

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – JULY 19, 2010**

The Macon County R-1 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 19, 2010, at 6:10 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room. Board members present were Byron Freeman, Danny Orbin, James Rehard, Tammy Gibson, Brent Bernhardt, Toni Riekeberg, and Allison Rowland. Administrators present were Superintendent Livingston, Principal Tietsort, Principal Motley, Principal Fanning, and CTE Director Wilgus. Assistant Superintendent Russell was not in attendance.

President Rowland welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited all to stand and join in the pledge to the flag. Following the pledge, Rowland opened the meeting by reiterating the Board's goals and reading the current mission statement.

President Rowland noted that a new Board secretary had not yet been appointed and asked if anyone objected to Tammy Gibson acting as secretary for the meeting. No objections were noted.

Rowland reported that John Walker and Jim Burns had signed up for public comment and had both referenced MAP testing results. As this was not an agenda item for this meeting, Rowland asked for a motion to waive policy BHHD, which states that public comment must address an item on the Board's current meeting agenda. Byron Freeman made a motion to waive policy BHHD and allow comments from Mr. Walker and Mr. Burns. Brent Bernhardt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker expressed his concerns over Macon R-1's MAP testing and ACT scores. He cited scores from area and conference schools and felt that Macon was not making adequate progress/improvement. He provided several spreadsheets detailing this information. Mr. Burns expressed similar concerns. Following the remarks from Mr. Walker and Mr. Burns, Mrs. Livingston and each of the building administrators provided details of what each building is doing to make improvements in student performance. Additionally, Mrs. Livingston noted that it was relevant to follow a particular class over a period of years to see how they were performing from one year to the next. It is not a true comparison to look at this year's fourth grade versus last year's, as that comparison would be of two different groups of students. All administrators indicated that they are not satisfied with current scores and have implemented new teaching strategies and programs. Buildings are continuing with efforts that support students succeeding to the best of their abilities.

President Rowland thanked everyone for sharing their concerns and comments.

Keith Maloney was recognized by the Board for the recent awards he received at the Missouri Association of Pupil Transportation Conference. Keith was recognized for having earned 90% or above on school bus inspections. He also received the "Distinguished Service Award," a competitive award selected from nominations made by home school districts of candidates. This award was based on the recipient's performance and contribution to his/her profession.

President Rowland asked if anyone had items to add or pull from the consent agenda. Jim Rehard asked that item B (Minutes of previous meeting) be pulled. He noted that the meeting minutes should be amended to include mention of Debbie Baker retiring as Board secretary. A motion was then made by Jim Rehard and seconded by Toni Riekeberg to approve the consent agenda with an amendment to the minutes as noted above. The motion passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of agenda.
- B. Minutes of previous meetings.
- C. Revenue/expenditure comparison.
- D. Monthly bills.
- E. Utilities comparison report.
- F. Student activities expenditures report.
- G. Renew approval of Special Education Local Compliance Plan.
- H. Assurance statements regarding implementation of IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Act) compliance requirements.
- I. Acknowledge agreements for reporting incidents of alleged third-degree assault in accordance with the Safe Schools Act.
- J. Approve fall lease with Macon Youth Football Association.

Superintendent's/Administrators' Report to the Board:

The Board viewed the monthly MSBA Board Report, which was presented by video.

Superintendent Livingston reported that the annual Back-to-School picnic would be held August 19, 2010 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Expo Center. She also reported that Board members had been registered for the annual MSBA conference to be held in October at Tan-Tar-A.

Principal Tietsort announced that Cheerleading Regional Competition would be held Wednesday, July 21, at MACC in Moberly.

CTE Director Wilgus reported that Brooke Warren received first place in Job Interview at the National FBLA conference held in Nashville, TN. Culinary Arts students, Melvin Allen and Thomas Taylor, received a bronze medal at the National Foods Contest for Culinary Arts held in Chicago, IL.

Principal Motley indicated that work is continuing on the 4th & 5th grade playground improvements which are being funded by the elementary PTO. Summer school was a success with approximately 400 students receiving instruction, and many of the elementary staff had attended workshops over the summer.

Superintendent Livingston updated the Board on the various maintenance projects being worked on throughout the summer. Roofs are being replaced on the 2nd & 3rd grade wing of elementary; remodeling of rooms 203/205 in middle school for computer lab/classroom; painting

in a number of places throughout the district; new carpeting in Career Center office complex; new floor tile in rooms 61, 63 of the elementary and room 154 of high school; installation of new dishwasher in kitchen and renovation to work area; completion of football stadium bleacher project (funded by Booster Club). The district was not awarded the 0% DNR energy grant from the June application period.

Old Business:

Discussion pertaining to the International Ag. class was tabled until next month, as Mr. Womack was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

New Business:

Danny Orbin made a motion, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to accept the revised 2010-2011 school calendar allowing for 169 student days, as was presented by Superintendent Livingston during the calendar hearing held prior to the meeting.

Stacey Blodgett provided the evaluation report for the Adult Education program. Also in attendance were many of the instructors that teach in the Adult Ed. programs. A recent graduate, Teddy Clark, shared with the Board his experience with the program and how it had benefited him. Mr. Clark is now volunteering his time at the Literacy Center. Mrs. Blodgett also presented an overview of the Community Education program. Brent Bernhardt made a motion, seconded by Jim Rehard and passed unanimously to approve the evaluation report for Adult/Community Education programs.

Mrs. Blodgett also provided a proposed salary schedule for the Adult and Community Education programs. It was noted by the Board that pay arrangements for Community Ed. instructors would not exceed the tuition received for the class. Mrs. Blodgett provided a worksheet that is used to make this determination and assured the Board that if the class could not be offered at a profit, it would be dropped. It was also noted that in the future the rate for the babysitting course would be \$20, not \$25 as listed in the Board documentation. Jim Rehard made a motion to approve the salary schedule as amended above, seconded by Danny Orbin and passed unanimously.

The School Discipline evaluation report was presented by Superintendent Livingston. She noted that reportable incidents were less than the previous year, and only two Safe Schools violations occurred. Tammy Gibson made a motion, seconded by Danny Orbin and passed unanimously to approve the School Discipline report.

Toni Riekeberg made a motion, seconded by Byron Freeman and passed unanimously to approve the Federal Programs report completed by Mr. Motley.

Superintendent Livingston reported that the 2009-2010 school year ended with the district being \$19,050.97 in the black. Budget projections had indicated the district would end the year \$59,283.89 in the red. Mrs. Livingston also noted that the new dishwasher purchase was funded

from last year's capital projects budget. Brent Bernhardt made a motion, seconded by Byron Freeman and passed unanimously to approve the Finances/Budget report.

Mr. Fanning provided copies of proposed changes to the Middle School Handbook relating to student attendance, make-up work policy (HOT sheets), tardy policy, school dance policy, telephone and cell phone use, searches and seizures, weekly bulletin, school bus regulations, and the discipline code for technology misconduct. Jim Rehard made a motion, seconded by Brent Bernhardt and passed unanimously to approve the proposed changes.

Mr. Tietsort provided copies of proposed changes to the High School Handbook relating to the citizenship policy, student attendance, tardy policy, telephone and cell phone usage, dances, college day, weighted grades, A+, discipline code for technology misconduct, and the student drug testing program. Additions to the handbook were also made to address embedded credit policies. Byron Freeman made a motion, seconded by Jim Rehard and passed unanimously to approve the proposed changes.

Bids for the back-to-school picnic were reviewed with C&R having the low bid of \$1,293. Tammy Gibson made a motion, seconded by Jim Rehard and passed unanimously to accept the bid from C&R.

Recognition of Students and Staff:

Superintendent Livingston and other administrators highlighted student and staff achievements.

Correspondence/Announcements:

President Rowland read correspondence the Board had received.

Future Meeting Dates:

A tax rate hearing was set for Monday, August 30, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

The regular monthly Board meeting will be held August 30, and will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

Executive Session:

Toni Riekeberg moved that the Macon R-1 Board of Education enter into executive session as provided by Missouri Law, Section 610.021 (3), for the purpose of discussing personnel, specifically employment of certificated and non-certificated personnel. Macon R-1 Board Policy BDC, 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 related to: actions relating to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of particular district employees." and Section 610.021 (6), Scholastic probation, expulsion, or graduation of identifiable individuals, including records

of individual test or examination scores. Brent Bernhardt seconded the motion. Those voting yea – James Rehard, Byron Freeman, Tammy Gibson, Brent Bernhardt, Danny Orbin, Toni Riekeberg, and Allison Rowland. Those voting nay – none. Motion passed.

Allison Rowland, President

Tammy Gibson, Acting Secretary