

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, September 13, 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. Larry Stein, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Regan Dalton Mr. Dean Williams, and Mr. DeWitt Upton. Mr. Rusty Vineyard was absent.

Item No. 1: The Chair asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on September 13, 2007 with the with the exception of Item 9-13-7, a request for release from compulsory attendance, that was withdrawn by the parents. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the agenda with Item 9-13-7 withdrawn. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chair asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on August 9, 2007 and the called meeting on August 29, 2007. Mr. Larry Stein requested that these be voted on separately. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 9, 2007. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: The Chair asked for approval of the minutes of the called meeting on August 29, 2007. After a discussion of whether or not direct statements from an individual Board Member should be added to the minutes of a meeting, Mrs. Jean Allison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan Dalton to approve the minutes of the called meeting on August 29, 2007 with the addition of a direct statement made by a Board Member. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mr. Regan Dalton and Mrs. Doris Davis voted yes. Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Larry Stein, and Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Mr. DeWitt Upton abstained. Motion failed. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the minutes of the called meeting on August 29, 2007 as originally presented to the Board without the addition of a direct statement made by a Board Member. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Regan Dalton, Mrs. Sonya

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Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Larry Stein and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mrs. Jean Allison and Mrs. Doris Davis voted no. Mr. DeWitt Upton abstained. Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Mr. Regan Dalton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the following budget amendments:

#08-01	Capital Outlay	\$7,290,260.00
#08-02	General Purpose Schools	34,859.12
#08-03	Federal Project	107,934.98
2. Approval of Bus Drivers for 2007-2008 (**EXHIBIT I**)
3. Request to use Vonore Middle School – September 21, 2007 – Diane DeLeon, G.O.P. Event
4. Request to use Madisonville Intermediate School – November 2007 – April 2008 – Madisonville Sports and Civic Club
5. Request to use Tellico Plains Jr. High School – September 29, 2007 – Alison Millsaps, Tellico Plains High School Class Reunion
6. Request to use Sequoyah High School – September 15, 2007 – Gidget Harrill, Watson Chapel Baptist Church
7. Request for approval to participate in overnight educational events and activities for the 2007-08 school year – High School FFA Chapters (**EXHIBIT II**)
8. Request for overnight trip to Washington D.C. – April 12-16, 2008 – Jeff Anderson, Sweetwater High School History Department
9. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request for approval of overnight trips to Ranch Stewardship Program and State Horse Judging Contest – High School FFA Chapters

Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve a resolution to be presented to County Commission in appreciation for providing funding for a new Madisonville Primary School and for additions to Rural Vale Elementary School. Motion passed. (**EXHIBIT III**)

Item No. 6: Next was a discussion of an adequate facility tax. The Director recommended that the Board not approach the County Commission with a request for an adequate facility tax due to the recent approval of funding for school building projects. Mr. Regan Dalton made a

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motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to remove the resolution to the County Commission requesting an adequate facility tax and not approve at this time. Motion passed.

Item No.7: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board. Mr. Underwood informed the Board that excellent progress has been made on the Rural Vale Elementary School building project. Mr. Underwood also informed the Board that the 2nd District Site Selection Committee continues to meet and search for a site for the new Madisonville Primary School.

Item No. 8: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve a request for release time for Lindsay Horton, Sweetwater High School Student, after 5th period each day. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve a request for release time for Dominique Wince Lynn, Tellico Plains High School Student, for 1st - 3rd periods and he will attend school 4th – 6th periods. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Next was a request to appear before the Board by Mrs. Carrie Mobley on behalf of the Monroe County Young Authors Conference. The Director informed the Board that Mrs. Mobley asked to defer her appearance before the Board until the October 15, 2007 meeting in order to gather further information.

Item No. 11: Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to lease two acres of land at the Coker Creek Elementary School site to the Coker Creek Volunteer Fire Department. After a discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein to amend the motion to enter into a 99 year lease agreement with the Coker Creek Volunteer Fire Department for use of the two acres of land at the Coker Creek Elementary School site. Amendment to the motion passed. Motion as amended passed.

Item No.12: Mrs. Martha Dixon Fowler appeared before the Board to request permission to relinquish the contract for bus route #36. Mrs. Jean Allison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the request to relinquish the contract for bus route #36. After a discussion, motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan Dalton to approve the changes to Monroe County Board of Education policy #3.205, *Security*, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the changes to Monroe County Board of Education policy #6.303, *Interrogations and Searches*, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan Dalton to approve the changes to Monroe County Board of Education policy #6.316, *Suspension/Expulsion Remand*, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 16: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein to approve the changes to Monroe County Board of Education policy #6.317, *Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority*, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 17: The Director informed the Board that Monroe County Board of Education policy #3.500, *Food Service Management*, was in the process of being reviewed for needed updates and any changes will be submitted to TSBA for review and brought back before the Board for review and approval.

Item No. 18: The Director reported to the Board on the following: Vonore Youth Sports donated funds to purchase goals for the gymnasium at Vonore Elementary School. Update on

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Vonore Elementary School gas leak that occurred at Vonore Elementary School on August 28, 2007. School administrators evacuated students to Vonore Middle School. Evaluated the situation on that day and called school off the next day for the safety of all involved. Officials continued to evaluate the school for any problems and resumed the school's regular schedule on August 30, 2007. Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, is in the process of eliminating the use of gas at Vonore Elementary School completely. Mr. Tallent, Mayor of Vonore, sent a congratulatory letter commending the way school administration handled the situation. The Director informed the Board that Mrs. Gregory, Vonore Elementary School Principal, displayed excellent leadership during the gas leak incident.

Item No. 19: The Director recommended the following revision to Monroe County Board of Education policy #3.206, Community Use of Facilities: *"In all cases, an assigned school employee will be present to unlock the building, give instruction as to the care of the facility, provide contact information in the event of an emergency, to check the building with the user at the conclusion of the activity, and to lock the facility once all parties have vacated the premises."* Mrs. Jean Allison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve revising policy #3.206 to include this statement. Motion passed.

Item No. 20: The Director informed the Board that Mr. Todd Federer, Vonore Middle School teacher, is starting up a middle school and high school wrestling team this year that will include both Madisonville and Vonore. Mr. Federer is requesting permission for the Madisonville and Vonore students to take the shuttle bus after school to Sequoyah for weightlifting training. After a discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to allow students to be transported from Vonore Middle School and Madisonville Middle School to Sequoyah High School by bus, if transportation is available. Motion passed.

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Item No. 21: Mr. Mike Richesin appeared before the Board to request permission to build an indoor batting and pitching facility at Sweetwater High School. This facility will be available for use by both baseball and softball teams currently and in the future. Mr. Richesin stated that the facility will be privately financed via several private sources and donations. Mr. Richesin is requesting Board approval so that they can move forward with the construction process. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein to approve the request to move forward with the construction process for a dual use facility that supports both the boys' baseball and girls' softball programs. The Board discussed the necessity of receiving approval of the plans through the State Office before beginning construction. After further discussion, Mr. DeWitt Upton made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein to include the statement pending approval by the Monroe County School System's Maintenance Supervisor and all State Agencies. Amendment to motion passed. Motion as amended passed.

Item No. 22: The Chair appointed the following as the Negotiations Team for the 2007-08 school year: Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Lisa McLemore and Mr. DeWitt Upton.

Item No. 23: The Director recommended the following be appointed to the Monroe County School System's Management Team for the 2007-08 school year: Bruce Beaty, Sharon Benton, Tim Blankenship, Elton Frerichs and Dan Schlafer. The Director recommends that Elton Frerichs serve as the Chief Negotiator. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the Director's recommendation. Motion passed.

Item No. 24: The Chair appointed the following to the Transportation Committee for the 2007-08 school year: Mr. Regan Dalton, Mr. Dean Williams and Mr. Rusty Vineyard. The Chair informed the Board that the following are members of the 2nd District Site Selection Committee: Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Jean Allison and Mr. Dean Williams.

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Item No. 25: The Director recommended the following for appointment to the Disciplinary Hearing Authority for the 2007-08 school year: Bruce Beaty, Tim Blankenship, Gus Davis, Betty Davis and Elton Frerichs. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the Director's recommendation. Motion passed.

Item No. 26: The Director recommended the following employees as members of the Personnel Hearing Authority: Charles Underwood, Chairman, Gina Sands, Elton Frerichs, Sandra Raper, Gus Davis and Debi Tipton. Mrs. Jean Allison made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the Director's recommendation. Motion passed.

Item No. 27: The Chair reminded the Board of the Fall District Meeting on September 25, 2007 at Campbell County High School.

Item No. 28: The Chair informed the Board of the 2007 TSBA Leadership Conference November 10 & 11, 2007.

Item No. 29: The Chair informed the Board of the 2007 TSBA Convention November 11-13, 2007.

Item No. 30: The Chair appointed the following as delegates at the 2007 TSBA Convention: Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton.

Item No. 31: The Chair informed the Board that the next item on the agenda was the election of the Board Chair/TLN Representative. Mrs. Doris Davis, currently serving as Board Chair, stated that at this time she would like to withdraw her name as a candidate for Board Chair. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to elect Mr. Regan Dalton as Board Chair/TLN Representative. Motion passed.

Item No. 32: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to elect Mr. Larry Stein as Vice-Chair. Motion passed.

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Item No. 33: The Chair reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 7: 00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Date _____

_____ Chair

_____ Secretary