

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' office. Eight Board Members present: Mr. Danny Isbill, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Dave Evans, Mr. Ron Eydtt, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mrs. Janet Martin and Mrs. Sonya Lynn. Dr. Larry Stein was absent.

Item No. 1: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to add a discussion of amnesty boxes to old business and to also add a discussion of recognizing teachers in the Monroe County School System under new business. Motion passed. Mrs. Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting on February 9, 2012. Mrs. Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by DeWitt Upton to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Mr. Mike Lowry, Director of Schools, presented certificates to the Rural Vale Elementary School's Lady Panthers Basketball Team for winning the TNT Class "A" Girls State Championship. Also, Mr. Lowry presented Mrs. Bobbie Akins, Coach, a plaque in honor of the team.

Item No. 4: Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the following budget amendments:

#0309-1	Federal Projects	\$3,000.00
#0309-2	General Purpose Schools	\$2,498.04
2. Request to use Coker Creek Elementary School for basketball practice the months of March and April – Christy Moser
3. Request to use Vonore Elementary School March 9-10, 2012 for softball camp – Vonore Youth Softball Request to use Tellico Plains High School for 1972 class reunion June 23, 2012 – Diane Wall
4. Request to use Tellico Plains Jr. High School for Girls AAU team basketball practice Fridays 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Veronica Henry
5. Request for overnight trip to State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg April 1-4, 2012 – Kathryn Ingram & Don Layman, Sweetwater High School

6. Request to use Coker Creek Elementary School for little league baseball March-August 2012 – Christy Moser
7. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Madisonville Middle School for soccer training February 2012 – Melissa Hooper, FC Alliance
 - b. Request to use Sweetwater High School for W. E. Sloan visitation February 20, 2012 – Kyker Funeral Home
 - c. Request for overnight trip to TN Livestock Judging and Public Speaking Contest in Lebanon, TN March 8-10, 2012 – Kathryn Ingram, Sweetwater High School
 - d. Request for overnight trip to the State tournament at MTSU March 8-11, 2012 – Gary Tucker, Tellico Plains High School

Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Mr. Mike Wiggins, Secondary Supervisor, appeared before the Board to present the Monroe County Dress Code Proposal. After a discussion, Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the proposed dress code. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT I)**

Item No. 6: Mr. Dave Evans, 2nd District Board Member, discussed Monroe County Board of Education policy #4.301, Interscholastic Athletics. Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to remove the following lines 33 and 34 on the second page: 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. Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Dave Evans, Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mr. Jerry Snyder, and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Ms. Sonya Lynn voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. Dave Evans, 2nd District Board Member, discussed conducting a Board Self-Evaluation through the Tennessee School Boards Association. Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to allow the Director to schedule a workshop with a representative from TSBA. This workshop will include information concerning the Board Self-Evaluation process and Board policies. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to increase the monthly retainer for Mrs. Doris Matthews, Board Attorney, from \$200.00 to \$350.00. Motion

passed. Mrs. Doris Matthews addressed the Board and respectfully declined the offer of a raise in her monthly retainer as School Board Attorney.

Item No. 9: Mr. Danny Isbill, 2nd District Board Member, led a discussion concerning placing amnesty boxes back into the schools. After a discussion, Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve placing the amnesty boxes in Monroe County high schools and junior high schools. Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to amend the motion to include sending a letter home to parents informing them of any drug/drug paraphernalia placed in the amnesty box. A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Dave Evans, Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Ms. Sonya Lynn, Ms. Janet Martin, Mr. Jerry Snyder and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Motion as amended passed.

Item No. 10: Mr. Randy Ragsdale appeared before the Board to discuss an incident concerning his child. The Board informed Mr. Ragsdale that the incident had been investigated and appropriate action had been taken to dismiss the bus driver involved.

Item No. 11: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve a request for an overnight out-of-state trip to Winter Guard International Percussion Instruments Competition in Dayton, Ohio. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the proposed school calendar for 2013-14 school year. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT II)**

Item No. 13: The Director informed the Board of the REDLG Program Proposal through Fort Loudon Electric Company for Sequoyah High School gym air conditioning. After a discussion Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to give the Director permission to proceed in gathering information and bring back to the Board for approval. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to recognize teachers by giving them a certificate thanking them for all of their hard work and effort for the students in the Monroe County School System while having to adjust to the new evaluation system. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: The Director reported to the Board on the following: Madisonville Intermediate School, Vonore Middle School and Tellico Plains High School received attendance awards; Monroe Academy has graduated 32 students; teachers are prepping for the TCAP tests; a copy of the proposed middle school sports policy was emailed to Board members and any input is welcome before being placed on the April agenda.

Item No. 16: The Vice-Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Date _____

_____ Vice-Chairman

_____ Secretary