

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DECEMBER 13, 2007

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine Board Members present: Mr. Regan Dalton, Chairman, Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Larry Stein, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mr. Dean Williams, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on December 13, 2007. Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to pull out Item 12-13-3 #5-d, Approval of change to policy #3.206 Community Use of Facilities, from the executive committee action for further discussion. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the agenda for the regular meeting on December 13, 2007 as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting on November 8, 2007. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein to approve these minutes. Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the following consent agenda with the exception of 12-13-3 #5-d that was pulled out for further discussion:

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendments:

Amendment #08-09	Central Cafeteria	\$ 203.78
Amendment #08-10	Education Capital Projects	\$24,324.68
Amendment #08-11	Federal Projects	\$ 1,966.96
Amendment #08-12	General Purpose Schools	\$22,890.62
2. Approval of the following bus drivers for the 2007-08 school year: William Wade Sloan and Ralph Crandal Youngs, Jr.
3. Request to use Tellico Plains Jr. High School for a class reunion – 5/3/08 – Mark Frerichs
4. Request to use Sequoyah High School for a Region II Meeting – 2/9/08 – Monroe County Rescue Squad
5. Confirmation of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Tellico Plains Elementary School Gym for basketball practice 11/15/07 – 4/24/08 – Bennie Houser, AAU League

- b. Request to use Vonore Elementary School cafeteria for Tellico West Daycare Center Christmas Play – 12/8/07 – Andi McCallie
- c. Request to use Madisonville Middle School gym for basketball practice – 11/12/07 – 3/31/08 – Bryan Martin, Madisonville Sports and Civic Club
- d. Approval of change to policy #3.206 Community Use of School Facilities
- e. Request for overnight field trip to Lee University through Educational Talent Search at Hiwassee College – 11/15-16/07 – Hillary Garrett & Kristy Webb, Educational Talent Search

Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Next was a discussion of Item 12-13-3 #5-d, Monroe County Board of Education Policy #3.206, *Community Use of Facilities*. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the policy as follows: #4 of the policy will state that all activities must be under adult supervision and approved by the building principal. In all cases, an assigned school employee will be present to unlock the building, give instruction as to the care of the facility, provide contact information in the event of an emergency, to check the building with the user at the conclusion of the activity, and to lock the facility once all parties have vacated the premises. The group using the facilities will be responsible for any damage to the building or equipment. Mrs. Doris Davis voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: The Director presented information to the Board from Community Tectonics on a site evaluation of the Barnard/Moser property as requested by the 2nd District Site Selection Committee. The Director informed the Board that after reviewing various possible building locations on the site, Community Tectonics has determined that due to the creek on the property and the 100 year flood zone, that the building configuration could not be adequately sited to accomplish the intended design of the building. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to build the new Madisonville Primary School on the old Madisonville Intermediate School Site. After a discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs.

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Lisa McLemore, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Rusty Vineyard and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Doris Davis and Mr. Larry Stein voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Vineyard to approve a request by Teeza Clore to transfer to Sweetwater High School from Sequoyah High School effective in January 2008, after Winter Break. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Vineyard to approve a request by Summer Leinart, Sweetwater High School student, for release time at 2:00 p.m. each day effective through January 30, 2008. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve a request by Bethany Shaw, Sequoyah High School student, for release time 6th period for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Vineyard to approve a request by Eric Weaver, Sweetwater High School Softball Coach, for an overnight out-of-state field trip to Ft. Walton Beach, FL to play in a softball tournament March 24-27, 2008. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to approve a request by Gus Davis, Madisonville Middle School Principal, for an overnight out-of-state field trip to New York City May 13-18, 2008. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Ms. Karen Kirkpatrick, Tellico Plains Elementary School PTO President, appeared before the Board to discuss the gym, auditorium, and cafeteria at Tellico Plains Elementary School. Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to ask Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, to look at all of the needs at Tellico Plains Elementary School including the cafeteria and gym and bring to the February Board Workshop

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for consideration. Motion passed. Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to ask Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, to see about getting a portable wall for Tellico Plains Elementary School until a new gym or cafeteria can be built. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mrs. Sharon Benton, Elementary Supervisor, and Mr. Elton Frerichs, Secondary Supervisor, appeared before the Board to give a presentation on the Monroe County School System Report Card.

Item No. 14: Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to delete Monroe County Board of Education policy #3.204, *Risk Management*, as recommended by TSBA as it is now obsolete. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve changes to Monroe County Board of Education policy #3.401, *Scheduling and Routing*, as recommended by TSBA with the third paragraph stating the following: Appeals of transportation decisions shall be made first to the Director of Schools, then to the Transportation Committee; and, if not satisfied, to the Board. Motion passed.

Item No. 16: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Vineyard to approve changes to Monroe County Board of Education policy #6.308, *Bus Conduct*, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No 17: The Chairman informed the Board that the Transportation Committee met with bus contractors on December 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of School's Office to discuss overlapping routes and second run bus routes. Information will be presented at the Board workshop.

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Item No. 18: The Board discussed high school credits being obtained in middle school grades. Information will be placed on the Board workshop agenda.

Item No. 19: The Director reported to the Board on the following items: School Support Organizations – the State is still debating and may make additional changes before next year. Work continues to progress well at Rural Vale Elementary School. Coker Creek Elementary School enrollment continues to fluctuate and portable buildings could possibly be placed at Coker Creek Elementary School as a temporary fix. Also, Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, will get the cost to build two additional rooms at Coker Creek Elementary School for the Board workshop. The Board discussed the possibility of having the Board meetings at individual schools, but decided to keep holding the meetings in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools’ Office.

Item No. 20: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Date _____

_____ Chair

_____ Secretary