

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2002**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, July 25, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were David Hamilton, Allison Rowland, Jim Cerva, Scott Blodgett, Vern Kincheloe, Toni Riekeberg, and John Walker.

President John Walker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He then asked Toni Riekeberg to lead the group in the pledge to the flag.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of approval of agenda, minutes of previous meeting, monthly bills, and elementary principal's report.

Superintendent Long reported that the district would be receiving \$321,681 in state and federal grant monies for 2002-2003 school year, itemized as follows:

Safe-Schools Grant (3rd year) in the amount of \$11,218.

Missouri Pre-School Project (3rd year) in the amount of \$56,700.

Vocational CDA Grant (4th year) in the amount of \$34,655.

Missouri School-Age Children's Health Services Grant (7th year) in the amount of \$23,612.

Vocational Enhancement Grants:

a. Auto Mechanics in the amount of \$8,708.

b. Business Technology in the amount of \$28,918.

c. Graphic Arts in the amount of \$60,370.

School Renovation Grant in the amount of \$97,500.

Superintendent Long reported that the annual "back-to-school" picnic would be held the evening of August 19, 2002 at the Macon County Fair Grounds Park. This is an annual event for all faculty, staff, and their families. Service pins will be presented to employees who have completed five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, and thirty or more years at the picnic.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Vern Kincheloe and passed unanimously to approve the 2002-2003 unadjusted tax levy of \$3.5805.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the 2002-2003 adjusted tax levy of \$2.9684.

Principal Tietsort gave a report on Summer School 2002 that was offered through Edison Schools. This was an all day program for students, the day started at 8:00 and ended at

3:30. The total number of students that attended part or all of summer school was 529. A total of 33 teachers participated in the program also. Average daily attendance for 2002 was 67.18%, compared to 30.43% in 2001. Students were rewarded for coming to school everyday in the program, 280 students received prizes for their attendance. Tietsort commended the teachers for going above and beyond the call in dealing with the problems encountered at the beginning of the session and the new program for Macon. Surveys had been completed by both parents and faculty concerning the program. Two major concerns were the length of day being too long and also for the younger children being moved from class to class. Before making a recommendation on whether to continue the program next year he needs to get more faculty input. Total expenses for summer school was \$164,866.24. A bill was sent to Edison on July 15 to recover these expenses.

Superintendent Long gave the annual food service program assessment. The total lunches served to students in the program have increased, while the breakfast program has dropped. The average daily participation for lunches served was 69.94% for the 2001-2002 school year, compared to 69.58% the prior year. The average daily participation for breakfasts served was 17.72%, compared to 18.28% the prior year.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to accept the bid proposal submitted by Earthgrains for bread products for the 2002-2003 school year.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Vern Kincheloe and passed unanimously to accept the bid proposal submitted by Anderson-Erickson Dairy for milk products for the 2002-2003 school year.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed unanimously to re-adopt policy BBFA – “Board Member Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure” policy.

Superintendent Long reported that the principals would like the Board to consider revising Policy GCE – “Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment”. Currently, the policy reads that “after substituting for fifteen (15) consecutive days in the same position, certificated substitutes will be paid according to the base position on the salary schedule.” The revised policy shall be to have the number of days reduced to five (5) consecutive days. This policy change is needed since the district has experienced considerable difficulty in securing substitute teachers.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed unanimously to approve the recommended revision to Policy GCE – “Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment”.

Superintendent Long proposed a new policy and gave the first reading of that new policy – “Reimbursement for Grant Writing”. The intent is to bring more money into the district with grants and to encourage teachers to write for these grants by paying them a stipend.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Vern Kincheloe and passed unanimously to approve the assurance statements as presented in which the district agrees to comply with the federal General Education Provisions Act, which ensures equitable access to all persons without regard to gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to approve the agreements with local law enforcement agencies (city police, county sheriff, and juvenile) for the reporting of incidents of alleged third-degree assault on school property, buses or during school activities. These documents are required by the Safe Schools Act.

Superintendent Long presented a proposal for a new extra-duty salary schedule for the 2002-2003 school year. Principal Tietsort re-worked the current salary schedule to index it to a percentage of base salary. There was also some adjustments made to some of the coaching assignments. The new schedule would reflect a 4% increase for the 2002-2003 school year and would cost the district an additional \$7,135.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to approve the new extra-duty salary schedule for the 2002-2003 school year as presented.

Superintendent Long reported that Gerald Mansfield and Keith Maloney would like the Board to consider raising the daily rate paid to substitute bus drivers from \$40 to the same daily rate as paid to the regular drivers, which is \$62.95. They are having trouble finding substitutes because we are not competitive with other schools in our area. Long stated he would be in favor of an increase, but not to the full salary rate of a regular driver.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed unanimously to increase the substitute bus driver pay to \$50 per day.

Superintendent Long handed out the new band handbook for the 2002-2003 school year. He noted one change in the handbook was to implement a \$25 fee for instruments that were on loan to students, the idea being to help defray the cost of repair and replacement on the instruments. He asked board members to review the handbook and would bring back again at next months meeting.

Superintendent Long recognized Julie Bruner for her participation in the Safe Schools grant reading.

Toni Riekeberg read thank you notes the board had received.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, August 22, 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 BDC, 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.” David Hamilton seconded the motion. Those voting yea – Toni Riekeberg, David Hamilton, Allison Rowland, Vern Kincheloe, Jim Cerva, Scott Blodgett and John Walker. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

John Walker, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary