

Macon County R-I Board of Education Meeting Minutes Regular Session September 30, 2010

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, September 30, 2010, at 7 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room. Board members present were: Tammy Gibson, Byron Freeman, Toni Riekeberg, Allison Rowland, Jim Rehard, Brent Bernhardt, and Danny Orbin. None were absent. Administration present was: Superintendent, Debbie Livingston, Assistant Superintendent Terry Russell, and Assistant Principal Stacy Quinn.

President Rowland welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited all to stand and join her in the pledge to the flag. President Rowland asked if anyone had any items to pull or add to the consent agenda. Mrs. Livingston requested to have two items added to New Business, Item H, Approve revision to Policy GCBA-R, and Item I, Approve revision to Policy IGBD. President Rowland then asked for a motion to approve the agenda. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Brent Bernhardt, seconded by Jim Rehard and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of:

- A. Approval of agenda.
- B. Minutes of previous meetings.
- C. Revenue/expenditure comparison.
- D. Treasurer's report.
- E. Monthly bills.
- F. Student activities expenditures report.
- G. Utilities comparison report.
- H. Request approval of students transported at ineligible reimbursement cost.
- I. Approve instructors of adult literacy program.
- J. Approve revisions to Policy GCN, as required by law and recommended by MSBA.
- K. Approve revision of Policies BDA and JECA.
- L. Health inspection report.

Principal Motley, Principal Fanning, Principal Tietsort, and CTE Director Wilgus arrived at the meeting.

Superintendent's/Administrators' Report to the Board:

The current monthly report of MSBA, Vision for Missouri Public School Board Members, was viewed online.

Mrs. Livingston reminded everyone of the annual MSBA conference at the Lake of the Ozarks, October 22-25, 2010.

The Annual Performance Report (APR) was summarized by Mrs. Livingston. She indicated that MAP performance areas "Met" included: the 3rd-5th grade math, the 3rd-5th grade communication arts, 6th-8th grade math, End of Course (EOC) mathematics (algebra II) and communication arts (English II). The area of 6th-8th grade communication arts was "Not Met". Middle school

communication arts teachers have been reviewing the data, discussing strategies, and formulating a plan that addresses improved student performance in this area.

Seven of the remaining eight areas of the APR were “Met” and include: ACT, advanced courses, career education courses, college placement, career education placement, graduation rate, and attendance rate. Subgroup achievement of the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) was “Not Met”, but bonus points were earned for voluntary subject areas and EOC in 5th and 8th science, biology I, government, algebra II, geometry, English I, and American history. The district’s final APR score, therefore, was 13 of a possible 14.

Recognition was noted on the APR in 6th-8th mathematics, because students qualifying for free and reduced lunch at Macon Middle School exceeded 20 in number and showed greater improvement than those students in 6th-8th math state-wide not qualifying for free and reduced lunch.

Mrs. Livingston informed the Board that the \$340,000 debt service reserve fund, as a part of the Lease Purchase, had been reinvested on September 15 with Macon-Atlanta State Bank in a 60-month Certificate of Deposit at an interest rate of 2.75%.

Mr. Motley indicated he thought the elementary was running very smoothly and that he received several positive comments regarding the teachers in that building.

Mrs. Wilgus reported on the Technical Skills Assessments (TSA’s). She stated that TSA’s to career center students are comparable to EOC’s to high school students, and this is the third year those assessments have been administered. She said that no classroom teacher can give the test to their own students; they must be proctored by someone else. The cost of each exam is approximately \$19.00 per student. Macon students’ average score on TSA’s taken last spring was 61.36%, compared to a state average of 61.6%. Mrs. Wilgus is confident that CTE students can do much better in the future. There is the threat of the Perkins funding being reduced if the assessment scores do not reach a certain level. She indicated she would like to see more rigorous courses introduced in the career center and as well as more reading and writing integrated into the career ed. courses.

President Rowland summarized the fall MSBA Regional Meeting the Board had recently attended and indicated it had been very informative. She reminded Board members of a new program being implemented by MSBA--CLASS Act (Children Learn As Schools Succeed). MSBA is asking that schools submit success stories to be posted on their web site. Mrs. Rowland encouraged building administrators to submit such stories to MSBA from their respective buildings. She also stated that Macon R-I had won the \$250 MSBA scholarship for their attendance at the Regional Meeting. This will be presented to a graduating senior during the spring awards ceremony. This is the third consecutive year Macon has been awarded this scholarship.

Assistant Superintendent Terry Russell reported that the number of reimbursable lunch meals served had decreased in September when compared to August. He also stated that the new dishwasher system in the high school was working very well. Because of the new system, the cafeteria has begun using trays rather than plates and bowls.

Gayle McVay gave a report on quantities and nutrient-based foods that are being served in the cafeterias. She said the food service department is willing to try new recipes and see what sells best. The salad bar will continue; and next month, new sides will be added. Board members shared concerns received of students not getting enough to eat and questioned portion amounts. Mrs. McVay stated that both cafeterias adhere to portion guidelines. She also responded to a question about food temperature and indicated that food temperature must be checked periodically and recorded. Temperatures are taken when the frozen foods arrive, when food comes out of the oven, as it goes onto the line, and also at the end of the line.

Board member Riekeberg asked Assistant Superintendent Russell if it might be possible that MSBA's food buying consortium could help with diminishing food cost.

Old Business:

New Business

Gifted instructor Barbara White presented the annual evaluation report on the gifted program, known as Spectra. She shared that the skills taught during the program help in creating complex thinkers. She also stated that the identification process has led to an increased number of qualifying students, with 43 being served this year. Jim Rehard expressed some concern with the fact that there are seven 8th graders attending the Spectra program at the same time as five 2nd and 3rd graders. Superintendent Livingston indicated that this was due to a scheduling conflict and was uncertain at this time if there was a way to rectify that problem.

Tammy Gibson made a motion, seconded by Danny Orbin and passed unanimously to approve the gifted evaluation report, as presented.

The annual transportation evaluation report was given by Assistant Superintendent Russell. Russell shared that state transportation funding has been decreased even further this year. This will have a significant impact on the district finances. He said that alternative means of funding will need to be investigated to ensure the fleet can be maintained as well as the ability to retain the quality of drivers that we now have.

Brent Bernhardt made a motion, seconded by Tammy Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the transportation report, as presented.

Toni Riekeberg made a motion, seconded by Danny Orbin and passed unanimously to approve an application for the Missouri Afterschool Retreat Reading and Assessment Grant.

Mrs. Livingston reviewed with the Board the final operating budget and reported that the overall revenue projection was down by 5% from last year. Expenditures have been decreased 7% over last year. The largest portion of income comes from the state, with that being 43%. Taking into consideration the loss in tuition with one less Callao student and attendance of sending school students being lower in the Career Center, there was a total loss of \$14,000.00 in revenues with no offset to expenditures. The budget was balanced, however, with an estimated gain of \$740.27.

Brent Bernhardt made a motion, seconded by Danny Orbin and passed unanimously to approve the final operating budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

Assistant Principal Stacy Quinn gave a report on the Buddy Pack Program. The program will be administered by community members and is targeted at students, identified by the staff, who may not be receiving enough to eat over the weekend. Quinn stated that through the program, qualifying students will each Friday receive a backpack stocked with free, kid-friendly foods to be consumed over the weekend. The backpack will be returned on Monday and refilled to be distributed again the next Friday for as long as the student chooses to participate. Mrs. Quinn stated that there is no cost to the district and was seeking only approval that this program be implemented by the community members.

Toni Riekeberg made a motion, seconded by Byron Freeman and passed unanimously to approve participation in the Buddy Pack program.

High school art teacher Linda Samp submitted a request for approval of a trip to the Chicago Art Institute. This trip will take place on October 29, a no school day.

Brent Bernhardt made a motion, seconded by Tammy Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the trip to the Chicago Art Institute.

President Rowland collected the MSBA Goal Planning guides that each Board member had completed following a work session earlier in the month. She will compile the results and return those at a future meeting.

Mrs. Livingston asked for approval to Policy GCBA-R, Professional Staff Salary Schedules, so it would be in compliance with teaching certificates now being issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Byron Freeman made a motion, seconded by Tammy Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the revision, as presented, to Policy GCBA-R.

A revision to Policy IGBD was also presented by Superintendent Livingston. As Macon Elementary now provides a School-wide Title I program, the policy now needs to reflect that wording.

Toni Riekeberg made a motion, seconded by Jim Rehard and passed unanimously to approve the change of wording to Policy IGBD.

Correspondence/Announcements:

Mrs. Livingston indicated that the upcoming professional development day would be the first for an all-staff development. The support staff will be viewing a video, Smarter Adults--Safer Children, and a motivational speaker will be making a presentation to both the support and certified staff in their group settings.

Superintendent Livingston recognized Joetta Walter and Deb Drury from the Northeast Regional Professional Development Center who were in attendance as a requirement of their doctoral program.

Future Meeting Dates:

Next month's regular session meeting will be held Tuesday, October 26, at 6 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

President Rowland announced that a work session with MSBA representative David Lineberry has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, from 6-8 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

Executive Session:

Byron Freeman made a motion seconded by Tammy Gibson 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 relate to: actions relating to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of particular district employees. Those voting yea—Jim Rehard, Byron Freeman, Brent Bernhardt, Tammy Gibson, Danny Orbin, Toni Riekeberg, and Allison Rowland. Those voting nay—none. Motion passed.

Allison Rowland, President

Kristin Myers, Secretary