

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine Board Members present: Mr. Regan Dalton, Chairman, Mr. Larry Stein, Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Dewitt Upton, Mr. Dean Williams and Mr. Rusty Vineyard.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on March 13, 2008. Mr. Rusty Vineyard, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dewitt Upton, to move the Directors' Report to the beginning of the agenda. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: Mr. Dean Williams, made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore, to add SBP 5.606 Staff-Community Relations to the end of the agenda for discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mr. Dean Williams, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore and Mrs. Doris Davis voted yes. Mr. Dewitt Upton, Mr. Larry Stein and Mr. Rusty Vineyard voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Mrs Sonya Lynn, made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore, to approve the regular agenda for March 13, 2008 as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 4: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting on February 14, 2008. Mr. Rusty Vineyard, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dewitt Upton, to approve these minutes. Mrs. Doris Davis abstained. Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Vineyard to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendments:

#08-16	General Purpose Schools	\$12,656.71
#08-17	Capital Education Projects	\$75,860.38
2. Request to use Coker Creek Elementary School ball field for little league baseball – March 2008 – August – 2008 - Westley Chrisman.
3. Request to use Madisonville Intermediate School for MACA Art Camp – 6/9/0/ - 6/16/08- Charlotte Lee, MACA Art Camp Director
4. Request to use Madisonville Middle School Gym for youth to play basketball – last Friday of each month 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. – Larry Keltner, Oak Grove Pentecostal

Church

5. Request to use Sweetwater High School gym for AAU Basketball tournament – April 4 & 5, 2008 – Wade Sloan
6. Request to use Sweetwater High School gym for AAU practice – March 2008 – June 26, 2008 – Wade Sloan
7. Request to use Sweetwater High School for Black Heritage Scholarship Banquet – 4/26/08 – Roy H. Inman, Jr.
8. Request to use Tellico Plains High School softball field 3/14/08 – 6/15/08 – Kim Trentham, Tellico Thunder Softball
9. Confirmation of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Vonore Elementary School gym for AAU Basketball practice and games – Chad Kirkpatrick, Vonore Youth Sports Basketball Commissioner
 - b. Request to use Vonore Elementary School for athletic banquet – 3/8/08 – Chad Kirkpatrick, Vonore Youth Sports Basketball Commissioner
 - c. Approval for an overnight trip to state tournament in Middle Tennessee State University – 3/6-8/08 – Gary Tucker, Tellico Plains High School
 - d. Request to use Vonore Middle School for basketball practice until end of the basketball season – Shane Shaffer, Vonore Youth Sports

Motion passed.

Item No.6: The Director reported to the Board on the following: Board Members were invited to attend a Public Hearing on the sewer system for Rural Vale Elementary on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at Rural Vale Elementary School. The Board was also invited to Sequoyah High School for their WHAM event on March 20, 2008.

Item No. 7: The Director reminded the Board of the bid opening for the new Madisonville Primary School on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. The Director asked permission to award the contract if the bids were within the budget. Mr. Dean Williams, made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore, to award the contract if bids were within the budget. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mr. David Watts, Principal at Sweetwater High School and Mr. Rodney Boruff, teacher at Sweetwater High School, made a presentation to the Board on Modified Block Scheduling and Freshman Academy. They asked the Board for permission to implement the proposed items at Sweetwater High School for the 2008-2009 school year in order to improve

the drop out rate at Sweetwater High School. Mr. Rusty Vineyard, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein that Sweetwater High School be allowed to begin a Freshman Academy and Block Scheduling for the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Jean Allison passed on the vote. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: The Director asked the Board for Permission to hold a surplus property sale on April 12, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Larry Stein, made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore, to have the surplus property sale. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Amanda Vance, Gifted Coordinator, requested permission for an out-of-state (not overnight) field trip to Biltmore Estates in Asheville, NC on April 4, 2008. Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Doris Davis, to approve the trip to Biltmore Estates. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore, to approve an Application for Approval of Special Courses by Fred Camp, Sequoyah High School teacher. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Tommy Curtis, Curtis Bus Service, requested that the fuel cap be raised due to the increase in fuel prices. Mr. Lowry reminded the Board that the fuel cap was raised .02 cents in November of 2007. Mr. Dean Williams, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein not to raise the fuel cap, but to take \$25,000 from the fund balance and distribute it accordingly among the contractors to be used as extra help for the remainder of this school year. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Larry Stein and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mr. Dewitt Upton and Mrs. Jean Allison voted no. Mr. Rusty Vineyard was not present at that time. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mrs. Betty Davis, Attendance Supervisor, presented the *Revised* 2008-2009 school calendar to the Board for approval. Mr. Larry Stein, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dewitt Upton, to approve the revised calendar. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Larry Stein, Mr. Dean Williams and Mr. Dewitt Upton voted yes. Mrs. Sonya Lynn voted no. Mrs. Jean Allison abstained. Mr. Rusty Vineyard was not present at that time. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: The Chairman reminded the Board of the workshop on March 31, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Item No. 15: Mr. Dean Williams asked for an interpretation of SBP 5.606 Staff-Community Relations. Mr. Lowry, Director and Mrs. Doris Matthews, Board Attorney, explained the policy as stating that an employee running for office must ask for Board approval to run for office if it infringes upon their contract and present a solution to the Board for consideration. Mr. Williams asked what the law was concerning this. Mr. Lowry said the an employee can run for School Board as long as the employee is not employed by the School System on September 1, 2008 . Mrs. Sonya Lynn, made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison, to place SBP 5.606 Staff-Community Relations on the Board Workshop for further discussion. Motion passed.

Item No. 16: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Date _____ Chair

_____ Secretary