

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the Director of Schools' Office. The following nine board members were present: Dr. Bob Lovingood, Chairman, Mrs. Janet Martin, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Steve Rogers, Ms. Sonya Lynn, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Dr. Larry Stein and Mrs. Janie Harrill.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on January 20, 2014 with the following amendments: Community Use of Facilities – Vonore Middle School, Overnight Field Trip Request – Tellico Plains Jr. High Beta Club, Overnight Field Trip Request – Sequoyah High School Virtual Enterprise Class, Approval of Sweetwater High School Head Baseball Coach Dona Weiss, Approval of Vonore Middle School Volunteer Head Baseball Coach Lon Wayne Stamey, Add under New Business – Board Attorney Discussion

Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janie Harrill to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 2. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 9, 2014. Motion passed.

Item No. 3. Mrs. Janie Harrill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of Jamey Murphy as a volunteer at Sweetwater High School to assist With Football Conditioning
2. Tellico Plains High School Softball, Baseball and Boys' Soccer Teams – Request to host a day game on April 24, 2014
3. Vonore Middle School – Request to accept donation of \$1,655.00 – Tellico Village Kahite Women's Organization
4. Steve McSpadden, Transportation Director – Approval of School Bus Driver – Margo Marie Garner – Sloan Bus Lines
5. Tellico Plains Jr. High – Request approval for the following Volunteer Baseball Coaches: Paula Pilkey, Jeff Dalton, Mark Walker, Adam Scoggins and Ronnie

Pilkey

6. Sequoyah High School – 2014 Youth Leadership Summit – Request Approval for overnight field trip for 1 student March 24 – 26, 2014 at the Millennium Maxwell House in Nashville
7. Tellico Plains High School – 2014 Youth Leader Summit – Request Approval for overnight field trip for 1 student March 24 – 26, 2014 at the Millennium Maxwell House in Nashville
8. Request to use Tellico Plains High School – River of Life Ministries, March 4, 2014
9. Request to use Madisonville Middle School – Tellico Masonic Lodge # 80, April 21, 2014
10. Sequoyah High School FFA – Request for overnight field trip to the State FFA Convention, Gatlinburg, TN, March 23 – 26, 2014
11. Coker Creek Elementary – Request to remove the following Title I Item from the school inventory: BenQ Digital Projector
12. Tellico Plains High School – Request approval of Cheyenne Debty as Volunteer Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
13. Request to use Tellico Plains High School – New Providence Missionary Baptist Church, March 1, 2014
14. Tellico Plains High School, Mitchell Witt – Request approval for overnight field trip, February 27 – March 1, 2014, University of Tennessee Science Labs and Oak Ridge Labs
15. Tellico Plains High School FFA – Request for overnight field trip to the Tennessee State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg, TN, March 24 – 26, 2014
16. Request to use Madisonville Intermediate School – Hiwassee College AAU/Travel Basketball Tournament, April 4 -6, 2014
17. Request to use Madisonville Middle School – Hiwassee College AAU/Travel Basketball Tournament, April 4 – 6, 2014
18. Request to use Rural Vale Elementary – Crystal Best, Benefit for Cook Family, February 22, 2014
19. Tellico Plains Jr. High Beta Club- Request for overnight field trip, March 2 – 4, 2014, Beta Club Convention, Nashville, TN
20. Sequoyah High School Virtual Enterprise Class – Request for overnight field trip, March 7 – 11, 2014, Myrtle Beach, SC
21. Approval of Don Weiss as Head Baseball Coach at Sweetwater High School
22. Approval of Lon Wayne Stamey as Volunteer Head Base Ball Coach at Vonore Middle School
23. Executive Committee Action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Vonore Middle School – Upward Basketball, January 11, 2014
 - b. Request to use Sequoyah High School – Farmer’s Co-op, January 12, 2014
 - c. Sequoyah High School Band, Linda Trout – Request for overnight field trip for 5 students, February 13 – 15, 2014, Cookeville, TN
 - d. Sequoyah High School Band, Linda Trout – Request for overnight field trip for 2 students, February 6 – 8, 2014, Gatlinburg, TN
 - e. Sweetwater High School Band, Kayla Avery – Request for overnight field trip for 1 student, February 6 – 8, 2014, Gatlinburg, TN

- f. Request to use Madisonville Intermediate School – Church of God of Prophecy, February 8, 2014
- g. Request to use Sweetwater High School – Jr. Pro Basketball, January, 2014 – March, 2014
- h. Tellico Plains Jr. High – Request for overnight field trip, TNT State Basketball Tournament, February 6 – 7, 2014, Whitehouse, TN
- i. Request to use Vonore Middle School – AAU Practice, February 18 – May 31, 2014

Item No. 4. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sonya Lynn to issue each high school a check for \$10,000.00 for the transportation money that was approved for each high school at the June 13, 2013 board meeting. Motion passed.

Item No. 5. Ms. Doris Matthews discussed with the Board the laws relating to TCA 49-2-203 regarding the appointment of a new Director of Schools.

Item No. 6. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to suspend SBP 5.801 the Recruitment and Selection of the Director of Schools and Appoint Mr. Tim Blankenship as Director of Schools for the remainder of Mr. Lowry's contract at the same annual compensation and salary. Motion was withdrawn.

Item No. 7. Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janie Harrill to rescind the motion made at the called meeting in January, 2014 that Mr. Tim Blankenship be appointed as Interim Director of Schools. Motion passed.

Item No. 8. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to rescind the remainder of the motion made at the called meeting in January, 2014 that Mr. Tim Blankenship's interim position be through May 31, 2014. A roll call vote was taken. Dr. Bob Lovingood, Chairman, Mrs. Janet Martin, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Steve Rogers and Mr. DeWitt Upton all voted yes, Ms. Sonya Lynn voted no, Dr. Larry Stein and Ms. Janie Harrill abstained. Motion passed.

Item No. 9. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to suspend SBP 5.801 the Recruitment and Selection of the Director of Schools and appoint Mr. Tim Blankenship as Director of Schools for the remainder of Mr. Lowry's contract at the same annual compensation and salary. Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Janie Harrill to amend the motion by Mr. Steve Rogers to suspend all of SBP 5.801 except for taking applications. Take applications for 10 days and interview applicants, Mr. Tim Blankenship may apply and appoint a Director of Schools at the April, 2014 Board Meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Dr. Bob Lovingood, Mrs. Janet Martin, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Steve Rogers, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Ms. Sonya Lynn voted yes. Motion Failed. A roll call vote was taken on the original motion to appoint Mr. Tim Blankenship as Director of Schools All Board Members voted yes. Motion passed.

Item No. 10. Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dewitt Upton to approve the Budget Amendments. Motion passed. (EXHIBIT I)

Item No. 11. Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to adopt SBP 6.413 Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions. Motion passed.

Item No. 12. Mrs. Linda Trout addressed the Board to request an additional music/band teacher at Vonore Middle School to assist with starting a beginning band program for that school. Dr. Lovingood asked that Ms. Trout speak with the Principals at Vonore Middle and Madisonville Middle and get back with the board on a number of students that would be interested in the program and how it would be implemented into the curriculum and scheduling. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to table the proposal and discuss it at the budget workshop. Motion passed.

Item No. 13. Mr. Tim Blankenship, Director of Schools informed the Board that the Tennessee School Board Association had sent a \$100 donation in memory of Mr. Mike Lowry. The Board took no action on the donation. Mr. Blankenship will get back with the Board with information on possibly starting a scholarship fund in Mr. Lowry's name.

Item No. 14. State of the School Presentations were given by Coker Creek Elementary, Vonore Middle School, Madisonville Middle School and Tellico Plains Jr. High.

Item No. 15. The Director reported to the Board on the following: Attendance Awards were given to Tellico Plains Elementary for 96.18% attendance, Tellico Plains Jr. High for 94.88% attendance and Sweetwater High School for 94.65% attendance; Inclement weather days; Ms. Libby Hicks, Finance Director addressed the Board on the Wheel Tax for high schools; TOSS Legislative Conference Updates; Budget Update and Tenure.

Item No. 16. The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday March 13, 2014 in the boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Date 3/13/2014

 Chairman

 Secretary

Monroe County Board of Education
 Budget Amendment No: 0213-02
 2013-2014
 142-Federal Projects

EXHIBIT I

Be it hereby resolved, that the Monroe County Board of Education, meeting in regular session this 13th day of February 2014 hereby amends as follows the Federal Projects First to the Top program- 582

Federal Projects-First to the Top-582
To add federal money to fund the First to the Top program

Increase 47311-582 Revenue \$ 284,256.49

Increase	71100-163-582 Educational Assistants	\$	40,000.00
	71100-198-582 Non-Certified Substitute Teachers	\$	2,200.00
	71100-201-582 Social Security	\$	2,616.00
	71100-204-582 State Retirement	\$	3,552.00
	71100-206-582 Life Insurance	\$	57.00
	71100-207-582 Medical Insurance	\$	5,500.00
	71100-212-582 Employer Medicare	\$	612.00
	72210-189-582 Other Salaries&Wages	\$	148,311.00
	72210-201-582 Social Security	\$	9,196.00
	72210-204-582 State Retirement	\$	13,171.00
	72210-206-582 Life Insurance	\$	80.00
	72210-207-582 Medical Insurance	\$	12,712.00
	72210-212-582 Employer Medicare	\$	2,149.00
	72210-355-582 Travel	\$	11,600.00
	72210-499-582 Other Supplies&Materials	\$	32,500.49
		\$	<u>284,256.49</u>

Approved this 13th day of February 2014.

Robert Lovingood, Board Chairman 

Tim Blankenship, Interim Director of Schools 

Monroe County Board of Education
Budget Amendment No: 0213-01
2013-2014
141-General Purpose

EXHIBIT I

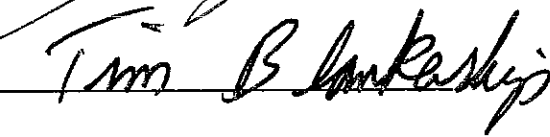
Be it hereby resolved, that the Monroe County Board of Education, meeting in regular session this 13th day of February 2014 hereby amends as follows the General Purpose Schools

**General Purpose Schools
To add Grant Funds from East Tennessee Foundation for rechargeable
batteries and charging stations**

Increase	46980	Revenue	\$	1,200.00
Increase	73300-499-ETF	Other Supplies & Materials	\$	1,200.00

Approved this 13th day of February 2014.

Robert Lovingood, Board Chairman 

Tim Blankenship, Interim Director of Schools 

Monroe County Board of Education
Budget Amendment No: 0213-04
2013-2014
141- General Purpose Schools

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Be it hereby resolved, that the Monroe County Board of Education, meeting in regular session this 13th day of February 2014 hereby amends as follows the General Purpose Schools

General Purpose Schools

To move money from In-Service/Staff Deveopment to Other Contracted Services for students who are in residential treatment centers

Increase 71100-399 Contracted Services \$ 10,203.00

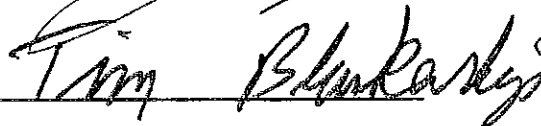
Decrease 71100-524 In-service/Staff Development \$ 10,203.00

Approved this 13th day of February 2014.

Robert Lovingood, Board Chairman



Tim Blankenship, Interim Director of Schools



Monroe County Board of Education
Budget Amendment No: 0213-05
2013-2014
142- Federal Projects

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Be it hereby resolved, that the Monroe County Board of Education, meeting in regular session this 13th day of February 2014 hereby amends as follows the Federal Projects

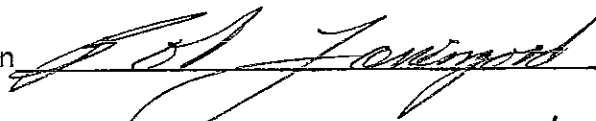
Federal Projects-892 Transition Grant
To re-distribute money with in the Grant due to personnel change

Decrease 71200-163-892 Educational Assistants \$ 8,270.00

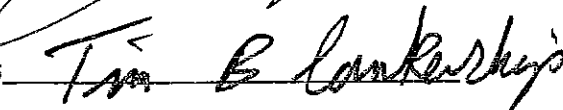
Increase	71200-195-892 Substitutue Teachers	\$	1,900.00
	71200-429-892 Instructional Supplles	\$	1,725.00
	72710-146-892 Bus Drivers	\$	3,600.00
	72710-315-892 Contracts with Vehicle Owners	\$	1,045.00
		\$	<u>8,270.00</u>

Approved this 13th day of February 2014.

Robert Lovingood, Board Chairman



Tim Blankenship, Interim Director of Schools



Monroe County Board of Education
Budget Amendment No: 0213-03
2013-2014
141- General Purpose Schools

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General Purpose Schools

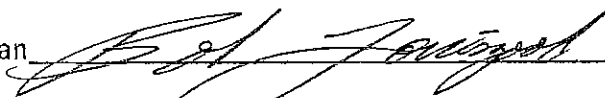
To move money from instructional textbooks to the board legal services

Increase 72310-331-BOE Legal Services \$ 12,000.00

Decrease 71100-449 Textbooks \$ 12,000.00

Approved this 13th day of February 2014.

Robert Lovingood, Board Chairman



Tim Blankenship, Interim Director of Schools

