

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Eight Board Members present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mr. Dean Williams, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Ron Eydt and Mr. Danny Isbill. Mrs. Lisa McLemore was absent.

Item No. 1: Mr. Tredway, from the Tennessee School Boards Association, was present to announce that the TSBA Board of Directors has granted an Award for Excellence in Education Programs to the Monroe County School System for the "coleteachersource.com" program. This is a program developed by Gary Cole, Sequoyah High School teacher.

Item No 2. The Chairman introduced the student board members from each high school: Sequoyah – Kelsey Lee; Sweetwater – Casey Cook; Tellico Plains – Whitney Duckett

Item No. 3: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on August 12, 2010 with the addition of a request by Madisonville Middle School to play two day soccer games. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 4: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on July 8, 2010. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jane Martin to approve these minutes. Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Request to use Vonore Elementary School for fall baseball sign ups 8/14/10 – Lesa Haley
2. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
  - a. Request to use Tellico Plains High School gym for cheerleading camp 7/12/10 & 7/16/10 – Crystal Best

- b. Request to use Sweetwater High School for a rally 7/23/10 – 1<sup>st</sup> District Democrat Party
- c. Request to use Sequoyah High School for dance team camp 7/23-25/10 – Donna Tallent
- d. Request to use Sequoyah High School for Drum and Bugle Core 8/1 - 2/10 – Keith Trout

Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Ron Eydt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve a request by Mr. Gus Davis, Madisonville Middle School Principal, to play the following day soccer games: September 10, 2010 at home game against Cleveland Middle School at 12:30 p.m. and the second on September 25, 2010 at Cleveland Middle School at 12:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: The Chairman made a public acknowledgement and apology for the action taken at the July 8, 2010 meeting that granted an extension the Director of Schools' Contract without first advertising this as an item on the meeting agenda. The Chairman made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to rescind the action taken at the July 8, 2010 regular meeting to extend the Director of Schools' contract. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein, and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Mrs. Sonya Lynn and Mr. Dean Williams abstained. Motion passed. The Chairman announced that the Director of Schools' contract will be discussed at the September 9, 2010 regular meeting and that notice will be placed in the newspaper and on the website.

Item No. 8: Next on the agenda was approval of the 2010-2011 Monroe County School System budget. The Director informed the Board that the budget was balanced without cutting positions and informed the Board that cafeteria monitor positions were placed back in the budget. After a discussion, Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the 2010-2011 budget. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Ruth Valle, Sweetwater High School teacher, appeared before the Board to request approval for a trip to Belize, Mexico, March 5-12, 2011 for the Sweetwater High School Spanish III Dual Enrollment. After a discussion, Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the request. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the following fee requests for the 2010-11 school year: Madisonville Primary School - \$10.00 activity fee; Tellico Plains High School - \$10.00 science lab fee. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the following Disciplinary Hearing Authority for the 2010-11 school year: Tim Blankenship, Gus Davis, Mike Garren, Rick Saunders, Amanda Vance, Kathy Davis-Alternate, Elton Frerichs-Alternate, Steve McSpadden-Alternate. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the list of coaches as recommended. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT I)**

Item No. 13: The Chairman reminded the Board of the TSBA Fall District Meeting September 21, 2010 at Madisonville Primary School.

Item No. 14: The Chairman informed the Board of the TSBA 2010 Leadership Conference and Annual Convention November 13-16, 2010.

Item No. 15: The Director presented Mr. Dean Williams a plaque in appreciation for his ten years of service on the Monroe County Board of Education.

Item No. 16: The Director reported to the Board on the following: installation of the HVAC system at Central Office is nearing completion; the County Commission gave their approval to

proceed with architect plans for renovations on Vonore Elementary School and Tellico Plains Elementary School; Race to the Top update; student enrollment; tougher state testing may lower student scores but teachers are doing an excellent job; maintenance working hard to maintain air conditioning in the schools; Forest Service representative will be at the September meeting to answer questions and discuss a possible purchase of the “Doc Rogers” property.

Item No. 17: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on September 9, 2010 in the boardroom at the Director of Schools’ Office at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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