

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, September 15, 2011, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 115. Board members present were Kevin Linear, Tammy Gibson, Danny Orbin, Jimmie Wilt, Byron Freeman, John Walker and Jim Rehard. Administration present was Superintendent Livingston, Principal Tietsort and Principal Motley. Also in attendance was Board secretary Kathryn Smith. Principal Fanning entered the meeting during administrators' reporting of district happenings. Director of Operations Gingrich, Assistant High School Principal Weimer, Assistant Elementary Principal Quinn and CTE Director Pete Class were unavailable.

President Rehard welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited all present to stand and join him in the pledge to the flag.

President Rehard reported that Girl Scout Troop 9511 signed up for public comment on the renovation of the south baseball field. The item was not on the printed agenda; but with approval from the rest of the board, the group was allowed to address the board. Four members of the troop gave a presentation on making improvements to the south boy's ball field at no cost to the school or the Baseball Association. They have received a "Challenge through Change" grant that will provide funds for the work. The troop will start the renovations, which involves painting and replacement of boards on the bleachers and in the dugouts, as soon as approval is given. President Rehard thanked them for their presentation and said the item will be discussed and given further consideration.

A motion was made by Danny Orbin, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of August 11, 2011 Tax Rate Hearing Minutes
- B. Approval of August 11, 2011 Minutes
- C. Approval of Monthly Bills
- D. September Payroll
- E. Approval of Student Activities Expenditures Report
- F. Utilities Comparison Report
- G. 2010-2011 Annual Secretary of the Board Report
- H. Approval of Transporting Students at Ineligible Reimbursement Cost
- I. Approval of Instructors in AEL Program
- J. Approval of Revisions to Special Education Para Job Description
- K. Approval of MOU with Macon Head Start

Superintendent's/Administrators' Report to the Board:

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

Superintendent Livingston reviewed the attendance data for the first day of school this year, August 24, 2011, as well as first-day attendance information since the 1982-83 school year. First-day attendance was up 31 students over last year's first day and has remained level each day since school began.

Principal Motley, Principal Fanning, and Principal Tietsort all gave reports of activities in their respective buildings and distributed information regarding each grade's ranking in assessments when compared to the other nine schools in the conference (Brookfield, Clark County, Centralia, Lewis County, Louisiana, Mark Twain, Monroe City, Palmyra, South Shelby) as well as Kirksville and Moberly.

In many areas of MAP and End-of Course (EOC) assessments, rankings had risen over last year. Teachers were recognized for their hard work and effort in working with students for improved student achievement. While administrators indicated there were areas in which buildings wanted to see continued improvement, they felt the focus was on student achievement and shared the steps in place to help that accomplishment.

The Middle School Leadership Team comprised of Danielle Garrett, social studies; Beth Cross, science; and Leslie Miller, math; was in attendance and discussed what was being done with Data Notebooks at the Middle School level. Kim Winkler, Literacy Coach, also mentioned the impact she felt providing reading at every middle school level this year for a full class period would have upon student achievement.

Principal Motley left the meeting after his report to attend a function in the elementary building.

Superintendent Livingston presented and reviewed the district's Annual Performance Report (APR), made available through DESE. Macon R-I scored a perfect 14/14 on the APR, as well as bonus points in two areas, and has been designated a district with Distinction in Performance.

Superintendent Livingston reported she sat on an advisory board for making recommendations to the State Board of Education for the MSIP 5 requirements. While changes have been made to the original MSIP 5 standards, there remain a few concerns with the revised plan. A 30-day comment period will be open and available to the public the first part of October to submit opinions and suggestions.

Superintendent Livingston provided a legislative update. A special session was called for the legislators to address the Amy Hestir Proposed Act, dealing with social networking and school staff members communicating with students via the Internet. At the present time, it appears it will be left to the local boards for having a policy.

Plans for the MSBA/MASA annual conference were finalized.

Principal Fanning left the meeting to attend a middle school athletic event.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Tammy Gibson, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the third and final reading of Policy EHBC and Procedure EHBC-AP on Privacy Protection.

A motion was made by Danny Orbin, seconded by Byron Freeman and passed unanimously to approve the third and final reading of Policy JHA on Student Insurance.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Danny Orbin and passed unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Truman State University for providing speech services at a cost of \$7,560 which is for mileage reimbursement.

New Business:

Mrs. Blodgett reviewed the annual report for the Community Education and Adult and Literacy Education Programs. She reported on several classes, the evaluation and recommendation of the programs. The programs underwent an on-site review last May and received a perfect score, the only site in the state to earn this recognition.

A motion was made by Danny Orbin, seconded by Tammy Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the Community Education Program and Adult and Literacy Education Program evaluations.

Presentation:

Senior student Alex Blodgett joined the meeting and shared her experience of attending the National FBLA Conference this past summer and being elected to the position of National Vice President.

Mr. Claas entered the meeting along with Mr. Fanning and Mr. Motley.

New Business Continues:

A motion was made by Jimmie Wilt, seconded by Byron Freeman and passed unanimously to approve the evaluation report for Transportation Services, prepared by Marshall Gingrich and presented by Superintendent Livingston.

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Tammy Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the evaluation report for the Gifted Education Program, prepared and presented by Barbara White.

Several policies were presented for approval of revisions as recommended by MSBA. All of these policies and/or procedures (DK, EBBA, GBM, GCD, GCE, GDBB, GDC, IM, and JFCL) currently exist. Therefore, three readings are not required; only approval of the revisions.

A motion was made by Tammy Gibson, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the revisions as recommended by MSBA to Policies DK - Payment Process; EBBA - Illness and Injury Response and Prevention; GBM - Staff Grievances; GCD - Professional Staff Recruiting and Hiring; GCE - Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment; GDBB - Nonexempt Employee Supplementary Pay Plans; GDC - Support Staff Recruiting and Hiring; IM - Evaluation of Instructional Programs; and JFCL - A+ Schools Program.

A motion was made by Byron Freeman, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the revisions as recommended by MSBA to Procedure EBBA - Illness and Injury Response and Prevention.

A motion was made by Tammy Gibson, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the deletion as recommended by MSBA of Procedures EBC-AP2, EBC-AP3, EBC-AP4, EBC-AP5, EBC-AP6, EBC-AP7, EBC-AP8, EBC-AP9--all relating to Emergency or Safety Drills (as these items are addressed in the district's crisis plan) and Procedure GBM-AP--Staff Complaints and Grievances, which has now been included in Policy GBM.

A motion was made by Tammy Gibson, seconded by Jimmie Wilt and passed unanimously to approve a change in the Middle School Handbook regarding backpacks as recommended by Mr. Fanning.

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

A motion was made by John Walker, seconded by Byron Freeman and passed unanimously to approve the 2011-12 final operating budget with a \$543,478.53 deficit as presented by Superintendent Livingston.

Mr. Class gave a report of the activities in the vocational building.

Recognition of Students and Staff:

Henry Walker was named KRES "Player of the Week", Friday, September 9.

Correspondence/Announcements:

Correspondence was read, and announcements for future events were made, noting Homecoming is scheduled for the week of October 3-7.

Superintendent Livingston recognized the YMCA for their donation of lockers that have been placed in the boys' locker room from the Y. The Baseball Association has done a great deal of work to the baseball field, and that work is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next regular monthly board meeting will be held Thursday, October 13, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 115.

The next quarterly Public Forum will be held Monday, October 10, 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Executive Session:

Tammy Gibson moved that the Macon R-1 Board of Education enter into executive session as provided by Missouri Law, Section 610.021 (2), for the purpose of leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration there for, and for Sections 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.” Danny Orbin seconded the motion. Those voting yea – Kevin Linear, Tammy Gibson, Danny Orbin, Jimmie Wilt, Byron Freeman, John Walker, and James Rehard. Those voting nay – none. Motion passed.

The board returned to regular session at the conclusion of executive session.

A motion was made by Tammy Gibson, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to approve the Girl Scout’s request for making improvements to the south boys’ baseball field, provided they seek approval of Marshall Gingrich and Steve Shoush prior to beginning work.

A motion was made by Danny Orbin, seconded by John Walker and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

James Rehard, President

Kathryn Smith, Secretary