

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FEBRUARY 14, 2008

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Seven Board Members present: Mr. Regan Dalton, Chairman, Mr. Larry Stein, Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Dean Williams, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard. Mrs. Doris Davis and Mrs. Lisa McLemore were absent.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on February 14, 2008 with the following amendments: Delete Item #2-14-6 - Request to appear before the Board by Mr. Steve Thompson, Coker Creek Elementary School PTO, per Mr. Thompson's request. Add to the agenda, between items 2-14-7 and 2-14-8, a bus driver's request to appeal the decision made by the Monroe County Board of Education's Transportation Committee to remove him from the approved list of bus drivers. Mrs. Jean Allison, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting on January 10, 2008. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve these minutes. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the following budget amendments:

Amendment #08-14	General Purpose Schools	\$3,977.95
Amendment #08-15	Federal Projects	\$40.96
2. Approval of request for extended utilization of buses for the 2008-09 school year **(EXHIBIT I)**
3. Request for overnight trip to Boys' State Basketball Tournament in Murfreesboro, TN – 3/12-13/08 – Shawn Yates, Tellico Plains High School
4. Confirmation of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request for overnight trip to Tennessee Tech University 2/14/08 – 2/16/08 – Kayla Avery, Sweetwater High School Honor Band Students
 - b. Request for overnight trip to East Tennessee Band Directors Association's All State East Band Clinic in Gatlinburg – 2/7/08-2/9/08 – Linda Trout, Sequoyah High School Band

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- c. Request to use Madisonville Intermediate School for majorette practice January 2008 – May 2008 – Linda Trout, Sequoyah High School Band
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Motion passed.

Item No. 4: The Board recognized Joan McFall, Vonore Middle School Teacher for being selected as the State Winner of VFW's Teacher of the Year for Grades 6-8. The Director presented Mrs. McFall with a plaque in recognition of this accomplishment.

Item No. 5: Mrs. Jean Allison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve a request by Brandi Armstrong to transfer to Sequoyah High School from Tellico Plains High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to deny a request by Nicholas Damorn and Destiny Compton to transfer to Vonore Middle School from Madisonville Middle School. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to deny a request by Timothy Gentry to transfer to Sequoyah High School from Sweetwater High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to deny a request by Whitney Hill to enroll at Sequoyah High School from Loudon High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mrs. Jean Allison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to approve a request for release time from Danielle Miller, Sequoyah High School student, from all of her classes except English 12. Motion passed.

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Item No. 10: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to approve a request for an out-of-state field trip to Washington, D.C. 5/13/08 – 5/17/08 from Joan McFall, Vonore Middle School. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to approve a request for an out-of-state field trip to Winter Guard International Championship in Dayton, Ohio 4/16/08 – 4/18/08 from Linda Trout, Sequoyah High School Band. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve a request for a trip to Mexico 6/2/08 – 6/12/08 from Paula Grant, Spanish Teacher at Sequoyah High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mrs. Janice Ledford, Coordinated School Health Coordinator, appeared before the Board to present the Substance Abuse Task Force Proposal for a Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Education Program. Mrs. Ledford informed the Board that Patty Williford is the Program Coordinator. After a discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Vineyard to give the Task Force permission to conduct this program in the high schools in Monroe County. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mr. Larry Berisford, bus driver for Cooley Bus Service, appeared before the Board to appeal a decision by the Monroe County Board of Education's Transportation Committee to remove him from the approved bus driver list for the Monroe County School System. Mr. Berisford stated his case and asked that the Board to allow him to be placed back on the approved driver list so that he can drive a bus for the Monroe County School System. The Board discussed the rules and regulations in the bus driver manual and bus driver handbook. After further discussion, Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to uphold the decision of the Transportation Committee and remove Mr. Berisford from the approved bus driver list for the Monroe County School System. Motion passed.

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Item No. 15: The Director updated the Board on building projects. Rural Vale Elementary School – work continues to progress well, wiring and sprinkler system is being installed, painting has started, underground work between buildings is complete and walkway is started. The kitchen will be closed after spring break and satellite meals will be brought in from Tellico Plains High School in order to have the new kitchen and cafeteria ready when school starts in August. Progress is being made with the treatment plant. The State has made two site visits and is now in the thirty day review period. A public hearing is set for March 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The State will release the project after the public hearing. The project will be bid in April and will take approximately fifteen weeks to get the plant running. Madisonville Primary School – Bids will be open on March 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Director of Schools’ Office.

Item No. 16: The Director reported to the Board on the status of Sweetwater High School. The Director informed the Board that the Monroe County School System has had positive communication from the State. A presentation was given to the Board by Mr. Elton Frerichs and Mr. Mike Garren on Sweetwater High School’s status, opportunities and State recommendations.

Item No. 17: The Chairman reminded the Board of the workshop scheduled for February 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of School’s Office.

Item No. 18: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Date _____

_____Chair

_____Secretary