

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Eight Board Members present: Mrs. Doris Davis, Chair, Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Larry Stein, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Regan Dalton and Mr. Dean Williams. Mr. Rusty Vineyard was absent.

Item No. 1: The Chair asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on June 14, 2007. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan Dalton to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, presented safety awards to the following schools for being employee accident free: Tellico Plains High School, Tellico Plains Elementary School, Coker Creek Elementary School, Madisonville Intermediate School, Vonore Middle School and Vonore Elementary School.

Item No. 3: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 10, 2007 and the called meetings on May 22, 2007 and May 31, 2007. Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the following budget amendments:

#07-54	Food Service	\$283,705.00
#07-55	General Purpose School	\$133,481.84
#07-56	Federal Projects	\$21,335.97
2. Request to use Sequoyah High School – July 28, 2007 – Monroe County Red Cross
3. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
  - a. Request to use Madisonville Intermediate School – May 8, 2007 – Aaron Green
  - b. Request to use Sweetwater High School – May 10, 2007 – Sweetwater Valley Citizens for the Arts

- c. Request to use Madisonville Intermediate School – May 20 – July 20, 2007 – Boys & Girls Club
- d. Request to use Sequoyah High School – May 25 – June 1, 2007 – Vonore Youth Baseball
- e. Request to use Madisonville Middle School Computer Lab – Wednesday nights in June 2007 – Gus Davis

Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board. Mr. Underwood informed the Board that the cost of constructing the vestibules at the schools, for safety reasons, will cost an estimated \$115,000.00. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to include \$115,000.00 for the vestibules in the 2007-08 proposed Monroe County School System budget. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board on behalf of the support staff employees. Mr. Underwood requested that the Board increase the longevity pay to \$50.00 per year up to 10 years of service, \$500.00 for 10 to 15 years of service, \$600 for 15 to 20 years of service and \$700 for 20 years and up of service. He stated that this would be an increase of \$16,010.00. Mrs. Jean Allison made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to place this item on the next budget workshop agenda. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the Board on the Madisonville Primary School and the Rural Vale Elementary School building projects. Mr. Underwood informed the Board that at this time the Board is short \$2,243,531.00 to build both projects without alternates and \$3,552,496.42 short to build the total projects as bid with alternates. Mr. Underwood stated that there has been some discussion about moving Madisonville Primary School to another site. If the Board decided to do this a complete facility would be needed and assuming funding was in place it would take 12 to 18 months to complete this process. Mr. Underwood reminded the Board that Madisonville Primary School is over

capacity now and they would need one portable or possibly two. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to ask County Commission to provide \$25,000,000.00 to fund a new Madisonville Primary School and the Rural Vale Elementary School building project with 11 classrooms. After a discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mr. Regan Dalton and Mrs. Lisa McLemore voted no. Motion passed. After further discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore that if the County Commission rejects the proposal for \$25,000,000.00 then go ahead with the Rural Vale Elementary School building project with 11 classrooms and select a new site for Madisonville Primary School by January 1, 2008 and build a new Madisonville Primary School within four years if the Board receives adequate funding. After a discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Mr. Regan Dalton, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mrs. Jean Allison and Mrs. Doris Davis voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mr. Underwood also informed the Board that they have the authority to sell the Monroe County School System's surplus property which is between 320 and 371 acres on Johns Creek and 103.7 acres on Smithfield Road. If the Board chose to sell the 423 acres the property would have to bring \$5,400.00 per acre to fund the basic project or \$8,400.00 per acre to fund the complete project. After a discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to allow Charles Underwood to get a survey and an appraisal of the property and bring back before the Board for a decision on how to sell the property with the money to be designated to go to capital school building projects. After a discussion, motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to present a resolution to County Commission in support of an Adequate Facilities Tax at \$1.00 per square foot on new construction with an exemption of transfers to immediate family members and designate the money for capital outlay projects for schools. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mr. Regan Dalton and Mrs. Lisa McLemore voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mr. & Mrs. Repass appeared before the Board. Mrs. Doris Matthews, Board Attorney, informed the Board that this is still an open case and advised the Board not to discuss anything pertaining to this issue. Mrs. Repass stated that, according to the Monroe County Administrative Procedure in reference to Board meeting tapes, she is informing the Board and the Director that the Board meeting tapes could be used in a lawsuit so she is requesting that all of the tapes when she and her husband appeared before the Board be kept on file. The Board Attorney informed Mrs. Repass that the only tapes available will begin with the May meeting as anything before that has already been destroyed. The Board Attorney also informed Mrs. Repass that she could listen to the tapes at the Director of Schools' Office and bring her own recorder and make a copy of the tapes, but the Director of Schools' Office would not copy the tapes.

Item No. 11: Next on the agenda was the Monroe County School System's Five Year Plan. After a discussion, the Board deferred approval of the Five Year Plan until the July Board meeting.

Item No. 12: Ms. Betty Davis, Attendance Supervisor, appeared before the Board. Ms. Davis informed the Board that the Monroe County Attendance Committee met and it is the recommendation of the committee that the following be added to Monroe County Board of

Education attendance policies 6.200 and 6.2001: *On the 5<sup>th</sup> unexcused tardy action, the accumulated actions will be converted to one (1) unexcused absence and recorded as a "Truant Action". This day will be added to any other unexcused absence days, and will result in reporting to the attendance officer when five (5) unexcused days are recorded. Should the "Truant Action" follow the first report to the attendance officer, the converted unexcused day will result in the filing of Form 2, Truancy Board Petition. Should the "Truant Action" follow the filing of Form 2, then the converted unexcused day will result in the filing of Form 3, the Juvenile Court Petition for truancy.* After a discussion, Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to add this revision to policies 6.200 and 6.2001. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: The Board discussed the proposed budget for the 2007-08 school year. The Director presented to the Board a list of increases in expenditures, revenue information and BEP funding information.

Item No. 14: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan Dalton to charge \$1,000.00 tuition per year for out of county student enrollees (if their physical residence is not in Monroe County). Mr. Dean Williams amended the motion, seconded by Mr. Regan Dalton to include granting exemption to any child of an employee of the Monroe County School System. A roll call vote was taken on the amendment to grant exemption to any child of an employee of the Monroe County School System. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mr. Regan Dalton, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Larry Stein, and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no. Amendment to motion passed. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to amend the motion and charge \$250.00 per year tuition to out of county student enrollees (if their physical residence is not in Monroe County) with the exemption to any child of an employee of the Monroe County School System. After a

discussion, a roll call vote was taken on the motion as amended to charge \$250.00 per year tuition to out of county student enrollees (if their physical residence is not in Monroe County) with the exemption to any child of an employee of the Monroe County School System. Mr. Regan Dalton and Mr. Larry Stein voted yes. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Motion failed.

Item No. 15: The Director reported to the Board on the following: the Finance Director informed the Director of Schools that it would not be possible to grant the request by support staff employees for 12 checks; discussion of Technology Plan Approval; Mr. Steve McSpadden, Transportation Director, and Mr. Gary Sharp, Technology Director, have been reviewing software for a bus routing system; the Director has been checking into the cost of a School Reach Program and will report back to the Board with information.

Item No. 16: The Chair reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on July 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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