

## **MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DECEMBER 11, 2008**

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, December 11, 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 December 11, 2008. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on November 13, 2008. Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve these minutes. Motion passed.

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

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendment:  
#09-09            General Purpose Schools    \$43.44
2. Request to use Sequoyah High School – February 28, 2009 – Greg Blankenship
3. Request to use Sequoyah High School – March 7, 2009 – CASA Monroe, Marion Leudeman
4. Confirmation of the executive committee action on the following:
  - a. Request to use Coker Creek Elementary School – November 2, 2008 – Coker Creek Elementary School PTO

Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Mr. Jason Baggett, TN Risk Management Trust, appeared before the Board to present a safety award to the Director and the Monroe County School System.

Item No. 5: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board to discuss the existing Madisonville Primary School building and ask for direction on how to proceed after the new Madisonville Primary School is completed. After a

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discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to demolish the old Madisonville Primary School building. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Sonya Lynn and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein, and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no. Motion failed. After further discussion, Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to delay a decision until the January 8, 2009 meeting and request additional information be provided on options for the building. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Mrs. Danny Isbill and Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board to discuss the Monroe County Board of Education's Five Year Plan for physical facilities. Mr. Underwood informed the Board that in order to develop plans for renovations there would be architectural fees associated with any plans drawn. Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to delay the first three items in the Five Year Plan for physical facilities by one year to 2010. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder that upon the recommendation by Mr. Maurice Moser, Principal, and the Director the Board will suspend that part of policy #4.301 and grant approval for Pete Moser to serve as volunteer assistant baseball coach at Sequoyah High School for the 2008-09 school year. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton, and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Motion passed.

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Item No. 8: Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lisa McLemore that upon recommendation by Mr. Russell Harris, Principal, and the Director the Board will suspend that part of policy #4.301 and grant approval for Chris Garren to serve as volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach at Tellico Plains High School for the 2008-09 school year. Motion passed. The Board discussed requiring volunteer coaches to have a background check and adding it to policy. The Director will place this as an item on the January agenda for further discussion.

Item No. 9: State of the school reports were presented to the Board by the following: Stanley Shadden, Principal, Rural Vale Elementary School and Terry Moser, Principal, Madisonville Intermediate School.

Item No. 10: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to keep the current Monroe County Board of Education Policy #1.808, Registered Sex Offenders, as it is and not approve changes recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to keep the current Monroe County Board of Education Policy #4.301, Interscholastic Athletics, as it is and not approve changes recommended by TSBA; and also to approve changes as recommended by TSBA to Monroe County Board of Education Policy #6.304, Student Discrimination/Harassment and Bullying/Intimidation. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Becky Ogle to approve changes to Monroe County Board of Education Policy #5.114, Personnel Records. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: The Board discussed the Director of Schools' evaluation. Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to use the TSBA evaluation instrument

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and the Board to form a committee to compile evaluation and meet back with the Board and Director to discuss the results and recommendations. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein, and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Motion passed. The Chairman appointed the following committee: Mr. Larry Stein, Mrs. Becky Ogle and Mrs. Sonya Lynn (Mrs. Lisa McLemore as alternate). The Chairman instructed the Board to fill out the evaluation instrument included in the packet and turn it in at the January 8, 2009 meeting.

Item No. 14: Next was a discussion of the School Board Self-Assessment. Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to use the TSBA self-assessment instrument and also have the Director and Monroe County School System's Management Team use the same instrument to evaluate the Board. Motion passed. The Chairman instructed the Board to turn in the self-assessment forms at the January 8, 2009 meeting.

Item No. 15: The Director reported to the Board on the following: update on Madisonville Primary School building project; recognized Charity Standridge, Madisonville Primary School teacher for her work with the RIF Program; update on LEAP Program at Sweetwater High School; presented attendance awards to Rural Vale Elementary School and Tellico Plains High School; Monroe Academy has had seven graduates; and state budget update.

Item No. 16: The Chairman reminded the Board of the policy workshop on January 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

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Item No. 17: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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