

## MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine Board Members present: Mr. Larry Stein, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Ron Eydt, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Dean Williams, and Mr. DeWitt Upton.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on September 11, 2008 with the following amendments: add to Item No. 9-11-13 - appoint LTVEC Representative from the Board; and add to Item No. 9-11-6 – Jeremy Shanks, Sweetwater High School student, request for release time. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on August 14, 2008. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve these minutes. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item No. 9-11-3. #1 – Approval of Budget Amendments, which was pulled for discussion and placed as Item No. 9-11-4.

1. Approval of Bus Drivers for 2008-09 (**EXHIBIT D**)
2. Request to use Madisonville Middle School Little Theatre (temporary) on Wednesday night – September 17 & 24, 2008
3. Request to use Tellico Plains Jr. High School for cheerleading competition – October 20, 21, 23, 24 & 25, 2008 – Tellico Youth Cheerleaders
4. Request to use Tellico Plains Jr. High School for a fundraising donkey ballgame – September 27, 2008 – Tellico Youth Football
5. Request to use Madisonville Middle School Soccer Fields – Fall & Spring Season – AYSO Region 1519
6. Request to use Sequoyah High School cafeteria for annual meeting – October 4, 2008 – Ft. Loudoun Elec.
7. Request to use Sweetwater High School for Rally in the Valley – October 26-28, 2008 – Sweetwater FBC

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8. Request to use Sweetwater High School for Upward Basketball Evals. – November 15 & 25, 2008 – Fairview Church
9. Request for approval of overnight trips for the 2008-09 school year - High School FFA chapters
10. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
  - a. Request to use Sequoyah High School for benefit motorcycle run – 9/6/08 – Sweetwater Baptist Assoc.
  - b. Request to use Vonore Elementary Gym for Jr. Pro Basketball – 9/1/08 – 8/31/09
  - c. Request to use Vonore Elementary football facilities for little league football – 7/1/08 – 11/31/08
  - d. Request for overnight field trip to State Livestock Contest in Nashville – 9/10/08 – Sweetwater High School FFA
  - e. Request for overnight trip to State Horse Judging Contest at MTSU – 9/8 & 9/08
  - f. Approval for mileage reimbursement contract for Ronnie Dillan McNabb for transportation to school bus stop

Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the following budget amendments:

Amendment #09-01	General Purpose Schools	\$85,945.95
Amendment #09-02	Federal Projects	\$92,094.87
Amendment #09-03	Central Cafeteria	\$20,510.00

After a discussion, motion passed.

Item No. 5: Next was a discussion of “Use of Personal Communication Devices and Electronic Devices” by students in a school setting. Mr. Tim Blankenship, Assistant Director, appeared before the Board to present four (4) administrative procedure options formulated by the Board/Supervisor Committee. After further discussion, Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve administrative procedure option #4 (**EXHIBIT II**). A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Ron Eydt, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Jerry Snyder voted yes. Mrs. Sonya Lynn and Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Motion passed.

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Item No. 6: The Director recommended to the Board that the following benefits be the same for Monroe County School System's full time (12 month) employees as other county employees: vacation time – 1 yr = 6 days, 2 yrs = 12 days, 10 yrs = 18 days; paid holidays – increase from 11 days to 13 days. The Director also recommended that the Board consider making the longevity pay the same as county employees and placing this as an item for discussion on the budget workshop agenda for the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve the Director's recommendation. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. David Watts, Sweetwater High School Principal, appeared before the Board on behalf of students requesting release time due to block scheduling and the credits currently required to graduate. Mr. Watts explained that the stipulations for release time are that the student have a job or be enrolled in post-secondary education and also that the student is on track to graduate. The Director recommended that the principal and administration screen each request before it comes before the Board and he recommends approval for the following Sweetwater High School students: Ashley Nicole Miller, Justin Sherwood, Joseph Andrew Huffman, Julie Mae Hughes, Davis Isaac Hunt, Jeremy Shanks. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the Director's recommendation. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mr. Mike Garren, Federal Programs Resource Specialist appeared before the Board to present a NCLB Update for the Monroe County School System.

Item No. 9: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve a request by Mr. Tim Blankenship, Assistant Director, for Approval of Special Course Applications. Motion passed.

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Item No. 10: Mr. Maurice Moser, Sequoyah High School Principal, appeared before the Board to request permission to retire Jerome Felton's football jersey at Sequoyah High School. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve this request. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve policy #2.404, School Support Organizations, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve policy #4.406, Use of the Internet, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mr. Steve McSpadden, Transportation Director, appeared before the Board to discuss school bus safety concerns on Wright Road. After a discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to ask the Monroe County Road Superintendent to assist with any improvements that could be made to Wright Road and South Gate Road (Lacie Acres). Motion passed.

Item No. 14: The Director reported to the Board on the following facilities update: Madisonville Primary School – footings are complete, block work is following, setting trusses on the kindergarten wing September 3<sup>rd</sup> and underground utilities are continuing and floor slabs should be complete by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The project is moving forward very well. Rural Vale Elementary – sewer plant is complete and in operation, fire marshal required more sidewalks to meet ADA requirements and are in the process of being installed at this time. The Director presented certificates to Rural Vale Elementary School and Sweetwater High School in recognition of their attendance rate. The Director recognized Sonya Lynn for achieving the Level II Boardmanship Award.

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Item No. 15: The Chairman appointed the following Board Committees: Negotiations Team - Danny Isbill, Lisa McLemore, DeWitt Upton; Transportation Committee – Sonya Lynn, Dean Williams, Jerry Snyder; LTVEC Representative – Ron Eydt.

Item No. 16: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the following Management Team: Bruce Beaty, Sharon Benton, Tim Blankenship, Elton Frerichs and Dan Schlafer. Elton Frerichs will be the Chief Negotiator. Motion passed.

Item No. 17: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the following Disciplinary Hearing Authority: Bruce Beaty, Tim Blankenship, Augusta Davis, Betty Davis, Elton Frerichs, Rick Saunders – Alternate, Steve McSpadden – Alternate. Motion passed.

Item No. 18: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the following Personnel Hearing Authority: Charles Underwood, Chairman, Gina Sands, Elton Frerichs, Sandra Raper, Augusta Davis, Debi Tipton. Motion passed

Item No. 19: The Board scheduled the following policy review workshops for 5:00 p.m. on Board meeting days: October 9, 2008: Section 1 – School Board Operations; November 13, 2008: Section 2 – Fiscal Management; January 8, 2009: Section 3 – Support Services; February 12, 2009: Section 4 – Instructional Services; March 12, 2009: Section 5 – Personnel April 2, 2009: Section 6 - Students

Item No. 20: The Chairman informed the Board of the 2008 TSBA Leadership Conference – November 15 & 16, 2008

Item No. 21: The Chairman informed the Board of the 2008 TSBA Convention – November 16-18, 2008

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Item No. 22: The Chairman appointed the following as Delegates to the Convention: Mr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mrs. Sonya Lynn and Mr. Ron Eyd

Item No. 23: The Director informed the Board that Monroe County was one of seven school systems in the state selected to receive a Lottery for Education: After-School Programs Grant. The grant will be managed by the Douglas Cherokee Economic Authority. Kathy Ketts, a DCEA representative, appeared before the Board to inform them that grant will fund after school tutoring programs that will help students recover high school credits, assist students with remedial education so the system can meet state graduation mandates, purchase computer equipment, and start a series of programs to help connect parents more closely with the school system.

Item No. 24: Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to elect Mr. Larry Stein as Chairman/TLN Representative for 2008-09. Motion passed. Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to elect Mr. Dean Williams as Vice-Chair. Motion passed.

Item No. 25: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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