

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FEBRUARY 8, 2007

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine Board Members present: Mrs. Doris Davis, Chair, Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Dean Williams, Mr. Larry Stein, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Regan Dalton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard.

Item No. 1: The Chair asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on January 11, 2007. Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve these minutes. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chair recognized the following Little Tennessee Valley Educational Cooperative Teachers of the Year: Elisha Conley, Madisonville Middle School/Madisonville Intermediate School and Gary Cole, Sequoyah High School.

Item No. 3: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendments:

Amendment #07-39	General Purpose Schools	\$4,380.20
Amendment #07-40	Title II & Title IV	\$4,299.58
Amendment #07-41	Title II-A Recruiting & Training	\$1,513.39
Amendment #07-42	Title I Improving Academic Achievement	\$66,439.00
Amendment #07-43	Title V Innovative Programs	\$1,367.79
2. Approval of Request for Extended Utilization of Buses (**EXHIBIT I**)
3. Request to use Madisonville Intermediate School – March 7 – May 4, 2007 – Linda Trout, Sequoyah High School Band Director
4. Request to use Sequoyah High School – one day/week – Ryan Horton, Strength & Conditioning Trainer
5. Request for overnight trip to All-State Band Clinic in Nashville, TN – April 18-21, 2007 – Linda Trout, Sequoyah High School Band
6. Request for overnight trip to Honor Band Clinic in Cookeville, TN – February 15-17, 2007 – Kayla Avery, Sweetwater High School Band
7. Request for overnight trip to National Competition/Festival in Atlanta, GA – May 4 & 5, 2007 – Kayla Avery, Sweetwater High School Band
8. Request for overnight trip to National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, KY – February 14-16, 2007 – Mitch Ingram, Sweetwater High School FFA
9. Request for overnight trip to National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, KY – February 14-16, 2007 – John Wiggins, Sequoyah High School FFA

10. Request for overnight trip to State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg, TN – March 25-27, 2007 – Travis Hamilton, Tellico Plains High School
11. Confirmation of the Executive Committee Action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Sweetwater High School – January 27, 2007 – Richard Rowe
 - b. Request to use Sweetwater High School – January 24, 2007 – Sweetwater High School Tip Off Club
 - c. Request for overnight trip to East TN School Band and Orchestra Assoc. All-State East Band Clinic in Gatlinburg, TN – February 1-3, 2007 – Linda Trout, Sequoyah High School Band
 - d. Request for overnight trip to National Cattleman’s Beef Convention in Nashville, TN – February 1-3, 2007 – Mitch Ingram, Sweetwater High School FFA
 - e. Approval of ENA as Internet Service Provider
 - f. Request to use Central Office Boardroom – February 5, 2007 – Paul Anderson

Motion passed.

Item No. 4: The Director updated the Board on the Madisonville Primary School and the Rural Vale Elementary School building projects. The construction documents should be ready to release for bids March 19, 2007. The Director wanted to make the Board aware that Rural Vale Elementary School will require a sewer treatment plant. This is estimated to cost approximately \$250,000. The money saved by not being able to use geothermal can be used for the treatment plant. There is a concern about the lines being under the ball field and whether or not the state will allow use of the field.

Item No. 5: Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to grant release time after third period to Ashley McKenzie, Tellico Plains High School student. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: The Director requested that the Board add a half-time position at Sequoyah High School. After a discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to approve adding the half-time position at Sequoyah High School. Motion passed.

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Item No. 7: The Director reported to the Board that the new bleachers were working well at Madisonville Middle School and Tellico Plains Jr. High School. Bleachers will be installed at Sweetwater High School after basketball season. Also, work is in progress on the bleachers at Sweetwater High School football field. The Director informed the Board that the water problem at Coker Creek Elementary School was under control now and that he appreciated the patience of the community.

Item No. 8: The Chair reminded the Board of the workshops scheduled for February 22 & 23, 2007 in the boardroom at the Director of Schools' office.

Item No. 9: The Chair reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Item No. 10: The Transportation Committee reported on the bus route in Lacie Acres Subdivision. After meeting and discussing road maintenance in the subdivision, the Committee recommended not suspending bus service in the subdivision. They also said that it was their understanding that the Road Superintendent is going to do some work on the road.

Item no. 11: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Date _____

_____ Chair

_____ Secretary