

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2002**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, October 22, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Allison Rowland, Jim Cerva, Toni Riekeberg, Scott Blodgett, Vern Kincheloe, David Hamilton and John Walker.

President Walker thanked everyone for coming. Walker had no opening comments and no one had signed up for public comments.

Allison Hayes, daughter of Brian and Julie Hayes, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to accept the consent agenda, which consisted of approval of agenda, minutes of previous meeting, attendance report, revenue/expenditure comparison, treasurer's report, and monthly bills.

Dr. Long reported on the enrollment data from the September 25, 2002 enrollment count, compared to the September 2001 data. This year's total enrollment in grades K-12 is seventeen greater than last year's fall enrollment count. This enrollment number includes both resident and non-resident students. The resident membership count is 10.13 students greater than last year's count.

Dr. Long gave to board members the '2002 MAP Summary' report. Dr. Long stated that MAP tests results have shown an increase in some areas, and some decreases in other areas. In a few areas the district barely met the state standard. Long said if Macon falls down in a couple of areas next year, the district could become a priority school, which means you are not performing up to expectations. Dr. Long stated that our district probably needs someone to spend at least half their day on curriculum, academics, and testing. He didn't know if it would be an additional staff member, or an adjustment to someone's responsibility.

Dr. Long reported that beginning this year, the Moberly Area Bass Club will annually award a \$250 scholarship to a graduating senior.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to approve the audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002 completed by Lockridge, Constant & Conrad, LLC.

Dr. Long reported that Allison Rowland had asked that the board review the facilities improvement plan again and the financing options that are available to pay for the facilities improvements. She would like to see all plans completed within a reasonable length of time. Discussion was held regarding performance contracting, spending down

of reserves, asking voters for a rollback of the 'Proposition C' waiver or a levee increase, possible bond issue, fund balances and budget cuts expected.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland and seconded by Scott Blodgett to do performance contracting for work package #2 (Elementary School HVAC Project) as outlined in the facility improvement proposal, and pay cash for the other improvements. Those voting yea – Allison Rowland, Jim Cerva, Toni Riekeberg, Scott Blodgett, and Vern Kincheloe. Those voting nay – David Hamilton and John Walker. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joetta Walter, Special Education Process Coordinator gave her assessment of the Special Education Department. Mrs. Walter's gave an overview of major changes to the special education program. She also reported on the district's incidence rate, Macon is at 18%, compared to the state average of 15.83%. She also said there are currently 31 students in process at this time, which could move these numbers even higher. Mrs. Walter's also told the board that she is working on an assistive technology reimbursement request from DESE for a special needs student, and presented them with a copy of the request.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the Professional Development Plan for 2002-2003 as presented.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed unanimously to approve the 2002-2003 bus routes as presented in the report by Gerald Mansfield.

Gerald Mansfield asked the board's permission to request bids for the purchase of one new school bus for the 2003-2004 school year. This would continue the schedule for replacement of buses that has been in place for several years. The required expenditure for the down payment of \$500 is budgeted in the current operating budget and would be payable before June 30, 2003. The balance of the purchase price would be financed through a five-year lease-purchase agreement with one of the local financial institutions.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to grant permission to Gerald Mansfield to request bids for the purchase of one new school bus for the 2003-2004 school year.

Dr. Long reported he would like to delay the policy revisions suggested by MSBA in the fall update package, as well as changes that they have made to Policy JED-R, "Student Absences and Excuses", and Policy JFCA-AP, "Student Dress Code".

Dr. Long also reported that Janet Ryan, CTA President, has asked, in behalf of the teachers, to revise the district's grievance procedure. It is Dr. Long's understanding that for some time teachers have felt uncomfortable serving on the grievance committee, because it places them in an awkward position with their colleagues. The teachers felt

that grievances should be handled by the administration. As a result, Dr. Long recommends deleting Policy GBM-AP1, and rename Policy GBM-AP2 to GBM-AP1.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to delete Policy GBM-AP1, "Staff Complaints and Grievances (Professional Staff)", and rename Policy GBM-AP2 to GBM-AP1.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to accept the resignation submitted by Ronnie McQuitty (maintenance/elementary cafeteria position), who is retiring effective October 31, 2002.

Toni Riekeberg read thank you's the board had received.

Dr. Long recognized the following students and staff:

Clarence Cannon Conference Softball Players and Coach recognition's:

Jennifer Morris – Co-Coach of the Year

Lisa Leathers, Ashley Teter, Haley Morrissey – 1st team

Carli Slagle – 2nd team

Kelcie Nelson – honorable mention

Marching Tiger Band Placing in Competitions: Jamie Baker – Director of Bands and Mary Kate File – Associate Director

Carrolton Band Day -	1 st in parade 1 st in field competition 2 nd in drumline competition flags awarded most outstanding auxiliary in field competition
Bloomfield, Iowa -	2 nd in field competition
Missouri Western's Tourn. of Champions -	1 st in field competition
Truman State Homecoming Parade -	1 st in parade (Class 3A) Overall Grand Champion (All Classes)
Clark County Parade of Champions -	1 st in parade (Class 3A) 1 st in field show (Class 3A) 2 nd overall (All Classes)
Nina Czuba/Rachel Harrison Winds	- Outstanding Drum Majors - Outstanding Winds Trophy

Job Shadow Day – 50 juniors participated – Suzy Thompson A+ Coordinator.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, November 21, 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.” David Hamilton seconded the motion. Those voting yea – Toni Riekeberg, Jim Cerva, Allison Rowland, David Hamilton, Vern Kincheloe, Scott Blodgett and John Walker. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

John Walker, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary