

Macon County R-I Board of Education Meeting Minutes Regular Session May 12, 2011

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 115. Board members present were Jim Rehard, Kevin Linear, Byron Freeman, Jimmie Wilt, John Walker, and Danny Orbin. Tammy Gibson entered later.

Administration present was Superintendent Debbie Livingston, Assistant Superintendent Terry Russell, Principal Dwight Tietsort, Principal Ernest Motley and Assistant Principal Stacy Quinn. Those absent were Principal Dustin Fanning, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Pete Claas, CTE Director Pam Wilgus. Board Secretary Kay Smith was also in attendance.

President Rehard welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Rehard then gave some opening remarks.

President Rehard asked if anyone had signed up for the public comments. Lois Stueve had signed up for public comment but did not reference an agenda item. President Rehard allowed her to speak reminding her that, according to policy, her comments needed to be limited to three minutes.

Mrs. Stueve expressed interest in serving as a member of a citizens committee, felt that the Board should re-evaluate if the Assistant Superintendent position should be filled, and stated that she felt there should be more discussion on agenda items.

President Rehard thanked Mrs. Stueve for her comments.

President Rehard asked if anyone had any items to pull or add to the agenda. There being none, a motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Jimmie Wilt and passed unanimously to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Byron Freeman, seconded by Jimmie Wilt and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of:

- A. Approval of April 14, 2011 minutes.
- B. Approval of monthly bills.
- C. May payroll.
- D. Approval of student activities expenditures report.
- E. Utilities comparison report.
- F. Grant permission to apply for state and federal program funds.
- G. Approval of summer school application.
- H. Approval of hosting of safety town.

Superintendent's/Administrators' Report to the Board

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

Building/District Happenings

Mr. Motley gave an update on the events in the Elementary School and shared that the Kindergarteners had taken a field trip to the Armory and experienced an Apache helicopter landing. He also reported that end-of-year field trips were taking place. Mr. Motley handed out teacher/student ratios of elementary classrooms and a comparison of other districts and their teacher/student ratios. He reported how many students have had Kindergarten screening and shared that he is projecting a class of 113 starting next year and may need to look at six sections for this grade.

Mrs. Quinn was recognized for writing and receiving a DNR grant for scrap tire to be placed on the 4th and 5th grade playground. She has also written another grant from the Solid Waste Management Group for recyclable material for the slide area of the upper playground, but she has not yet received any word of it being accepted.

Mr. Tietsort gave an update on the events in the High School including End of Course exams which has showed improvements in all areas and announced several upcoming events. Mr. Tietsort also reported that he and the Board Policy Committee will be reviewing the Student Conduct Policy and reply to a letter from Cindy Ayers addressing the policy.

Superintendent Livingston presented a legislative update which included a report that the formula funding remains flat.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Jimmie Wilt, seconded by Tammy Gibson, and passed unanimously to approve the At-Risk (Before-/After-School Child Care) Evaluation Report presented by Mrs. Quinn.

Mrs. Quinn left the meeting.

A motion was made by Tammy Gibson, seconded by Danny Orbin, and passed unanimously to approve the finance reports presented by Superintendent Livingston.

Mr. Fanning entered the meeting.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Jimmie Wilt, to table the agenda item D. Adoption of Certified Salary Schedule/Benefits of 2011-2012 until all Board members can further review the data. A roll call vote was taken: Kevin Linear – Yes; Tammy Gibson – No; Danny Orbin – No; Jimmie Wilt – Yes; Jim Rehard – No; Byron Freeman – No; John Walker - Yes. Motion Failed 3-4.

A motion was made by Danny Orbin, seconded by Tammy Gibson, to adopt the Certified Salary Schedule/Benefits for 2011-2012 school year presented by the Board Salary Committee. A roll call vote was taken: Kevin Linear – No; Tammy Gibson – Yes; Danny Orbin – Yes; Jimmie Wilt – No; Jim Rehard – Yes; Byron Freeman – Yes; John Walker - No. Motion Passed 4-3.

A motion was made by Tammy Gibson, seconded by Byron Freeman, and passed unanimously to adopt the support staff wage schedule for 2011-2012 school year presented by the Board Salary Committee.

Mr. Russell provided an update on the DNR loan that has been awarded. A motion was made by Tammy Gibson, seconded by Danny Orbin, and passed unanimously to approve a 0% DNR Energy Loan for \$400,000 with a payback period of 8 years.

Mr. Fanning gave an update on the events in the Middle School including MAP testing and the use of Scholastic Reading Inventory. He also announced several upcoming events.

Due to the absence of Mrs. Wilgus, the Career Center Curriculum and Programs Evaluation Report was tabled until next month.

Recognition of Students and Staff

Superintendent Livingston and other administrators highlighted student and staff achievements in track, golf, baseball, band, Breaking Traditions, mock interviews and Career Center Terrific Ten.

Correspondence/Announcements

President Rehard read correspondence that had been received.

June Meeting Date

The next regular session meeting will be held Thursday, June 9, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 115.

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”. John Walker seconded the motion. Those voting yea—Jim Rehard, Byron Freeman, Kevin Linear, Tammy Gibson, Jimmie Wilt, John Walker, and Danny Orbin. Those voting nay—none. Motion passed.

Adjournment

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

James Rehard, President

Kathryn Smith, Secretary