

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2004**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 28, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Danny Orbin, Scott Blodgett, James Cerva, Allison Rowland, James Rehard, and Toni Riekeberg. Eugene Stueve was absent.

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

President Riekeberg asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

- A. Approval of agenda.
- B. Minutes of previous meetings.
- C. Monthly bills.
- D. Employment of support staff personnel.
 - Title I Math Paraprofessional – Gina Hess (replaces Kelli Compton).
 - Title I Kindergarten Paraprofessional – Jennifer Greiwe (replaces Martie Janes).
 - Special Education Paraprofessional – Linda Johns (replaces Joye Elliott).
- E. Additional sick leave day for employees with terms greater than nine months. The Board had previously approved an additional sick leave day for nine-month employees, effective with the 2004-2005 school year. Members of the Board's welfare committee are recommending that the additional day be approved for all employees who have longer than nine-month terms.
- F. Increase preschool daily fee for 2004-2005.
 - Increase fees by \$1.00 per day, from \$11.00 to \$12.00. Also, parents will be required to pay fees each day school is in session even if their child is absent. However, each parent would receive "5" excused absences per school year where fees would be waived.

Dr. Long reported that the "Annual Assessment of Career Ladder Plan and Activities" report had been completed and mailed to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and gave each board member a copy of the report. Seventy-five teachers participated in the career ladder program. Dr. Long noted that Stage 1 teachers receive \$1,500; Stage 2 receive \$3,000; and Stage 3 teachers \$5,000. The district will start to see some savings as teachers retire from Stage 3 and the new teachers will be paid at Stage 1. Dr. Long believes that the state did not pull out Career Ladder and that it will be funded the same as the foundation formula for the coming year. In the April board meeting the board voted to pass the shortage on to the teachers from the career ladder payment by taking the decrease from the state by one-half and apply that decrease to everyone that receives career ladder. Dr. Long recommended that the board might want to reconsider

fully funding the career ladder program for the coming year since the district ended up in a good financial condition. Dr. Long didn't ask for a vote, but to consider.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Scott Blodgett, seconded by James Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the transfer of funds from the Incidental Fund to the Teachers' Fund to cover the expenditures made from the Teachers' Fund (no tax levy in the Teachers' Fund). The result is a zero balance at June 30, 2004.

A motion was made by Danny Orbin, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to transfer the amount expended for capital projects during the year from the Incidental Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to reimburse for equipment and other capital expenditures during the 2003-2004 school year (no tax levy in the Capital Projects Fund).

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Long asked for approval of the preliminary operating budget for 2004-2005. He stated that the budget had been built using a \$3.25 tax levy and was not sure that this number would accomplish everything that the board might want to do. He stated that the final budget might need to have the tax levy set somewhere between \$3.25 to \$3.30. The extra nickel could help with updating technology.

Dr. Long handed out a report on the final numbers for the June 30, 2004 school year. The district had begun with fund balances of \$3,362,986.91 on June 30, 2003. Had revenues to date as of June 25, 2004 of \$10,114,531.27 and expenditures to date as of June 24, 2004 of \$10,653,549.40. This leaves a fund balance as of June 25, 2004 of \$2,823,968.78. This was a reduction in fund balances of \$539,018.13. This was better than they had anticipated, which was due in large part to the governor releasing dollars that had previously been withheld.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by James Cerva and passed unanimously to accept the Preliminary Operating Budget for the 2004-2005 school year as presented by Dr. Long. The preliminary budget reflected receipts of \$10,283,989.81 and expenditures of \$10,285,224.93 for a net decrease of \$1,235.12 in the fund balances.

Dr. Long reported that the final budget with the tax levy figure approved at the July meeting would need to be approved at the August board meeting.

A motion was made by James Cerva, seconded by James Rehard and passed unanimously to appoint Deborah Baker as Board secretary for the 2004-2005 school year, she has served as secretary since July 1999.

A motion was made by James Rehard, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to appoint Sherry Wiggans as school treasurer for the 2004-2005 school year, she has served since January 1987.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by James Cerva and passed unanimously to accept the bid proposal submitted by Interstate Brands for bread products for the 2004-2005 school year.

A motion was made by Danny Orbin, seconded by Scott Blodgett and passed unanimously to accept the bid proposal submitted by Anderson-Erickson Dairy for milk products for the 2004-2005 school year.

Dr. Long recognized the following track students that competed at state:

Haley Morrissey – State Champ in the high jump and finished in the top fifteen of the long jump.

Alex VanDelft – Finished in the top fifteen competing in the shot put and discuss.

Anna Schmidt, Ashley Robinson, Mallory Muck, Breanna Tolbert – girls 4x100 relay team didn't qualify for the finals, but finished with their best time of all year.

Toni Riekeberg read cards that the board had received.

Set a work session meeting for July 12, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. with MSBA in the middle school library.

The date was set for the tax rate hearing for Thursday, July 22, 2004, at 5:45 p.m. in the middle school library.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, July 22, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in the middle 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." Scott Blodgett seconded the motion. Those voting yea – Allison Rowland, James Cerva, Scott Blodgett, James Rehard, Danny Orbin, and Toni Riekeberg. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

Toni Riekeberg, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary

