

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2002**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, September 19, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Jim Cerva, David Hamilton, Allison Rowland, Scott Blodgett, and John Walker. Board members absent were Toni Riekeberg and Vern Kincheloe.

Prior to the business meeting four patrons of the district signed up to make public comments, which were as follows:

Mike Kindle asked the board to consider placing air conditioning in the school, he stated that children cannot work and learn when they are hot.

Brent Bernhardt asked the board to provide a good environment and climate for the kids and teachers by placing air conditioning in the district.

Alan Johnson also asked for air conditioning to be installed to provide a better environment for children to learn.

Kurt Dewese also asked to board to consider installing air conditioning in the district for a better learning environment for both children and the teachers to work in.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to remove item (A) – Approval of agenda and approve the remaining items, which consisted of minutes of previous meeting, revenue/expenditure comparison, treasurer’s report, and monthly bills.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to amend item (A) - Approval of Agenda by adding item (F) – Consider Resignation of Support Staff under New Business.

Dr. Long reported that he had attended the MOASBO (Missouri Association of School Business Officials) meeting earlier in the week. He said he learned that a new accounting regulation will become effective July 1, 2003. This regulation will require the district to provide better financial reports to the public based on facts, not speculation. This report should enable the public to get an accurate picture of where the district stands financially.

Dr. Long also reported that the late Lilburn Feit had named the elementary library as a residual beneficiary of her trust. Mrs. Feit was a retired teacher from the district, who placed a high value on the importance of education. The trustee will be preparing the final accounting and distributions of her estate within the next few weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Long asked the board to approve the “Reimbursement for Grant Writing” policy as amended to delete the word “either” from the last sentence of the first paragraph of the draft policy, this is the third and final reading of the policy. A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed unanimously to adopt the new policy “Reimbursement for Grant Writing” as presented by Dr. Long.

NEW BUSINESS:

Principal Ernest Motley reviewed with the board the federal programs dollar allocations, anticipated expenditures, and allowable uses of the dollars. He stated that the “No Child Left Behind” federal act of 2001 has totally reorganized all federal programs and gave board members handouts to review in more detail later. Principal Motley asked Pat Bradshaw and Kathy Perkins to speak to the board on their programs.

Pat Bradshaw, a Title I teacher; spoke to the board about Title I Math. She said they are presently serving 98 students in kindergarten through fifth grades (K-5). The numbers are higher in the lower grades, which is to be expected she stated, because you hope by the time they get in the older classes that they have been helped enough to enable them to go back into the regular classroom.

Kathy Perkins spoke about the reading program. She said this is the eighth year for reading recovery in the district. She stated that the reading recovery program is an early intervention program for children who are most at risk of learning. They are presently serving 101 students in K-5th grade.

Coach Walt Thompson gave his annual assessment to the Board on extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. Last year 98% of elementary students, 92% of the middle school students, and 82% of the high school students participated in some sort of extra-curricular program. He stated that the athletic account was a little lower than normal due to the fact that the football helmets had to be reconditioned this year. This year’s uniform rotation would be the middle school and high school cheerleading uniforms. He said that a coaches meeting had been held and sportsmanship was to be stressed and promoted. Coaches talked about policies and injuries. He spoke about a few concerns he had, which were the track condition, basketball bleachers first step, and making basketball and football handicap assessable.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to approve the list of students residing within one mile of the school, who are transported at no-additional-cost to the district.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed unanimously to approve the A+ Advisory Committee as presented for the 2002-2003 school year.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to approve Rachel Richardson and Kevin Butner to serve for 3-year terms on the Business Education Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to continue to retain Tom Mickes as legal counsel and to request the district’s records be moved from his old firm of Tueth, Keeney, Cooper, Mohan & Jackstadt to Mr. Mickes’ new law firm.

Dr. Long then presented to the board a facilities improvement plan proposal. The proposal was divided into fifteen different work packages. Eight work packages were proposed for the 2002-2003 school year. Dr. Long reviewed the current reserves and capital projects and how the school was limited on what amounts can be transferred by law from different funds. Dr. Long proposed three different options:

- (1) – Spend as the district can transfer the money as allowable, which means it might take five-to-six years to complete the air conditioning of the whole campus.
- (2) – A bond issue, go to the vote of the people to raise the levy, would require a 4/7 majority.
- (3) – A guaranteed performance contract. The state allows you to enter into a contract with an outside vendor who fronts the district the money and oversees the project. The school would payback the vendor over a period of 10-years.

Dr. Long also told the board that the Macon Athletic Booster Club has stated that they would like to see the track improved to an all weather surface and will donate \$50,000 plus to the project. So the total of work package #8 would be offset by donations to the track improvements.

Dr. Long asked the board if he could have permission to contact architect Rob Rollings, to have him prepare specifications for bids on work packages one through eight, to be presented at the October meeting. Then decide after the bids are received on which option to go as far as funding.

A motion was made by David Hamilton to authorize Dr. Long to contact Rob Rollings to have him complete specifications for bidding out work packages one and two. No further action was taken.

A motion was made by Scott Blodgett, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to authorize Dr. Long to contact Rob Rollings to prepare specification's for bidding purposes of work packages one through six, and work package eight.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Caren Fiedler, vocational and high school counselor secretary, effective October 1, 2002.

Dr. Long recognized the following students and staff:

- September 11 memorial events – students and staff
- FFA – Building Our American Communities Project

President Walker read thank you cards and notes received.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Tuesday, October 22, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

David Hamilton 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.” Allison Rowland seconded the motion. Those voting yea – Allison Rowland, Jim Cerva, Scott Blodgett, David Hamilton, and John Walker. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

John Walker, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary