

MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION – JULY 25, 2011

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met for a work session on Monday, July 25, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room 115. Board members present were Kevin Linear, Tammy Gibson, Danny Orbin, John Walker, Jimmie Wilt and Jim Rehard. Byron Freeman arrived later. Administration present was Superintendent Livingston, Executive Director of Operations Gingrich, Principal Tietsort, Principal Motley, Assistant Elementary Principal Quinn and Principal Fanning. Board Secretary Kay Smith was also present.

President Rehard thanked everyone for coming and asked all present to stand and join him in the pledge to the flag.

There was some discussion regarding the agenda. Danny Orbin made a motion, seconded by Tammy Gibson to approve the agenda as printed. John Walker asked that the motion be amended to add “Student:Teacher Ratio” as Item F. Danny Orbin amended his motion to include the addition of Item F, Student:Teacher Ratio. Jimmie Wilt seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Board members, administration, and a few guests then exited the Conference Room to begin a tour of the facilities, led by Executive Director Gingrich. Byron Freeman joined the group during the tour.

The group re-entered the Conference Room at approximately 8:30, and President Rehard thanked Executive Director Gingrich for the tour and asked if anyone had any questions.

Superintendent Livingston discussed the preliminary budget and reviewed the types of funds and how revenue supported each. She then went through each section of the budget and discussed line items. Livingston told the Board she is conservative in preparing the budget and if the Board prefers it be done differently, they need to communicate such to her.

The format of the Board Open Forum, scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, was discussed. President Rehard will make introductions; there will be no limit on timelines or topics of questions. Rehard asked Executive Director Gingrich to be prepared to give an update of building renovations and asked that Superintendent Livingston provide additional information that she felt might add clarity to any questions asked of the Board. Kevin Linear mentioned that he knew someone would be in attendance to present the “Watch Dogs” program.

Principal Motley gave a review of anticipated student:teacher ratios in the elementary building for the 2011-2012 school year. A lengthy discussion followed regarding anticipated enrollment at this time versus actual enrollment when school begins;

employing additional teachers; placement of classrooms if sections were added; sustainability of added staff.

A motion was made by John Walker and seconded by Jimmie Wilt to expand to 31 classroom sections in the elementary in 2011-2012. Byron Freeman was the only nay vote; motion passed.

Executive Session:

John Walker moved that the Macon R-1 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-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." 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". Jimmie Wilt seconded the motion. Those voting yea – Kevin Linear, Tammy Gibson, Danny Orbin, Byron Freeman, John Walker, Jimmie Wilt and James Rehard. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

James Rehard, President

Kathryn Smith, Secretary