

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OCTOBER 9, 2008

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Eight Board Members present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Dean Williams, and Mr. DeWitt Upton. Mr. Ron Eydt was absent.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on October 9, 2008 with the following amendments: Item 10-9-3 #11 place after unfinished business for discussion and add a request to discuss the Board Attorney's role and conflict of interest, to be added after 10-9-11 (Item No. 5 of minutes). Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on September 11, 2008. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve these minutes. 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 following Budget Amendments:

#09-04	Federal Projects	\$58,106.80
#09-05	Education Capital Projects	\$67,961.22
#09-06	General Purpose Schools	\$93,018.79
2. Approval of Textbook Selecting Committees 2008-2009 (**EXHIBIT I**)
3. Request to use Tellico Plains Elementary School for Tellico Youth Basketball – 11/1/08 – 5/1/09 – Gary L. Smith, League President
4. Request to use Sequoyah High School for youth basketball – 11/08 – 3/09 – Madisonville Sports & Civic Club
5. Request to use Sequoyah High School for a community dinner – 11/22/08 – Watson Chapel Baptist Church
6. Request to use Tellico Plains Jr. High School for fashion show/luncheon – 10/18/08 – Tellico Youth Football

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OCTOBER 9, 2008

7. Request to use Sequoyah High School for an art auction – 3/7/09 – Marion Leudemann, Executive Director for CASA Monroe
8. Request to use Sweetwater High School for Upward Basketball Games – Saturdays 1/10/09 – 2/28/09 – Fairview Baptist Tabernacle
9. Request to play a day basketball game on 10/30/08 – Coker Creek Elementary School & Rural Vale Elementary School
10. Request to play three basketball games the weeks of December 1 and December 15, 2008 – Madisonville Middle School

Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Next was a discussion of Monroe County Board of Education policy #3.210, Naming New Facilities. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to change the following in line 37: The Director of Schools shall submit a recommendation to the Board, *with 60 days notice*, in either situation for its consideration and approval. Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Becky Ogle to approve a request from Simone Taylor, teacher at Sweetwater High School, for an overnight field trip to Orlando, Florida for Teen Trendsetters Leadership Training. After a discussion, Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to grant release time to Gaius Moore and Brooke Sarvey, Sweetwater High School students. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Ms. Nadine Mazienis, Executive Coordinator of Monroe County Beautiful, Inc., appeared before the Board to present information on Keep Monroe County Beautiful and the Waste Education Station.

Item No. 8: Mrs. Sonia Hardin, School Health Supervisor, appeared before the Board to present information that due to the number of health impaired students the school nurse is caring for at Madisonville Primary School they will no longer be able to see students in

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OCTOBER 9, 2008

the school clinic there except for documented health impaired students or severe emergencies.

Item No. 9: The following *State of the School* reports were presented to the Board: Monroe Academy - Rick Saunders, Principal, Tellico Plains Elementary School – Robert Hooper, Principal, and Coker Creek Elementary – Jill Franklin, Principal.

Item No. 10: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board to request approval to reduce the contract for construction of the Rural Vale Elementary School addition so that the contract can be closed out. Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to grant this approval. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: The Director presented the Monroe County School System Differentiated Pay Plan that was approved by the State. After a discussion, Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to reject this Differentiated Pay Plan. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no. Motion failed. After further discussion, Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Becky Ogle to table this plan and ask the Director to present another plan at the November 13, 2008 meeting for approval by the Board. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the Report of School system/School Compliance for the Monroe County School System. Motion passed.

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OCTOBER 9, 2008

Item No. 13: The Board discussed the Board Attorney's role in representing the Board and conflict of interest. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to get an opinion from Mr. Randall Bennett, TSBA Attorney. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve changes to the following policies as recommended by TSBA: #1.1061 – Effective Boardsmanship Standards; #4.502 – Parent/Family Involvement; #4.503 – Parent Organizations/Booster Clubs. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: The Director reported to the Board on the following: presentation of certificates to Tellico Plains High School and Tellico Plains Jr. High School in recognition of their attendance rate for the second reporting period. Madisonville Primary School building project is on schedule and progressing well. LEAP Grant money has been approved.

Item No. 16: The Chairman reminded the Board of the 2008 TSBA Leadership Conference – November 15 & 16, 2008.

Item No. 17: The Chairman reminded the Board of the 2008 TSBA Convention – November 16-18, 2008.

Item No. 18: The Chairman reminded the Board of the policy workshop on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Item No. 19: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OCTOBER 9, 2008

Date _____

_____ Chairman

_____ Secretary