

**MINUTES      MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION      JULY 10, 2008**

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine Board Members present: Mr. Regan Dalton, Chairman, Mr. Larry Stein, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Dean Williams, Mrs. Jean Allison, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on July 10, 2008. Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to remove Item 7-10-4. #2, Recommended Guidelines on Student Cell Phone Use, from the agenda until the committee can meet to discuss this. Motion passed. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the called meeting on June 2, 2008 and the regular meeting on June 12, 2008. A discussion followed with the following to be amended in the minutes in Item No. 11: according to policy #4.301 – Non-faculty coaches must be approved by the principal, in consultation with director of schools and the Board each year in accordance with applicable TSSAA regulations. Also to be amended in Item No. 11: add to policy #4.301 – TSSAA approved non-faculty coaches shall not coach immediate family members (inc. children, step-children, grandchildren and step-grandchildren). Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed. Mr. Larry Stein voted no. Next was a discussion of Item No. 12 in the minutes. Mrs. Doris Davis asked that policy #2.804 be placed on the August 2008 agenda for clarification of reimbursement of expenses on a per diem basis following state guidelines.

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

1. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:

a. Approval of the following Budget Amendments:

#08-27	General Purpose Schools	\$42,554.87
#08-28	Federal Projects	\$74.76
#08-29	General Purpose Schools	\$8,338.50
#08-30	General Purpose Schools	\$13,759.09
#08-31	Federal Projects	\$4,350.00
#08-32	General Purpose Schools	\$3,998.18

Motion passed.

Item No. 4:      Next item on the agenda was to consider a policy on Adult Cell Phone Usage. The Director recommended that there be no policy regulating adult cell phone usage and to let the principals handle this on a school level. Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the Director's recommendation.

Motion passed.

Item No. 5:      The Board discussed Monroe County Board of Education Policy #4.301, Interscholastic Athletics. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to rescind the motion made at the June 12, 2008 meeting to add the following to policy #4.301: TSSAA approved non-faculty coaches shall not coach immediate family members (inc. children, step-children, grandchildren and step-grandchildren). A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Regan Dalton, Mr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard voted yes. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore and Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Motion failed.

Item No. 6:      Mr. Steve McSpadden, Transportation Director, appeared before the Board to present a request from Bus Contractors to increase the fuel scale. The Director informed the Board that no new property tax money will be coming in and discussed the

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2008-09 budget revenues, expenditures and the fund balance. The Director also informed the Board that unless the state law changes a four day school week is against the law.

Item No. 7: Mr. Rex Ball, Surveyor of the Johns Creek Property, appeared before the Board to get clarification from the Board on an easement over the entire length of the property and ownership of a small piece of the property is questionable. After a discussion Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to get with the forest Service to see if they would give the Board a quit claim deed for the 8.7 acres and if not bring the matter back before the Board. Motion passed. The Board discussed the easement and Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to do away with the easement and if Mr. DeBosh needs an easement he must come before the Board and request this. Motion passed. After further discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to rescind his motion of asking the County Commission to sell the property until boundaries are set. Motion passed. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn that when the property line is set and the easement is settled that the property remain in the ownership of the school system until a later time. After a discussion, motion passed.

Item No. 8: The Board discussed Monroe County Board of Education Policy #1.106, Ethics. After discussion, Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Doris Davis for the Board to look at the Ethics Policy as recommended by TSBA and place on the August 2008 agenda. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: The Director reported to the Board on the following: Facilities update – Rural Vale Elementary is in the final stages of completion, gym bleachers are in and the gym floor is being finished. Final cleaning is ongoing in the new addition, all work in the

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kitchen and existing building is complete. Final state inspections are scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup>. The contractor began work on the sewer plant on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Open house is scheduled for August 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Madisonville Primary School grade work is completing with the new access road completed by the 14<sup>th</sup>. Footings and block work has started and underground plumbing and electrical is underway. The project is progressing very well. First day of school is August 6, 2008. The Director informed the board that part-time bus drivers will be hired for transporting students to the Monroe Academy. Routes will run in the morning after regular routes are run and in the afternoon before the regular routes start.

Item No. 10: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2008.

Item No. 11: The Board discussed the Cell Phone Committee consisting of Doris Davis, DeWitt Upton and Sonya Lynn. The Director will set up a meeting with the Central Office Committee and the Board Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

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