

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

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, November 21, 2001, 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 John Walker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Walker stated that the school board conference that he attended recently had been very informative. Several topics were discussed, including state funding, and the new “No Child Left Behind” legislative act.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Vern Kincheloe 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 that American Education Week was celebrated during the week of November 17-23. Various activities occurred at each grade level. This year’s theme is “Making Public Schools Great for Every Child.”

Dr. Long reported that he had spoke with Rob Rollings today and he should have the elementary project specifications completed in a week to ten days, and the middle school project a short time later. Dr. Long said Rob maintains that the project is still on schedule and will plan on opening bids for the elementary project prior to the December board meeting. Dr. Long reported that a couple of issues had come up with the high school and vocational schools and they will have to be pushed back for now. The main priority now is getting the elementary and middle school projects completed.

Dr. Long reported that the district has been notified that their current worker’s compensation policy will not be renewed due to an increase in the experience modification factor to 1.45 effective 12/31/2002. The district claims exceeded expected claims by 45%. Dr. Long reported that Public Entity Risk Managers, the district’s current insurer, has found a company willing to write a worker’s compensation policy at a price of approximately \$138,000. Last year’s premium was \$59,330 and the district has budgeted \$74,153 for the 2003. Dr. Long also gave out quotes for the district’s other insurance policies, including property/liability, treasurer’s bond, garage liability, boiler and machinery, educators legal liability, and fleet. No action was taken, will delay until December board meeting and see if any other options are available.

Dr. Long reported on distribution of activity ticket monies. Totals by accounts are: athletic account 65%, band 15%, chorus 15%, and activity ticket 5%.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Long reported he and John had reviewed the fall updates recommended by MSBA to board policies. Most of the recommendations they felt were acceptable and some were not needed for Macon. A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Vern Kincheloe and passed unanimously to accept the recommendations made by Dr. Long and John Walker from the MSBA fall updates that were applicable to Macon.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to accept the recommendations made by Dr. Long concerning policy JED-R "Student Absences and Excuses".

Policy JFCA-AP "Student Dress Code" was discussed. David Hamilton asked that the administration review the policy change and bring back to the December board meeting a policy that they felt comfortable with enforcing.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to accept the bid of \$58,020 from Central States International recommended by Gerald Mansfield for a 2003 International Conventional Bus, with optional luggage compartments, minus the \$750 trade-in.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elaine Nuhn, librarian gave a report to the board on the high school/middle school library media centers for the district. The report covered strengths, concerns, yearly objectives, and goals. Nuhn reported that she feels the district does a good job in technology in the high school/middle school library media center, and that the library has flexible hours to work with faculty to improve student performance.

Marilyn Hartung, elementary librarian gave a report on the elementary library media center. Her report also covered strengths, concerns, and goals. The main concern in the elementary library is the lack of space. There is not enough space to seat two classes because new computers and other audiovisual equipment have been added; this was a concern in the MSIP exit report.

Joy Grimes and Rita Bales each gave a report on health services for the district. Mrs. Grimes reported on the increased numbers of children with special health needs, medications, treatments, and families of lower social economic status who can not afford dental and medical insurance. Mrs. Bales presented a summary of the health services that have been provided for the middle school and high school students and staff. She also stated that their objective was to keep the children healthy so they can stay in the classroom to learn. They try to promote good health habits with the students as much as possible. Bales said the district recently purchased a defibrillator and will be training staff on how to use.

A motion was made by Don Kinkhorst, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to reapprove the 2001 Professional Development Plan for 2002. There were no changes in the plan from last year.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to approve Superintendent Brown's request to apply for four facilities improvement grants, each in the amount of \$100,000. Grant money is available from the State for renovations to aging school buildings. A grant will be written for each of the districts' buildings, including the elementary, middle school, high school, and vocational school.

President Walker appointed a committee of Toni Riekeberg, Jim Cerva, and himself to work with Dwight Tietz to make a recommendation for a graduation speaker for the Class of 2003.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to renew the Missouri School Boards Association 2003 membership dues at a cost of \$4,150 per Dr. Long's request.

Dr. Long reported that the terms of John Walker and Vern Kincheloe would be up for election on April 8, 2003. According to the 2003 Missouri Election Calendar candidate filing begins on Tuesday, December 24, 2002, and closes on Tuesday, January 21, 2003.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to notify the public that candidates may file in the superintendent's office, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on December 24 (Christmas Eve) and during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday, every other day except December 25 (Christmas Day) and December 31 and January 1 (New Year's Eve and New Year's Day).

John Walker appointed Allison Rowland and himself to serve on the Career Ladder Committee.

Dr. Long requested permission to solicit bids for the track renovation. Discussion was held regarding procedures, product, timeline, and Booster Club donation considerations. A motion was made by Vern Kincheloe, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed unanimously to grant permission to Dr. Long to solicit bids for the track renovation.

Dr. Long recognized the following students and staff:

Macon High School varsity cheerleaders placing 1st in MSHSAA state competition, Class AAA – Large Varsity. Suzy Thompson, coach.

Macon High School students selected to Northeast District Honor Band & Northeast Missouri District Honorable Mention Band &

All-District Jazz Band, all under the direction of Jamie Baker, Director of Bands; and Mary File, Associate Director.

Macon High School students selected to Northeast District Honor Choirs & Cast of "My Fair Lady" all under the direction of John Wiggans, Choir Director.

Macon High school football player selected to the Honorable Mention Conference Football Team, Walt Thompson head coach.
Shawn Logan – Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers.
Michael Sudholt for speaking at the Veterans Day ceremony.

Toni Riekeberg read thank you cards the board had received.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, December 19, 2002, at 4:00 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.” Scott Blodgett seconded the motion. Those voting yea – Allison Rowland, Jim Cerva, David Hamilton, Toni Riekeberg, Scott Blodgett, Vern Kincheloe, and John Walker. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

John Walker, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary