

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room at the Director of Schools' Office. The following eight board members were present: Mr. Steve Rogers, Vice Chairman, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mrs. Marsha Standridge, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Dr. Bob Lovingood, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Ms. Sonya Lynn. Dr. Larry Stein, Chariman was absent.

Item No. 1. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, second by Dr. Bob Lovingood to approve the agenda with the following items added to the Consent Agenda: Request to use Rural Vale Vale Elementary, Heath Wear and Missy Carter, Coker Creek Elementary request to accept donations and Request to use Tellico Plains High School – Republican Party, Bob Giese. Motion Passed.

Item No. 2. Students from Coker Creek Elementary were recognized for placing 2nd in the 2015 Talent Search Academic Bowl.

Item No. 3 . Blaina Best, Hiwassee College informed the board about the Hiwassee College Tiger Games that had taken place at Hiwassee College on April 9, 2015. Sweetwater High School came in first place, Tellico Plains High School second place and Sequoyah High School third place.

Item No. 4. Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, second by DeWitt Upton to add the following items to New Business on the April 9, 2015 regular agenda: Trey Ferguson, Contract for Special Education Services, Terry Harris, Transportation and Maintenance Director, Tellico Area Bus Route Update, Janie Evans and Maurice Moser, East Tennessee Foundation Youth Endowment. Motion Passed.

Item No. 5. Board Members acknowledged any relatives working for the school system.

Item No. 6. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the following Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes from the regular board meeting on March 12, 2015.
2. Request to use Tellico Plains Jr. High Football Field – Tellico Youth Football, June 2015-December 2015 – Rick Rinehart and Chris Cooper.
3. Request to use Madisonville Primary School – MACA Kids Art Camp, June 1-5 and June 15-19, 2015 – Charlotte Lee
4. Request to use Tellico Plains Elementary – AAU Basketball, May 8 – 9, 2015 – Donald Balcom.
5. Request to use Coker Creek Elementary – Coker Creek Ruritan Club, Autumn Gold Festival, October 10 – 11, 2015 – Ralph Murphy.

6. Request to use Sweetwater High School – Young Life, May 7, 2015
7. Request to use Sweetwater High School – AAU Basketball Practice on Fridays
8. Request to remove the following items from the Title I Inventory at Vonore Elementary
 - a. Projector #01842, P6F014432
 - b. Projector #01975, Pell8700721540
 - c. Dell Computer #01874, 000456107998452
9. Request to accept a donation of \$250.00 to the Monroe County School System from Jonathan P. Bryan
10. Request to use Rural Vale Elementary – AAU Basketball Practice, March – May, 2015
11. Request to use Sweetwater High School – Youth Softball, March 21 – May 15, 2015 – Josh Walker
12. Request to use Coker Creek Elementary – Bean Supper, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, March 28, 2015

Motion passed.

Item No. 7. Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the following Executive Committee Action:

13. Request to use Vonore Middle School – Travel Baseball, March 17 – May 22, 2015 – Kevin Osbourne
14. Request to use Madisonville Middle School – AAU Basketball, Madisonville Athletics Club, March – May 2015 – Michelle Saffles
15. Request to use Tellico Plains Alumni Center – Democrat Party Meeting, March 27, 2015 – Hilda Pearson

Motion passed.

Item No. 8. Mrs. Marsha Standridge made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the April 2015 Budget Amendments. Motion passed. **EXHIBIT I**

Item No. 9. The results of the survey concerning the change of school start time from 8:00 to 8:15 were discussed by the board. The survey showed the majority of those voting preferred the 8:15 start time. Mrs. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Ms. Sonya Lynn to do a trial run with the 8:15 start time this school year after TCAP testing. The board had further discussion concerning drop off times and after school activities. Ms. Janie Harrill and Ms. Sonya Lynn withdrew their motions. Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, second by Ms. Sonya Lynn to table this item until questions with drop off times and after school activities could be answered. Motion passed. The board also requested a survey be done concerning drop off times at the schools.

Item No. 10. Ms. Marsha Standridge addressed the board with concerns regarding the change of the board meeting start time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ms. Standridge then made a motion, second by Dr. Bob Lovingood to rescind the motion from the March 2015 board meeting changing the start time to 6:00 p.m. for the months of April, May and June on a trial basis. A roll call vote was taken to rescind the motion, Ms. Sonya Lynn, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Dr. Bob Lovingood, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Mrs. Marsha Standridge, Mr. Jerry Snyder and Ms. Jo Cagle

voted yes, Mr. Steve Rogers voted no. Motion passed. The board meetings will again start at 7:00 p.m. The board requested a survey be done to see which time the employees and community preferred.

Item No. 11. Mr. Michael Bledsoe with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department informed the board of a new CTE Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement class that would be piloted at Sequoyah High School and possibly Sweetwater High School and Tellico Plains High School during the 2015-2016 school year. Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the classes be piloted during the 2015-2016 school year. Motion passed.

Item No. 12. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, second by Dr. Bob Lovingood to approve the Differentiated Pay Plan for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion passed. **EXHIBIT II**

Item No. 13. Mrs. Marsha Standridge made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the Elementary and High School Math textbook adoption for 2015 – 2021. Motion passed. **EXHIBIT III**

Item No. 14. Mr. Trey Ferguson, Special Education Director requested approval for the following contracts: Contract for Special Education Services with The King's Daughters' School and a Contractual Agreement with Deborah L. Curlee Communication Consultants, Inc. Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, second by Mrs. Janie Harrill to approve the contract with Deborah L. Curlee Communication Consultants, Inc. as presented. Motion passed. Ms. Jo Cagle made a motion, second by Ms. Sonya Lynn to approve the contract with The King's Daughters' School as presented. Motion passed. **EXHIBIT IV**

Item No. 15. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, second by Dr. Bob Lovingood to approve the request from Mr. Dan Schlafer, Federal Programs Director to accept federal funding for Titles I-A, II-A, VI and School Improvement Grants for Focus Schools for 2015-2016. Motion passed.

Item No. 16. Mr. Terry Harris, Transportation and Maintenance Director reported to the board the bids that were submitted for mowing services and bids for purchasing two new mowers. Mr. Harris requested to decline the bids and purchase two new mowers in the amount of \$22,100.00 and to continue to mow with part-time seasonal employees. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, second by Dr. Bob Lovingood to decline the bids and purchase two mowers and continue to do the mowing by part-time seasonal mowers. Motion passed.

Item No. 17. Mr. Steve Rogers presented the board with a recommendation from the Transportation Committee to purchase a car for the SRO Officer at Tellico Plains Elementary/Tellico Plains Jr. High in the amount of \$2,500.00. Mr. Rogers reported to the board that they pay the least amount in salary to the Town of Tellico for this SRO Officer and that buying the car would only be fair, other board members stated it would set a precedence for other requests in the future. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to accept the recommendation from the Transportation Committee. A roll call vote was taken Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Jerry Snyder Mrs. Janie Harrill and Mr. Steve Rogers voted yes, Mr. DeWitt Upton,

Dr. Bob Lovingood and Mrs. Marsha Standridge voted no, Ms. Sonya Lynn abstained. Motion failed.

Item No. 18. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Ms. Sonya Lynn to change SBP 3.206 Community Use of School Facilities to state that school recreational and athletic facilities may be used on Sunday between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. After much discussion a roll call vote was taken Mrs. Janie Harrill, Mrs. Marsha Standridge and Mr. Steve Rogers voted yes, Ms. Sonya Lynn, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Jerry Snyder voted no, Dr. Bob Lovingood and Ms. Jo Cagle abstained. Motion failed. Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to send SBP 3.206 Community Use of School Facilities to the policy committee to survey high school principals to get their opinion of the use of athletic facilities on Sunday. Motion passed.

Item No. 19. Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the first reading of the following policies:

1. SBP 5.114 Employee Internet and Posting and Social Media Policy
2. SBP 5.611 Ethics
3. SBP 5.600 Staff Rights & Responsibilities
4. SBP 3.404 Private Vehicles
5. SBP 4.302 Field Trips / Excursions / Competitions
6. SBP 6.601 Student Records Annual Notification of Rights
7. SBP 2.400 Revenues
8. SBP 6.4001 Student Surveys, Analyses, and Evaluations
9. SBP 4.601 Reporting Student Progress

Motion passed.

Item No. 20. The board discussed proposed SBP 3.201 Naming of Facilities. Mrs. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to send SBP 3.201 Naming of Facilities to the Policy Committee. Motion passed.

Item No. 21. The Director of Schools made the recommendation to move the May 7, 2015 board meeting to Sequoyah High School due to the band performing for the board. Ms. Jo Cagle made a motion, second by Ms. Marsha Standridge to move the May 7, 2015 board meeting to Sequoyah High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 22. The board discussed asking the County Commission for the \$324,800.00 cost of SRO officers to the school system, the \$2,500.00 requested to purchase a car for the SRO officer employed by the Town of Tellico and to be relieved of the \$200,000.00 payment of debt for building projects. Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder for the Director of Schools to request from the County Commission that Monroe County pay 100% of the salaries for SRO Officers and request that the school system be relieved of the \$200,000.00 debt payment. Motion passed. Ms. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Ms. Marsha Standridge to include the \$2,500.00 to purchase a car for the SRO Officer employed by the Town of Tellico in the request before the County Commission. Motion passed. Mr. Blankenship

told the board he would request to be on the County Commission agenda in April to make the requests.

Item No. 23. Mrs. Janie Evans and Mr. Maurice Moser presented to the board a project with the East Tennessee Foundation Youth Endowment that will work with at-risk high school students at Sequoyah High School, Sweetwater High School and possibly Tellico Plains High School. This curriculum based program focuses on critical thinking and team work, conflict resolution, problem solving, career and personal counseling. Mrs. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve participation in the project. Motion passed.

Item No. 24. The Director of Schools reported on the following: The Monroe County Education Foundation will meet on May 19, 2015 at 12:00 at Madisonville Intermediate School, updates on Tennessee Promise, Kindergarten Registration was 269 students county wide, Coker Creek Elementary will have a soccer team beginning 2015-2016 school year at no cost to the county, the Tellico Plains High School Fashion Show was a great success again this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

W. Larry Steen
Chairman

5/7/2015
Date

Tim B. Barkley
Secretary

5/7/2015
Date