy McElwain. Those voting nay – Jim Cerva. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to grant permission to Principal Williams to apply for the Missouri Pre-School Project Continuation Grant, this will be the third year for the grant. The program is providing developmentally appropriate early childhood education and quality child care services for three- and four-year-old children.

Principal Nuhn presented his assessment report on the middle school. He reviewed curriculum, staffing, extra-curricular activities, communication, instruction, school climate, programs, counseling, and student achievements.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to grant permission to apply for the Missouri School-Age Children's Health Services seventh-year continuation grant. The legislature has continued this funding because it is a fact that the only professional health care received by many of the children is the services they receive from the registered nurses at the school.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the recommendation from the band directors and the Band Boosters committee and accept the low-bid from Stanbury Uniform Company of \$44,376 – with prepayment for new band uniforms.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by Vern Kincheloe and passed to lease to the Macon Baseball Association the fields known as Tiger Field, Tigerette Field, Elementary Field, and Elementary Playground Field for use in the community-sponsored summer baseball/softball program. The total term rental for all fields is \$1.00 and the lease agreement specifies that school activities take priority regarding the use of the fields until all school-sponsored seasons are ended. The lease will end when fall sports begin. John Walker abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Deanna Clevenger, kindergarten 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 Mike Trumper, director of maintenance, effective at the end of this school year.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Gene Edwards, instrumental music teacher, effective at the end of this school year.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Jason Sutherland, physical education/health teacher and varsity boys' basketball coach, effective at the end of this school year.

Superintendent Brown recognized the following students and staff:

District FBLA contest participants, winners, and sponsors.

National History Day participants, winners, and sponsor.

Middle School Honor Band participants, winners, and sponsors.

FFA State officer – Kacie Nelson, vice president and her sponsors.

Ken Campbell, his involvement with the 7th grade science assessment and MAP.

Student Council trip to Cape Girardeau and sponsor.

Macon High School Choir received a 1 at contest, Gloria Guinn director.
Elk's Essay Contest winners – Katie Ross and Shana Hicks, and their sponsors.
Quiz Bowl team and sponsor.

Set the re-organizational meeting for next Friday, April 5, 2002, at 4:00 p.m. in the vocational conference room.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, April 25, 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, Don Kinkhorst, Vern Kinchloe, and Kathy McElwain. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

Kathy McElwain, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary