

Macon County R-I Board of Education Minutes Calendar Hearing – February 10, 2011

According to Missouri Law, Section 171.031, a public hearing is required for any school district setting an opening date of school for more than ten calendar days prior to Labor Day. Such hearing was brought to order by President Rowland at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2011, in Conference Room 115. Board members present were Byron Freeman, James Rehard, Tammy Gibson, Brent Bernhardt, Toni Riekeberg, and Allison Rowland. Danny Orbin was absent. Administrators present were Superintendent Debbie Livingston, Assistant Superintendent Terry Russell, Principal Dwight Tietsort, Principal Dustin Fanning, Principal Ernest Motley, and CTE Director Pam Wilgus.

Superintendent Livingston shared the proposed calendar and reported that the first day of school would be Wednesday, August 24, 2011. The 2011-2012 calendar is similar to the present school year's with 169 student days and 184 teacher-contracted days. Full days for professional development are part of the contract days for teachers.

There was no public comment concerning the proposed school calendar, and the hearing was closed.

Allison Rowland, President

Kristin Myers, Secretary

Macon County R-I Board of Education Meeting Minutes Regular Session February 10, 2011

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session at 6:40 p.m. in Conference Room 115 immediately following the calendar hearing on Thursday, February 10, 2011. Board members present were Byron Freeman, James Rehard, Tammy Gibson, Brent Bernhardt, Toni Riekeberg, and Allison Rowland. Danny Orbin was absent. Administrators present were Superintendent Debbie Livingston, Assistant Superintendent Terry Russell, Principal Dwight Tietsort, Principal Dustin Fanning, Principal Ernest Motley, and CTE Director Pam Wilgus.

President 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 items to pull or add to the agenda. Toni Riekeberg asked that Policies GBH, GCN, GDL, IND, JED, and IL be pulled from the consent agenda and be added as a separate item under New Business.

A motion was made by Tammy Gibson, seconded by Byron Freeman and passed unanimously to approve the agenda with items, as requested, pulled from consent agenda and placed in New Business.

Presentations

Mrs. Wilgus announced the “Terrific Ten” students from each Career Center area for second quarter. Four of the ten students and their parents were in attendance—Kristi Woodson, Agriculture; Kayla Saltsgaver, FACS; Cody Anno, Health Occupations; and Aaron Cosby, Industrial Welding. The remaining “Terrific Ten” included: Thomas Moore, Auto Technology; Wilson McGowan, Building Trades; Allison Bright, Business; Holly Buchanan, Culinary Arts; Cassie Kimmel, Early Childhood; Dewey Scritchfield, Graphic Design.

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

- A. Approval of January 24, 2011 minutes.
- B. Approval of monthly bills.
- C. February payroll.
- D. Approval of student activities expenditures report.
- E. Utilities comparison report.
- F. Approve revision as recommended by MSBA, to policies DIE, GBEC, GCD, GDC, IKF, JEA, JG, and JHCB.
- G. Approve modification of recommendations by MSBA to policies IC, IGCE, and JEC.
- H. Approve deletion of Policy DJC, as recommended by MSBA.

Superintendent’s/Administrators’ Report to the Board

The MSBA monthly video report was viewed by the Board. Topics included state funding, the MSBA Newsletter, and the upcoming Legislative Forum.

Mr. Tietsort gave a report on the Conference Quiz Bowl that had been hosted by Macon on Saturday, January 29, and said that the varsity team took 4th place. He commented on the little cheerleaders’ clinic and their performance at the basketball game. Mr. Tietsort announced the approaching “Think Pink” night, mentioned the upcoming week of Court Warming activities,

and reminded everyone of the K2 informational meeting being hosted by the Macon Police Department in the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, February 16.

Mr. Fanning shared that parent/teacher conferences in the middle school would be student-led and explained a student management system (STOP) soon to be implemented in the middle school. Middle school teachers have formulated the program, patterned after the Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program used by many school districts today.

Mr. Fanning left the meeting.

Mr. Motley explained the writing assessment with a very interesting topic (“Imagine a Blizzard and You are Stuck at School for the Night”) that will be given to elementary students. He mentioned that the third quarter had been adjusted because of school days missed. He announced that Kindergarten screening will be held March 7-10 and told the Board that the PTO will soon begin a fundraising project with proceeds to be used for improvements to the 4th-5th grade playground. Mr. Motley stated that progress reports will go out on February 28.

Mrs. Wilgus displayed a T-shirt for students in culinary art, which has been listed in the Hot 100 culinary arts programs. She shared dates of upcoming competitions for student organizations and stated that welding students had participated the previous two Saturday’s in competition and had done quite well. She indicated a date will soon be set for sophomore recruiting day of sending school students. The Barn Warming dance will be held on Friday, February 25.

Mr. Russell told the Board the bus inspection date had been moved to April 5 because of Macon not being in school on the original scheduled day. He also had verified with the Department of Natural Resources that if the DNR loan project submitted should be scaled back, the amount received from the DNR would also be reduced.

Mrs. Livingston shared information from the most recent legislative bulletin, which she had sent via e-mail to each of the staff the previous week. She also informed the Board that Representative Asbury had co-sponsored a bill to forgive days missed during the week of January 31 – February 4. She presented a PowerPoint presentation addressing open enrollment and urged anyone who had concerns regarding the open enrollment to contact their State Representatives, Tom Shively and Randy Asbury, as well as State Senator Bill Stouffer. Superintendent Livingston informed Board members that MSBA’s spring regional meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, at Clark County R-I, Kahoka.

New Business

Brent Bernhardt made a motion, seconded by Toni Riekeberg and passed unanimously to approve the first reading of policies GBBDA (Family and Medical Leave) and GBDD (Staff Cell Phone Use). GBBDA had previously been included with other leave for staff members, but MSBA is now recommending it become a stand-alone policy.

Tammy Gibson announced that she and Danny Orbin, committee for selecting a commencement speaker, were recommending Mr. Doug Kothe for the 2011 graduation ceremony. Byron Freeman made a motion, seconded by Tammy Gibson and passed unanimously to approve Doug Kothe as the 2011 commencement speaker.

Byron Freeman made a motion, seconded by Jim Rehard and passed unanimously to adopt the 2011-2012 school calendar, as presented during the calendar hearing earlier in the evening.

In the absence of child development instructor Natalie Jemes, Mrs. Wilgus presented a recommendation that the child development preschool program for the 2011-2012 school year be taken back to three days from this year's four-day program. Mrs. Jemes feels the necessity for the reduction in days due to the decrease of time for classroom instruction to the high school students. Brent Bernhardt made a motion, seconded by Jim Rehard and passed unanimously to reduce the child development preschool program from four days to three days, effective with the 2011-2012 school year.

Danny Orbin joined the meeting.

Mrs. Livingston presented the finance reports. Byron Freeman made a motion, seconded by Tammy Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the finance reports as presented.

Byron Freeman made a motion, seconded by Tammy Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the MSIP documentation for the upcoming MSIP review, scheduled for February 17.

Toni Riekeberg asked for clarifying information regarding Policies GBH, GCN, GDL, IND, JED, and IL. Mrs. Livingston answered questions related to each policy. Brent Bernhardt made a motion, seconded by Byron Freeman and passed unanimously to approve Policies GCN, GDL, IND, JED, and IL with revisions and modifications as recommended by MSBA and to table the adoption of GBH until requested clarification could be obtained from MSBA.

Recognition of Students and Staff

James Theriac and Kavi Surapaneni were recognized for being named to the Conference Tournament Academic Bowl Team; James to varsity and Kavi to junior varsity.

Correspondence/Announcements

President Rowland read correspondence from Sarah Bond; Sister Barbara Rose, administrator of Immaculate Conception School; and Jenny Gabriel, President of Immaculate Conception Board of Education.

March Meeting Date

The next monthly regular session meeting will be held Thursday, March 10, beginning at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 115.

Mr. Fanning re-joined the meeting.

Executive Session

Tammy Gibson 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”. Jim Rehard seconded the motion. Those voting yea—Jim Rehard, Byron Freeman, Brent Bernhardt, Tammy Gibson, Danny Orbin, Toni Riekeberg, and Allison Rowland. Those voting nay—none. Motion passed.

Board Doc Training

The Board returned to regular session from Executive Session II to receive Board Doc training provided by Assistant Superintendent Terry Russell.

At the conclusion of Board Doc training, the Board returned to Executive Session II to resume as provided by Missouri Law, Section 610.021 (3), (13).

Adjournment

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

Allison Rowland, President

Kristin Myers, Secretary