

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2003**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Allison Rowland, Eugene Stueve, Jim Cerva, Danny Orbin, Scott Blodgett, and Toni Riekeberg. David Hamilton was absent.

President Riekeberg called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She noted that no one had signed up for public comment and then asked everyone to stand and join her in the pledge to the flag.

President Riekeberg reported that David Hamilton wanted one item pulled from the consent agenda for discussion, item G. Approve policy changes from MSBA; and asked if anyone wanted any other items pulled. There being no further requests she asked for a motion to approve the amended consent agenda.

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

- A. Approval of agenda.
- B. Minutes of previous meeting.
- C. Attendance reports.
- D. Revenue/expenditure comparisons.
- E. Treasurer's report.
- F. Monthly bills.
- H. Accept resignation of certificated personnel.

Dr. Long reported that one of the policy changes was to move the school board filing date up one week early, to bring the policy in-line with the regulations.

A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Danny Orbin and passed unanimously to approve the revised policy BBB-AP – School Board Elections.

Dr. Long reported that the other policy change was to EC-A - Building and Ground Security, which deals with firearms. The legislature needs to clean up the new regulations, and the new rules are already being tested in the court. David Hamilton had expressed his concern to Dr. Long that the school board policy conflicts with the legislature and would like the matter tabled until after the court's decision.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to table the policy change to EC-A – Building and Ground Security until after the courts make a decision on the conceal and carry law.

Dr. Long gave an update on recent school finance issues. Dr. Long reported that Commissioner King said there was an ongoing debate and in the past 30-years there has not been such a widespread discrepancy in the economic future between the houses, one

side predicts a short-fall of \$150-million, and the other side a short-fall of \$1-billion. This makes it very difficult to budget forecast. Macon's predicted shortfall in the budget is \$1.3-million, which is based on a pro-ration factor of .75.

Dr. Long reported that today was the first day for school board candidate filing. The terms of Jim Cerva and David Hamilton expire. Jim Cerva has signed up for another term. Other candidates that have filed as of today are Mike Kindle and Lesa Bonnett.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the revised policy KG-R – Community Use of Facilities. It was noted that the major changes to the policy was: (1) not charging a fee for non-profit groups, (2) added outside fields to policy, and (3) added \$15.00 per hour charge for a security fee (this fee could be waived if an employee of the district did the unlocking and locking of the building).

A motion was made by Danny Orbin, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed unanimously to move the district's property/liability and workers' compensation insurance coverage back to Missouri United Schools Insurance Council (MUSIC) as they were the low bid received in the amount of \$138,143, beginning January 1, 2004.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Long reported that no students submitted applications for the John T. Belcher Scholarship offered by the Missouri School Boards Association. Dr. Long noted that they didn't receive the application until December 3rd, and they expected a twelve-day turn around, with a due date of December 15. This resulted in too little time for the comfort of students.

A motion was made by Danny Orbin, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to accept the proposed calendar for the 2004-2005 school year as presented by Dr. Long, with two changes. The first change was to have Parent Teacher Conferences held on the evenings of Oct. 26th and 28th, resulting in no school on Oct. 29th. The second change was to add March 29th to a teacher workday.

Dr. Long then asked the board to consider placing a full Proposition C waiver on the April 2004 ballot. Dr. Long noted that the last tax increase was placed before the voter's seven years ago, and were told at the time that it would be a five-year solution. Dr. Long stated even if the levy passed \$300,000 in cuts would need to be made, without the levy passage \$1.3-million would need to be cut. President Riekeberg asked for a motion to approve the resolution calling for an election.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by Danny Orbin and passed unanimously to approve the resolution calling an election on the proposition whether to eliminate the reduction in the operating levy for school purposes resulting from sales tax

revenues allocated to the Macon County R-I School District of Macon County, Missouri, as provided under section 164.013 RSMO, and to be placed on the April 2004 ballot.

President Riekeberg asked Dr. Long to draft two proposed lists of cuts to be brought to the board in January. One list of the proposed \$300,000 in cuts, which would need to be made if the levy passes. The other list with cuts of \$1.3-million in case the levy did not.

President Riekeberg read Christmas and thank you cards the board had received.

Eugene Stueve asked for a curriculum update to be given at the next board meeting.

Set the next regular scheduled board meeting date to be Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Set a special session meeting for Monday, January 12, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Toni Riekeberg, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary