

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2003**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, October 30, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Allison Rowland, Jim Cerva, Scott Blodgett, David Hamilton, Danny Orbin, Eugene Stueve, and Toni Riekeberg.

President Riekeberg thanked everyone for coming and introduced Girl Scout Troop 507, who led the room in the pledge to the flag. Riekeberg then noted Bill Cook had signed up for public comment. President Riekeberg then informed Mr. Cook he could address the board.

Mr. Bill Cook expressed his concern of the district joining a current statewide lawsuit for school funding. Cook informed the board that he was against the lawsuit, that it could take years to resolve, and would be a waste of school fund dollars. He said he had no doubt that there are inequities, but he felt the problem should try to be remedied by the state legislature first. He stated that we could influence our legislature, and use the ballot box to change our legislators if necessary.

President Riekeberg thanked Mr. Cook for his comments and informed him that the item was not going to be voted upon at tonight's meeting. Dr. Long was still gathering information and would have more to report at next months meeting regarding the subject and whether he recommended joining the lawsuit.

President Riekeberg reported that she wanted one item pulled out of the consent agenda for discussion, item D. Revenue/expenditure comparison, and asked if anyone wanted any other items pulled. There being none she then asked for a motion to approve the amended consent agenda.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed unanimously to accept the amended consent agenda, which consisted of:

- A. Approval of agenda.
- B. Minutes of previous meeting.
- C. Attendance report.
- E. Treasurer's report.
- F. Monthly bills.
- G. Approve bus routes.

Dr. Long then reported on Item D. Revenue/expenditure comparison. Dr. Long pointed out that some areas in the school's revenues are down from last year, but the federal dollars are up. He stated overall that state revenues are actually up 7 to 7.5 percent, but the district has received no additional revenue, and have received no indication that the governor is going to release any of the funds that he has currently withheld.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to approve the revenue/expenditure comparison report as presented.

Dr. Long reported on the enrollment data from the September 24, 2003 enrollment count, compared to the September 2002 data. This year's total enrollment in grades K-12 is

down 28 students overall compared to last year's fall enrollment count. This enrollment number includes both resident and non-resident students. He stated the main reason for the loss of students is the low number of kindergarten student's (83) compared to the larger number of senior's (121) who graduated last year.

Dr. Long reported that Macon High School has been designated again as an A+ school. He recognized Suzy Thompson for maintaining the program's high standards. He stated that the program provides a vital boost to many of the district's students going in to higher education. Dr. Long said as the state looks to budget cuts, in terms of overall funding, that he has heard no talk of cutting the A+ program.

Dr. Long reported that Tricia Knowles, Adult Education Coordinator, was looking at the possibility of adding continuing education classes for different programs that were needed in the community. Adults in professional and technical occupations are finding it increasingly necessary to update and upgrade their knowledge through adult education. The continuing education unit (CEU) is a method of providing uniformity in combining adult education activities into a measurable record. A continuing education proposal was presented to the board for their review.

Dr. Long presented the board with a potential facility use policies handbook. Currently the district does not charge people to use the facilities at the school, even when sometimes it is a cost to the district (electricity, etc.). Dr. Long asked the board to review the proposed policy and to let him know of any concerns or suggestions, he will be asking for a vote at next months meeting.

Dr. Long reported that the board was invited to attend a mini musical presented by the third grade classes on Monday evening, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school gym.

Dr. Long gave board members a GED Option Program Proposal. The GED Option Program is designed to target students who have the capabilities to complete Missouri High School Graduation Requirements, but lack the credits needed to graduate with their class and are at risk of leaving school without a high school diploma. Dr. Long asked board members to review the proposal, he will ask for a vote at next months meeting.

Dr. Long reported on the district's MAP scores and reviewed with the board some of the various scores in the summary report they received. He commented that the district is seeing no trends in the scores. Every grade level had some scores that went up, and some that went down, and every subject matter had some scores that went up and some scores that went down.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Long reported that the presentation by Frank Withrow, Macon County Economic Development was going to be delayed until next month. Mr. Withrow had a prior commitment that he could not change.

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

Dr. Long recognized the following students and staff:

Clarence Cannon Conference Softball Players:

Haley Morrissey – 1st team

Carli Slagle, Abby Halley, Julie Hartung – 2nd team

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

Carrolton Band Day -	5th in parade 1 st in field competition 1 st on field flags
Parade of Champions -	1 st in parade 1 st in field competition
Culver Stockton Homecoming Parade -	1 st in parade (overall)
MO Western's Tournament of Champions -	1 st in field competition
MO Days at Trenton, MO -	2 nd in parade (Class 3A) 1 st in field competition 2 nd in indoor auxiliary 2 nd overall

Job Shadow Day – 65 juniors participated – Suzy Thompson A+ Coordinator.

Set the date for the next regular scheduled board meeting to be Monday, November 24, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Allison Rowland 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 – Jim Cerva, Allison Rowland, David Hamilton, Danny Orbin, Scott Blodgett, Eugene Stueve, and Toni Riekeberg. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

Toni Riekeberg, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary