MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AUGUST 9, 2007

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine 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, Mr. Rusty Vineyard and Mr. DeWitt Upton.

Item No. 1: The Chair asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on August 9, 2007 with the following added to the agenda: Additional Requests for Student Transfers. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the agenda with the addition of student transfer requests. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan Dalton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 12, 2007. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
    a. Request to use Madisonville Middle School – 8/30/07 – Fort Loudoun Electric
    b. Request to use Sequoyah High School – 10/6/07 – Fort Loudoun Electric
    c. Request to transfer from Coker Creek Elementary School to Rural Vale Elementary School – Dylan Harris

Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Mr. William Wells appeared before the Board to discuss *DiscoverMonroe.com*. A community website that provides information on a Monroe County while allowing visitors to locate information based on the specific community they are interested in. Mr. Wells informed the Board that Discover Monroe has chosen the Monroe County School System to be the recipient of this year's minimum financial goal. "Ads for Education's" minimum goal is $10,000. Mr. Wells stated that twenty percent of all advertising proceeds will go toward achieving this goal.

Item No. 5: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board to give an update on the Rural Vale Elementary School building project. Mr. Underwood informed the Board that grade work had started on the Rural Vale site and work was progressing as planned.

Item No. 6: Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein to approve the Five Year Plan. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. Elton Frerichs, Supervisor, appeared before the Board to give an update on negotiations. Mr. Frerichs thanked the Board, MCEA and the Negotiations Team for their time and effort. The Board discussed increasing coaching supplements and extra-curricular activity supplements for the 2007-08 school year. The Director stated that the Board already set the 2007-08 budget and there is no extra money budget. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to include discussion of these raises on the budget workshop agenda for the 2008-09 school year. After a discussion, motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion seconded by Mr. Regan Dalton to approve the request to transfer Isaac Watson from Vonore Elementary School to Madisonville Primary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mr. Regan Dalton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the request to transfer Jeremiah Presley from Rural Vale Elementary School to Tellico Plains Jr. High School with the stipulation that he finish his years of schooling through the eighth grade at Tellico Plains Jr. High School and not request another transfer during this time. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the request to transfer Rae Brianna Loomis from Sweetwater High School to Sequoyah High School based on the stipulations that Ms. Loomis will attend school regularly, have no truancies

or discipline problems, parents provide transportation and she does not request to transfer back to Sweetwater High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve resumption of the mileage contract for Robert Theurer for transportation of his child. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan Dalton to approve the following student transfer requests (approved additional agenda item): Anthony Hamilton from Tellico Plains Jr. High School to Vonore Middle School; Katie Hunt from Tellico Plains Elementary School to Rural Vale Elementary School; Alexis and Haylie McFaddin from Madisonville Primary School to Tellico Plains Elementary School; Bobby and Bradly Taylor from Rural Vale Elementary School to Tellico Plains Elementary School; Dustin Watson from Vonore Elementary School to Tellico Plains Jr. High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mr. Pete Moser appeared before the Board to request permission for the Sequoyah High School Boys' Baseball Booster Club to install lights on the baseball field at Sequoyah High School. A discussion followed concerning Title IX due to the fact that the girls' softball field does not have lights installed. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to grant the Sequoyah High School Boys' Baseball Booster Club and the Sequoyah High School Girls' Softball Booster Club permission to install lights on the baseball field and the softball field if they have the opportunity to do so. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Regan Dalton, Mrs. Sonya Lynn Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Larry Stein and Mr. Rusty Vineyard voted no. Motion failed. Further discussion followed of the possibility for both groups getting together and working out a way to have lights installed on both fields. After Further discussion,

Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn that if the Sequoyah High School Boy's Baseball Booster Club and the Sequoyah High School Girls' Softball Booster Club agree to work together and get lights installed on both fields the Board grants both groups permission to go ahead and install the lights on each field. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mr. Regan Dalton, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Rusty Vineyard and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mr. David Watts, Sweetwater High School Principal, appeared before the Board to request permission to use $5,000 allocated to each high school during the 2006-07 school year to recondition a mower. After a discussion, Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Vineyard to approve this request. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: Mrs. Kathy Davis, School Nutrition Supervisor, appeared before the Board to discuss the 2007-08 School Nutrition budget. Mrs. Davis informed the Board that there would be no breakfast/lunch price increase this year. She also informed the Board that the cafeterias will be receiving some much needed equipment upgrades this year.

Item No. 16: Mr. Dan Schlafer, Federal Programs Director, appeared before the Board to discuss the following: approval of budget, overview and explanation federal programs and professional development schedule.

Item No. 17: Next was a discussion of Monroe County Board of Education policy # 6.3071, Drug Testing for Student Athletes and the recently-issued opinion of the Attorney General relative to drug testing for participants in extracurricular activities. After further discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to continue as we have been

doing by having the participants in competitive extracurricular activities submit waivers allowing for testing. Motion passed.

Item No. 18: The Board discussed Monroe County Board of Education policy #1.404, Appeals to and Appearances Before the Board. This policy states that individuals speaking to the Board shall address remarks to the Chair and may direct questions to individual Board Members or staff members only upon approval of the Chair and remarks will be limited to five minutes unless time is extended by a majority vote of the Board.

Item No. 19: The Board discussed Monroe County Board of Education policy #3.206, Community Use of Facilities. The Director recommended changing language in the policy to state that "in all cases, an assigned school employee will be present to open and present to close the building and to make sure that the building is secure at the close of the activity". This would make it possible for an employee not to stay the entire time of the activity. The Board asked the Director to add this language to the policy and bring a revised policy back to the Board for review and approval.

Item No. 20: The Board discussed Monroe County Board of Education policy #6.206, Transfers Within the System. The Director asked that the Board consider the terminology allowing the Director or Director's designee to make decisions on transfers within the system from beginning of the school year until November 1; and after November 1 all currently enrolled students in the Monroe County School System will have to come before the Board for transfer consideration. The Director would continue making decisions on new students moving into the system who request to attend a school outside their district. The Director will inform anyone requesting a transfer within the system after November 1 that this request will have to go before the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. After a discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made

a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to accept the Director's recommendation to allow the Director's Office to approve student requests for transfers within the system until November 1 of each school year and thereafter students will have to come before the Board to request permission to transfer. Motion passed.

Item No. 21: The Chair appointed the following 2nd District Site Committee for the new Madisonville Primary School: 2nd District School Board Members – Doris Davis, Jean Allison, Dean Williams; 2nd District County Commissioners – Bill Bivins, Judy Lee, Ann Barker; Principal – David Hester; Maintenance Supervisor – Charles Underwood; Director of Schools – Mike Lowry.

Item No. 22: The Chair recommended that the Board send a resolution to the County Commission showing the Board's appreciation to County Commission for realizing and meeting the needs as well as the future needs of the children in Monroe County by providing necessary funding to construct a new Madisonville Primary School and for additions to Rural Vale Elementary School. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to accept the Chair's recommendation for a resolution to County Commission showing the Board's appreciation. Motion passed.

Item No. 23: The Director reported to the Board on the following: budget update - fund balance; School Support Organization Financial Accountability Act; new state requirement to complete assessments on Grades 8, 10, and 11; all schools are in good standing with the exception of Sweetwater High School and they are working cooperatively to be removed from corrective action; student attendance.

Item No. 24: The Chair informed the Board of the TSBA Fall District Meeting on September 25, 2007 at Campbell County High School.

Item No. 25: The Chair reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Date _____ _____Chair

_____Secretary