

## **Macon County R-I Board of Education Meeting Minutes Regular Session January 24, 2011**

The Macon County R-I Board of education met in regular session on Monday, January 24, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room 115. Board members present were: Tammy Gibson, Byron Freeman, Allison Rowland, Brent Bernhardt, Jim Rehard, and Danny Orbin. Administration present was: Superintendent Debbie Livingston, Assistant Superintendant Terry Russell, Principal Dwight Tietsort, Principal Ernest Motley, and Principal Dustin Fanning. Toni Riekeberg was absent.

President Rowland recognized a group of Boy Scouts, accompanied by Bill Truitt, who were in attendance, as a requirement for earning their Merit Badges. Mrs. Rowland welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. She then asked if anyone had any item to pull or add to the agenda.

A motion was made by Byron Freeman, seconded by Brent Bernhardt and passed unanimously to approve the agenda.

### **Public Comment**

Police Chief Steve Olinger announced that there would be a meeting held in the high school cafeteria on February 16, at 6:30 p.m. sharing information about the K2 drug.

### **Presentations**

Students from Junior Achievement (JA) gave a presentation, providing background information regarding JA, its origin, home base, etc. They also described this year's products and explained the experience they will have of starting and running a business. Students in attendance were Tanner Nute, Tiffany Shinn, Austin Clapp, Alex Richardson, Steven Snow, Kaytlin Collins, and Keegan Kindle. They were accompanied by classroom teacher Richelle Shoemaker and business advisor Kevin Butner.

Career Center Director Wilgus joined the meeting.

High school art instructor Linda Samp had requested the Board view numerous Pop Art projects completed by her students and on display in the high school library. President Rowland encouraged members to view them at the conclusion of the general session meeting.

A motion was made by Tammy Gibson, seconded by Byron Freeman and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of:

- A. Approval of December 29, 2010; January 12, 2011 minutes.
- B. Approval of monthly bills.
- C. January payroll.
- D. Approval of student activities expenditures report.
- E. Utilities comparison report.

### **Superintendent's/Administrators' Report to the Board:**

The MSBA monthly video report was viewed by the Board.

Mrs. Livingston reported there have been seven candidates file for the openings to the Board of Education. They include John Walker, Joe Claypoole, Toni Riekeberg, Jimmie Wilt, Todd Phillips, Kevin Linear, and Jenea Young. The election will be held on April 5, 2011, with three candidates elected to the three vacated positions.

Mrs. Wilgus stated that February is CTE month. This will include the recruitment of sending school sophomores and Macon eighth grade students. On February 4, FCCLA STAR regional competition will be held in Meadville, and Skills USA will compete in Moberly. On February 7, the FBLA competition will be hosted in Macon. Mrs. Wilgus also reported that the three-hour block classes are working on preliminary preparation for the TSA's.

High School Principal Tietsort reported that the Macon Tournament last week was a success with the Macon Tigerettes capturing first-place honors, and the Tigers playing for third place. Saturday, January 29, Macon will be host to the Quiz Bowl Conference Tournament with 10 schools competing at the varsity and junior varsity levels. The high school counselor, Sheila Gingrich, is talking with high school students to acquire input for classes of interest.

Mr. Fanning indicated that the second group of reading intervention had begun at the beginning of the semester, and math teachers will soon be utilizing the last 20 minutes of the day to begin intervention in mathematics. On February 7, some teachers will be attending a workshop addressing the cross-walk between standards and common core competencies, how they relate and differ. Several teachers and Mr. Fanning will be attending the Powerful Learning Conference later this month. Middle school students will participate in student-led parent/teacher conferences on February 17. The middle school basketball season has ended with girls winning first place at the Monroe City Tournament and the boys taking third place.

Mr. Motley reported that the elementary students are "gearing up" for the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. The Elementary scoring teams have been conducting middle of the year benchmarking in reading, writing, and math. A group of elementary teachers and Mr. Motley will also be attending the Powerful Learning Conference with the theme, "Data Driven Decision Making in 3D". Plans for Phase II of the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade elementary playground are in place, and the Elementary PTO carnival is scheduled once again for May.

Mrs. Livingston spoke about the Legislative updates and told the board of a legislative bulletin that she had e-mailed to the staff. Focus was given to the Open Enrollment and the impact it could have on districts receiving students as well as districts from which the students were transferring. There will be many issues such as athletics, transportation and serving special needs students that will need to be given consideration of open enrollment. The transportation funds were cut significantly last year, but the Governor recently released \$7.5 million in transportation funding to school districts. This results in approximately \$8,900 for Macon R-I. More information on this topic will be shared with the staff at the February 7 in-service. Mrs. Livingston also stated that funding of summer school has not yet been decided by the state, but she will keep the Board informed as she receives information.

## **New Business**

Brent Bernhardt made a motion, seconded by Tammy Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the Health Services evaluation report for the elementary school program.

Danny Orbin made a motion, seconded by Jim Rehard and passed unanimously to approve the Health Services evaluation report for the Middle school, High school and Career Center.

Mr. Motley presented the evaluation report, prepared by Jennifer Warren, for the Preschool Program. He said that the preschool testing has shown improvement the past year, and Nuts and Bolts students scored high on the DIAL test. A motion to approve the Preschool Program evaluation report was made by Brent Bernhardt, seconded by Tammy Gibson and passed unanimously.

Approval was given for a Coop Agreement between Macon R-I and Immaculate Conception School, allowing their students to participate in 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade football, basketball, track, softball, cheerleading and music. This will be the fourth year that a cooperative agreement has been made with ICS. The motion to approve the agreement was made by Byron Freeman, seconded by Jim Rehard and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Brent Bernhardt, seconded by Byron Freeman and passed unanimously to approve a school calendar for 2011-2012 with a starting date of Wednesday, August 24, 2011, and 169 student days. Superintendent Livingston indicated the staff had been given two options for a school calendar, and by a vote of 61-40, the staff had favored the calendar presented for adoption over one with a start date of Monday, August 22.

Mrs. Livingston presented the Finance Reports for approval. She explained that the percentage of county revenues received to date were considerably lower than those received last year at this time because money from Railroads and Utilities had been received last year in January but had not yet been distributed to the district this year. The percentage of expenditures paid to date exceeded last year at this time, as the payment for the lease on the 2009 summer project was paid in January 2011 but not paid until February last year. Given those considerations, there were no other major differences in the finance comparison reports. A motion was made by Danny Orbin, seconded by Jim Rehard and passed unanimously to approve the finance reports.

A motion was made by Byron Freeman, seconded by Jim Rehard and passed unanimously to accept a revision to Policy BDA. The revision will set the second Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. in Conference Room 115 for monthly Board meetings unless specified differently.

Assistant Superintendent Russell shared information on the school applying for an interest-free DNR loan. The loan would be used for improvements to HVAC and heating, lighting, and temperature control updates. If awarded the loan and accepted by the Board, the project would have to be completed by September 30, 2012. Russell indicated it will likely be the end of February before the school is notified of final approval. More details and information will be shared with faculty at the February 7 in-service.

### **Recognition of Students and Staff**

Macon Tigerettes won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Macon Tournament, coaches Dan Halley and Mike Trumper.

### **Correspondence/Announcements**

President Rowland read correspondence from the Kelly Rogers family and Tucker Oliver.

An announcement was made that Susan Kohl, Academic Bowl sponsor, could use some more help with the Conference Tournament scheduled in Macon for Saturday.

### **February Meeting Date**

The regular session meeting will be held Thursday, February 10, 6 p.m. in Conference Room 115.

### **Executive Session**

Byron Freeman moved that the Macon R-I Board of Education enter into executive session as provided by Missouri Law, Section 610.021 (3), (13) for the purpose of discussing personnel, specifically employment of certificated and non-certificated personnel. Macon R-I 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.”; and Section 610.021 (13) “Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, except that this exemption shall not apply to the names, positions, salaries and lengths of service of officers and employees of public agencies once they are employed as such, and the names of private sources donating or contributing money to the salary of a chancellor or president at all public colleges and universities in the state of Missouri and the amount of money contributed by the source”. Tammy Gibson seconded the motion. Those voting yea—Jim Rehard, Byron Freeman, Brent Bernhardt, Tammy Gibson, Danny Orbin, and Allison Rowland. Those voting nay—none. Motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

The Board returned to regular session at the close of the Executive II Session. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tammy Gibson, seconded by Bryon Freeman and passed unanimously.

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Allison Rowland, President

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Kristin Myers, Secretary