

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

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, December 19, 2002, at 4:00 p.m. Board members present were Allison Rowland, John Walker, Jim Cerva, Vern Kincheloe, Toni Riekeberg, David Hamilton, and Scott Blodgett.

President John Walker called the meeting to order and asked Toni Riekeberg to lead the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Dr. Long reported each board member should have received a copy of the Annual Report that was prepared for the 2001-2002 School Year. The report contains all of the information that is required by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993. The report is posted on the district's web page, which satisfies the district's responsibility to provide the information to the general public. Paper copies are available upon request in the superintendent's office.

Dr. Long reported that the annual MSBA Legislative Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the first general session beginning at 9:30 a.m. He asked board members to check their schedules and let him know if they want to be registered.

Dr. Long reported that Larry Theerman and Norman Peters have been working with the insurance company to secure replacement of the tools that were lost as a result of the theft of the carpentry trailer, and have replaced the trailer. The tools were insured up to \$25,000. The trailer, however, is a loss to the district, as it was not specifically listed on the fleet schedule with State Farm Insurance. They have worked with State Farm to make sure that all of the district's trailers are now covered.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to approve the revised policy JFCA-AP – Student Dress Code.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to approve the renewal premiums offered by Public Entity Risk Managers for the district's property/liability and worker's compensation insurance in the amount of \$181,083.68, and the renewal premium quoted by State Farm for vehicle insurance in the amount of \$14,355.70.

Dr. Long reported that the district received three bids for the all-weather track, which were opened at 2:00 this afternoon. Dr. Long's recommendation was the APAC bid of \$155,441.06, it was the low bid, he felt comfortable with the APAC people, and APAC also gave a commitment to have the project completed within 90-days. Discussion was held regarding the funding of the project, the Booster Club's commitment, and the cost of drainage and electrical rerouting work to be done.

A motion was made by Vern Kincheloe, and seconded by Scott Blodgett to accept the APAC bid for the all-weather track in the amount of \$155,441.06. Those voting yeah – Allison Rowland, John Walker, Scott Blodgett, and Vern Kincheloe. Those voting nay – Toni Riekeberg, David Hamilton, and Jim Cervia. Motion passed.

Dr. Long asked architect Rob Rollings to address some of the elementary and middle school projects concerns with the board and answer any questions they might have. Dr. Long would like permission to solicit bids for the elementary building improvement project and also for the middle school HVAC project. Both projects to have a bid due date of January 31, 2003, which will probably require a special board meeting the first week of February to accept a bid.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by David Hamilton and passed unanimously to solicit bids for the middle school HVAC project, funded 50% by the federal grant for the renovation of school buildings as recommended by Dr. Long.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg and seconded by Jim Cervia to solicit bids for the elementary building improvement project as recommended by Dr. Long. Those voting yeah – Allison Rowland, Jim Cervia, Toni Riekebeg, Scott Blodgett, Vern Kincheloe, and John Walker. Those voting nay – David Hamilton. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to nominate Daniel Hess for the John T. Belcher Scholarship.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to approve of MSBA's recommendation of policies to be removed because they are now covered in another policy, or relate to things that have changed.

Dr. Long reported that a decision concerning the summer school program for 2003 needed to be made. The problem the district is facing with summer school is a logistical one, due to impending construction needs. Dr. Long recommends having a summer school program specifically geared for elementary-age students who are not reading at grade level. The second program will be at the high school level and will be a credit recovery program for those students who lost credit during the past school year, and also offer drivers education. Dr. Long fully intends to offer a full summer school program during the summer of 2004 in the newly renovated elementary and middle school facilities.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed unanimously to approve the limited summer school program as outlined by Dr. Long above.

Dr. Long presented a proposal to revise graduation requirements effective with next year's freshman class. The recommendation is that Computer Tech I be a required class. The total number of credits required for graduation would remain at 24; the unit of credit for Computer Tech I would lower the number of electives from 12 units to 11 units.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, and seconded by Toni Riekeberg to revise the graduation requirements as outlined above effective with next year's freshman class as recommended. Those voting yeah – Allison Rowland, Jim Cerva, Toni Riekeberg, Scott Blodgett, Vern Kincheloe, and John Walker. Those voting nay – David Hamilton. Motion passed.

Larry Theerman recommended that the Board increase vocational fees to \$1,320 for the 2003-2004 school year. Currently, tuition is \$1,290 for three hours of instruction.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed unanimously to approve Larry Theerman's recommendation and increase the vocational fee's to \$1,320 for the 2003-2004 school year, a \$30 increase.

Larry Theerman requested the Board's permission to apply for vocational enhancement grants for the 2003-2004 school year. These grants are available with a funding ratio for equipment purchases of 75% by the state and 25% by the district. Materials' and supplies' expenditures are reimbursed 50% by the state. Larry's goal is to make sure that our vocational programs continue to be upgraded to keep pace with developing technologies.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve Larry Theerman's request to apply for vocational enhancement grants for the 2003-2004 school year.

Dr. Long read a letter from Walt Thompson announcing that he would like to retire from his coaching, athletic director and administrative assistant position at the end of the 2002-2003 school year.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to accept Walt Thompson's desire to retire from his duties at the end of the 2002-2003 school year.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by School Blodgett and passed unanimously to accept the amended calendar for the 2003-2004 school year as presented. The first day of school for students will be August 20.

Toni Riekeberg read thank you cards the board had received.

Dr. Long recognized the following students and staff:

Missouri All-State Honor Band – (Jamie Baker, Director & Mary File, Associate
Director of Bands)

All-State Band – Wessall Abdel-Khader

Set the next regular scheduled board meeting date to be Thursday, January 23, 2003, at
4:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Set a work session meeting for Saturday, January 18, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. in the vocational
conference room.

A motion was made by Toni Riekeberg, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed
unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

John Walker, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary