

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room at 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, Dr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mrs. Janie Harrill.

Item No. 1. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approved the August 14, 2014 Agenda will the following amendments: Changes 8-14-8 - Sweetwater High School, Ricardo Torres as Volunteer Coach for Girls Soccer, Sequoyah High School, Joey Debity remove as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Sequoyah High School add Bill Satterfield as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, add to 8-14-14 Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers, change 8-14-16 from Approval of Budget to Discussion of 2014-2015 Budget and add under New Business, Dr. Larry Stein, Ethics Committee Report. Motion passed.

Item No. 2. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 10, 2014. Motion passed.

Item No. 3. Mrs. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Ms. Sonya Lynn to approve the minutes of the called meeting on July 24, 2014. Motion passed.

Item No. 4. Ms. Janet Martin made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the following Consent Agenda:

1. Sequoyah High School Library – Request to accept a \$500.00 donation from PlanetHS.

Motion passed.

Item No. 5. Ms. Sandy Akins, Monroe County Beautiful, appeared before the Board requesting permission to continue their Anti-Littering Program in the schools. Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, second by Mrs. Janet Martin to all Monroe County Beautiful to continue the program for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion passed.

Item No. 6. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, second by Mrs. Janie Harrill to approve the Lease of Property between the Monroe County Board of Education and the Monroe County Boys & Girls Club on the Madisonville Middle School Campus. Motion passed. **EXHIBIT I**

Item No. 7. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the Disciplinary Hearing Authority for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion passed. **EXHIBIT II**

Item No. 8. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, second by Mrs. Janie Harrill to approve Athletic & Cheerleading Coaches for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion passes. **EXHIBIT III**

Item No. 9. Mrs. Janet Martin made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve school fees for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion passed. **EXHIBIT IV**

Item No. 10. Mrs. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Ms. Sonya Lynn to approve keeping Dual Enrollment Courses the same as they were for the 2013-2014 school year (dual enrollment English with Hiwassee College and dual enrollment Math with Cleveland State). Motion passed.

Item No. 11. Charles Underwood, Transportation Director presented to the Board for approval a bus contract with Cooley Bus Service to provide transportation for band students from Madisonville Middle to Sequoyah High School and Academy Students from Sequoyah High School to Monroe Academy and return. The Board asked Mr. Underwood what the cost of the contract would be this year versus the previous school year. Mr. Underwood told the Board that last year it was done for \$7,880.00 and this year it would be the pay for one minimum route which is \$34,000.00. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, second by Ms. Sonya Lynn to bid out the contract so all contractors would have the opportunity to bid and have a called meeting on August 19, 2014 to open bids and award the contract. Motion passed.

Item No. 12. Mr. Charles Underwood, Transportation Director appeared before the Board to request starting a Madisonville City Bus Route. Mr. Underwood told the Board that considering current 2014-2015 budget issues he was not recommending it at this time.

Item No. 13. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the addition of the following statement to SBP 3.401 Scheduling and Routing "The transportation supervisor, **under the direction of the Director of Schools**, will be responsible for surveying all bus routes and scheduling bus transportation, including the determination of bus stops and the assignment of students." Motion passed.

Item No. 14. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, second by Mrs. Janie Harrill to approve the addition of SBP. 4.700 Testing Programs as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 15. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, second by Mrs. Janie Harrill to combine recommended TSBA Policies; Separation Practices For Non-Tenured Teachers and Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers. Motion passed.

Item No. 16. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder, to approve TSBA recommend SBP 6.314 Corporal Punishment. Motion passed.

Item No. 17. Mr. Tim Blankenship, Director of Schools discussed the following items for the 2014-2015 Budget: Keeping the teachers insurance at 85% and increase the non professional employees insurance to 85% due to the new Health Care Act, asking the County Commission for the Board of Education to be released immediately from paying \$200,000 out of the School General Purpose Budget and paying it to the County for building projects at Tellico Plains Elementary and Vonore Elementary. Mr. Steve Rogers suggested asking the County Commission for enough money to give a 2% pay increase to all school employees.

Item No. 18. Mr. Tim Blankenship, Director of Schools reported on the following: there are currently 5,572 students enrolled and 421 teachers county wide. Mrs. Janet Martin was recognized for 5 years of service as a Monroe County School Board Member.

Item No. 19. Dr. Larry Stein reported from the Ethics Committee on August 11, 2014. Dr. Stein stated that the committee had reviewed policy and that there was never an actual complaint filed with the committee concerning a Sunshine Law violation and current board policy does not address Sunshine Law violations therefore there were no findings from the committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

_____ Secretary _____ Date