

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Eight Board Members present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Dean Williams, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Danny Isbill and Mr. Jerry Snyder.

Item No. 1: The Director of Schools introduced the following Student School Board Representatives: Sequoyah High School – Alysse Ness; Sweetwater High School – Brittany Cooper; and Tellico Plains High School – Jenny Bivens.

Item No. 2: The Director of Schools and the Board recognized Mrs. Becky Ogle for her service to the Monroe County Board of Education as a member of the Board. The Director presented her with a plaque honoring her service.

Item No. 3: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on August 13, 2009. Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the agenda. Motion passed. Mr. Danny Isbill stated that he was unable to attend the July 9, 2009 meeting and would like it recorded in the minutes that he was pleased that the Board voted to grant Mr. Lowry an extension of his contract as Director of Schools and that it be noted he would have voted yes for the contract extension. Mr. Jerry Snyder also informed the Board that he was unable to attend the July 9, 2009 meeting and requested it be recorded in the minutes that he would have cast a yes vote to extend the Director's contract.

Item No. 4: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on July 9, 2009. Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mrs. Sonya Lynn voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 5: The Director recognized the players of the Tellico Plains 9-10 year old Baseball All-Star Team for winning their District and advancing to the State Tournament: Lucas Pilkey, Cody Swanson, J. T. Dalton, Kayne Roberts, Josh Cain, Hunter Swanson, Chance Sansom, Zack Haynes, Dylan Edwards, Briar Gieck, Ethan Freeman and Jacob Brinkley.

Item No. 6: Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Request to use Sweetwater High School for Thirty Minutes Meet & Greet before football game – September 18, 2009 – Sarah Miller, Class of 1999
2. Request to use Sequoyah High School for Annual Meeting – October 3, 2009 – Amy Kirkland, Fort Loudoun Electric Cooperative
3. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Sequoyah High School for Housing & Rehearsal for Blue Starts Drum & Bugle Corps – July 27, 2009 – Keith Trout
 - b. Request to use Vonore Elementary School for Promoting & Celebrating 10 yrs. Service of School Based Clinics – August 14, 2009 – Danny Gardner, Chota Community Health Services

Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Next was a discussion of the Monroe County Board of Education Self-Assessment 2009 results as tabulated by TSBA.

Item No. 8: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the Five Year Plan with quarterly reports presented to the Board on projects after they begin.

Motion passed.

Item No. 9: The Director presented to the Board a balanced 2009-2010 Monroe County School System budget. Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the budget as presented. After a discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Mrs. Sonya Lynn and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes with the stipulation that it be recorded in the minutes that they voted yes for a budget they had not had a chance to review and were not aware of what cuts were made. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mr. Maurice Moser, Sequoyah High School Principal, appeared before the Board on behalf of the high school principals to make the following change to Monroe County Board of Education Policy 6.200, Attendance Grades 9-12: Delete the line that reads – “Ten (10) minutes constitutes an absence per class period” and replace with – “Missing more than half the class period constitutes an absence for that class period”. Mr. Ron Eydt made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve this policy change. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mr. Steve McSpadden, Transportation Director, appeared before the Board to present and discuss new bus inspection laws.

Item No. 12: The Chairman informed the Board about TSBA’s Fall District Meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at Grainger High School in Grainger County.

Item No. 13: The Director reported to the Board on the following: student enrollment; Madisonville Primary School building project completed and a successful open-house; NCLB status; state of the schools presentations will begin at the September meeting; information given to the Board on list of coaches and student transfers.

Item No. 14: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to approve the list of coaches as presented. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT I)**

Item No. 15: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools’ Office.

Item No. 16: Ms. Philina Moser, Sequoyah High School Volleyball Coach, requested permission to address the Board concerning a “Mud Volleyball Tournament” fundraiser to be held at Sequoyah High School. After a discussion, Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to allow Ms. Moser five minutes before the Board due to the issue being raised previously by a Board Member. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Sonya

Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein, and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no. A tie vote was recorded and the Chairman allowed Ms. Moser five minutes, as according to policy, to address the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Date _____

_____ Chairman

_____ Secretary