

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FEBRUARY 12, 2009

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine Board Members present: Mr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Dewitt Upton, Mr. Dean Williams, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Ron Eydt and Mr. Jerry Snyder.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on February 12, 2009. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the agenda with the following additions: Community Use Of Facilities Agreement added as 2-12-3 (15) under the Consent Agenda and a request from Mr. Dean Williams to discuss the school calendar as 2-12-11. Motion passed to approve the agenda as amended.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on January 8, 2009. Mr. Dewitt Upton made a motion seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve these minutes. Motion Passed.

Item No. 3: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Request for Extended Utilization of buses for 2009-2010
2. Request to use Madisonville Middle School for Valentine's Dance
February 14, 2009 – Sherri Scruggs & Amanda Richesin, Mt. Cumberland
Presbyterian Church
3. Request to use Madisonville Middle School for AAU practice March – April
2009 – Gary Butler & Charlie Lee
4. Request to use Madisonville Middle School for AAU practice February –
April 2009 – Chris Bowers
5. Request to use Sequoyah High School for Masonic Meeting April 17, 2009
- Tellico Masonic Lodge
6. Request to use Sequoyah High School for AAU practice February – April
2009 – Chris Bowers

7. Request to use Vonore Middle School for AAU practice – Kevin Millikan
8. Request to use Sweetwater High School for SRO and Police Training – March 16 – 20, 2009 – SRO Laura Perian
9. Request to use Sweetwater High School for banquet April 2, 2009 – Dr. Hugh McCampbell
10. Request for overnight field trip to UTK and Oak Ridge for Science Symposium March 5-7, 2009 – Karen Anderson, Tellico Plains Jr. High & Mitchell Witt, Tellico Plains High School
11. Request for overnight trip to MTSU for State Basketball Tournament March 11-13, 2009 – Danny Green, Sweetwater High School
12. Request for overnight trip to MTSU for State Basketball Tournament March 12-14, 2009 – Gary Tucker, Tellico Plains High School
13. Request for overnight trip to MTSU for State Basketball Tournament March 12-14, 2009 – Shawn Yates, Tellico Plains High School
14. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request for overnight trip to Opryland Hotel for FCCSA State Leadership Conference and Competition April 7-9, 2009 - Leah McCall, TPHS Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher
 - b. Request for overnight trip to Gatlinburg for All-State East Band Clinic February 5-7, 2009 – Kayla Avery, Sweetwater High School
 - c. Request for overnight trip to Tenn. Tech University for Honor Band Competition February 12-14, 2009 – Kayla Avery, Sweetwater High School
15. Request to use Sweetwater High School Cafeteria for Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast on March 3, 2009 – Tamie Chaney

Motion Passed.

Item No. 4: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor gave a report to the Board on the responsibilities of the Monroe County Schools Maintenance Department. Mr. Underwood gave an update to the Board on the new Madisonville Primary School saying that construction was going excellent and on track to be completed by mid July. Mr. Underwood also told the Board that the wall in the band room at Tellico Plains High School is being monitored and has been inspected by engineers, general contractors and the county insurance company. Engineers are drawing up plans and as soon as those are approved it will be ready to bid.

Item No. 5: Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill, to give permission to Madisonville Primary School Library to discard of surplus items. Motion Passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Larry Lay appeared before the Board requesting permission to install lights on the Baseball Field at Sequoyah High School. Mr. Lay explained to the Board that Baseball Boosters had raised \$25,000 dollars and Fort Loudon Electric would match up to \$25,000 (total cost of lights & instillation \$120,000) and finance the remainder of the balance (\$70,000) which would be included on the monthly light bill. Sequoyah High School would be responsible for this payment that will be included in their monthly light bill. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the request as presented to finance the lights for the Sequoyah High School Baseball Field. Motion Passed.

Item No. 7: Jennifer Bledsoe working with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department appeared before the Board with National Guard Staff Seargent Burchfield to present the Children's Attitude Motivational Program. After explanation of the program and discussion the presenters requested the use of Sequoyah High School for this program around the third week in June 2009 thru the end of July 2009. Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion seconded by Mr. Dewitt Upton to allow the Children's Motivational Program to use Sequoyah High School from the third week in June thru the end of July 2009. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Dean Williams, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Dewitt Upton and Mr. Larry Stein all voted yes. Motion Passed.

Item No. 8: Mrs. Sonia Hardin presented data/results from the 2007-2008 Youth Risk Behavior Survey to the Board.

Item No. 9: Mr. Dewitt Upton made a motion seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the following change to SBP 2.805 Purchasing: Line 23 shall read – a single piece of equipment costing more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Motion Passed.

Item No 10: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the following addition to SBP 2.809 Vendor Relations: Add to the policy the following: Any local vendor may submit a bid to provide services to the Monroe County School System even if they are related to an employee of the School System as long as there are three (3) bids. Motion Passed.

Item No. 11: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder that a high school student from each of the three (3) be placed on the Monroe County School Board in a non voting position. The student will be a junior or senior and will be selected at the beginning of each school year and will serve thru the first semester and then another student would be selected and serve the second semester. The selection process would be left to the individual schools for them to decide. A roll call vote was taken Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Dean Williams and Mr. Dewitt Upton voted no. Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Ron Eydt, Mrs. Becky Ogle and Mr. Larry Stein voted yes. Motion Passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to place on the March School Board Agenda the selection process for selecting non voting student Board members. This process shall be decided by the principals and the Director of Schools.

Item No. 13: Mr. Dean Williams discussed his concerns about how many days students do not attend school due to staff development and holidays. He asked that the board take this into consideration when they approve the next school calendar which is on the agenda for the March School Board Meeting.

Item No. 14: The Director recognized the following schools: Coker Creek Elementary for scoring in the top ten percent for all schools in the state in reading, language arts and math for the 2007-2008 school year. Tellico Plains High School was recognized for having the best attendance for high schools in the county. Tellico Plains Elementary and Rural Vale Elementary tied for the best attendance for elementary schools in the county. The Director reported to the Board on the Following: Administrative Procedure concerning sports physicals, all physicals must be completed by May 1. Technology Department update. Funding from the State for the Stimulus Plan. The Monroe County Academy had its tenth graduate for the year.

Item No. 15: The Chairman reminded the Board of the policy workshop on March 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Item No. 16: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Date _____

_____ Chairman

_____ Secretary

