MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION JANUARY 14, 2010

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Eight Board Members present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mr. Dean Williams, and Mr. DeWitt Upton. Mr. Ron Eydt was absent.

Item No. 1: The Chairman introduced the three student representatives for the second semester as follows: Sweetwater High School (1st District) – Shivani Patel; Sequoyah High School (2nd District) – Nate Chapman; Tellico Plains High School (3rd District) – Brittany Murphy.

Item No. 2: The Chairman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to include three additional items under new business on the January 14, 2010 regular meeting agenda (items 9, 10 & 11 of the minutes). Motion passed. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to add a discussion between items 1-14-6 and 1-14-7. Motion passed. Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to add the following to the agenda: discuss the cost of renovating the six remaining classrooms of the old Madisonville Primary School and to discuss safety concerns at Tellico Plains Jr. High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 4: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on December 10, 2009. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to amend the minutes to include his name as being present at the December 10, 2009

regular meeting. Motion passed. Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

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

1. Approval of the following budget amendments:

#10-09	General Purpose Schools	$233.24
#10-10	Central Cafeteria	$47,000.00
#10-11	Federal Projects	$4.75

2. Request to use Madisonville Primary School Gym for Cub Scout Pinewood Derby – 1/30/10 – Melanie Carr, Cub Scout Pack 100
3. Request to use Sweetwater High School for Chili Supper – 1/26/10 – R. H. Johnson, Democrat Party
4. Request to use Tellico Plains High School gym for benefit for Jeff Shell's Family – 2/6/10 – Felicia Powers
5. Request for overnight field trip to National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, KY – 2/10/10 – 2/12/10 – John Wiggins, Sequoyah High School
6. Request for overnight field trip to State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg, TN – 3/29/10 – 3/31/10 – John Wiggins, Sequoyah High School
7. Request for overnight field trip to National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, KY – 2/9/10 – 2/11/10 – Travis Hamilton, Tellico Plains High School
8. Request for overnight field trip to State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg, TN – 3/28/10 – 3/31/10 – Amanda Maddux and Travis Hamilton, Tellico Plains High School
9. Request for overnight field trip to FTA Convention in Nashville, TN – 3/25/10 – 3/26/10 – Fred Camp, Sequoyah High School
10. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
    a. Request to transfer from Madisonville Middle School to Tellico Plains Jr. High School – Nathan Smith

Mrs. Sonya Lynn discussed the approval by the executive committee of item #10-a. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Next was a discussion of the cost of renovating the six remaining classrooms at the old Madisonville Primary School. The Director informed the Board that when the project is complete and final information is available on the cost to renovate the classrooms this information will be given to the Board.

Item No. 7: Mr. Mike Tredway, Community Tectonics, presented Mr. David Hester, Madisonville Primary School Principal, and the Board with the drawings that were submitted to TSBA for the 2nd Place School of the Year Award. These will be displayed at the new Madisonville Primary School.

Item No. 8: Mr. Richard Hill, Mitchell, Emert & Hill, P.C. appeared before the Board to discuss the Monroe County Schools Activity Funds Audit.

Item No. 9: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve a request by Madisonville Middle School to play a basketball game on Saturday, January 23, 2010. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve a request by Tellico Plains Jr. High & High School for an overnight trip to the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville February 25-26, 2010. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve a request by Paula Grant, Sequoyah High School, to change the male chaperone for an overnight trip to Europe in June, 2010. The trip was previously approved at the regular meeting on March 12, 2009. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve a change to board policy #6.314, Corporal Punishment, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed. Mrs. Sonya Lynn voted no.

Item No. 13: Next was a discussion of safety concerns at Tellico Plains Jr. High School. The Board asked the Director to get an estimate on the cost of enclosing the breezeway at Tellico Plains Jr. High School and Madisonville Middle School.

Item No. 14: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to reject the State's "Race to the Top" program. After a discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Sonya Lynn and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mrs. Janet Martin, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no. Motion failed.

Item No. 15: The Director reported to the Board on the following: Attendance Awards were presented to Rural Vale Elementary School and Sweetwater High School; Monroe Academy has graduated twelve students since the beginning of 2009-10 school year; January 24-30, 2010 is "School Board Appreciation Week"; schools are preparing for spring testing; mid-term principal evaluations are complete.

Item No. 16: The Chairman informed the Board that TSBA's Day on the Hill is February 23, 2010.

Item No. 17: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Date_____ _____Chairman

_____Secretary