

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine Board Members present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Dave Evans, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Ron Eydt and Ms. Jo Cagle.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on August 9, 2012 with the following additional items: State of the School Presentations by Coker Creek Elementary, Sequoyah High School and Sweetwater High School; approval of Monroe County School System's 2012-13 budget; adoption of Monroe County Board of Education Policy Manual as recommended by TSBA. Ms. Jo Cagle made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: Ms. Jo Cagle made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 10, 2012. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Request to use Tellico Plains High School cafeteria for benefit singing August 25, 2012 – Joann Lofton, Shoal Creek Baptist
2. Request to use Vonore Elementary School gym for Cub Scout/Boy Scout sign ups August 30, 2012 – Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America
3. Request to use Rural Vale Elementary School for benefit singing September 22, 2012 – Kaye McDaniel

Motion passed.

Item No. 4: State of the School Presentations were given by the following: Jill Franklin, Coker Creek Elementary School; Maurice Moser, Sequoyah High School; and David Watts, Sweetwater High School.

Item No. 5: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the Monroe County School System's 2012-13 budget to be sent to the Monroe County Commission for final approval. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dave Evans to approve the Monroe County Board of Education Policy Manual as recommended by TSBA. The approved manual will be sent to TSBA for review and on-line placement. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board to present a proposal from Sweetwater High School Diamond Club for baseball and softball facility upgrades. After a discussion, Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to allow the Diamond Club to proceed with the upgrades. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mr. Danny Isbill, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Board Member, addressed the Board concerning safety concerns on school grounds during ballgames. The principal and other school officials will study ways to make the grounds safer. Mr. Isbill also thanked the Board for their service and was grateful for his time serving on the Monroe County Board of Education.

Item No. 9: Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the requested school fees. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT I)**

Item No. 10: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve the list of coaches for the 2012-13 school year. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT II)**

Item No. 11: Mrs. Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve the following Disciplinary Hearing Authority for the 2012-13 school year: Tim Blankenship, Elton Frerichs, Mike Wiggins, Rick Saunders, Amanda Vance, Kathy Davis, Gus Davis, Sharon Benton (alternate) and Steve McSpadden (alternate). Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Dave Evans, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Board Member, addressed the Board concerning the following items: thanked everyone for allowing him to serve on the Monroe County Board of Education; keep the school system ahead in technology; keep supporting Imagination Library; keep supporting athletic programs in the school system.

Item No. 13: Mr. Ron Eydt, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Board Member, addressed the Board and thanked everyone for his time of service as a Board Member and wished the best of luck to the Monroe County Board of Education.

Item No. 14: Mr. Chuck Cagle, Attorney, addressed the Board and passed out copies of Mr. Mike Lowry's contract for Director of Schools. Mr. Cagle informed the Board that only two items had changed the salary and the dates of the contract. He had two other paralegals review the contract and that contract was not illegal. The contract was passed out at the request of a Board Member and there was no violation of the law. The contract is effective as of the date the Board acted to extend the Director's contract. The contract was entered into on the date the Board extended the contract.

Item No. 15: The Director reported to the Board on the following: presented plaques to outgoing Board Members – Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill and Mr. Dave Evans; a supervisor was placed at each school on the first day of school to ensure a smooth beginning to the new school year and the Director was at Madisonville Middle School with the newly appointed principal; the United Way presented a plaque to the school system for their participation; will present the Monroe County Board of Education approved budget to the County Commission for approval.

Item No. 16: The Chairman reminded the Board of the 2012 TSBA Fall District Meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at East Hamilton School.

Item No. 17: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2012 in the boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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