

**MINUTES      MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION      JANUARY 12, 2012**

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' office. Eight Board Members present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Dave Evans, Mrs. Janet Martin, Ms. Sonya Lynn, and Ms. Jo Cagle. Mr. Ron Eydt was absent.

Item No. 1: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to add to the agenda a discussion of having a brief meeting before the February regular meeting and to take Madisonville Middle School's State of the School Presentation off of the agenda and move to the February regular meeting. Motion passed. Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting on December 8, 2011. Ms. Jo Cagle made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

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

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendments:

#0112-3	General Purpose Schools	\$21,000.00
#0112-4	Federal Projects	\$35,120.76
#0112-5	Education Capital Projects	\$166,750.13
2. Approval of the following Bus Drivers:  
Regina Marie Cole and Valorie Lynne Lindmier
3. Request to use Sequoyah High School January 20, 2012 – Melissa Hooper, FC Alliance
4. Request for overnight trip to play in the TNT State Tournament in Springfield, TN February 10, 11, 17 & 18, 2012 – Bobbie Akins, Coach and Stanley Shadden, Principal, Rural Vale Elementary School
5. Approval of Richie White as assistant coach of the boys' basketball team – Debi Tipton, Vonore Middle School Principal

Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Ms. Missy Carter, Tellico Plains Jr. High School Principal, presented a request by River of Life Youth Group to use the school occasionally on Wednesday nights when inclement

weather prevents the youth from activities outside. Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve this request. Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Mr. Danny Isbill presented information on “Warriors Path” at Sequoyah High School named in honor of all past/present/future Sequoyah High School students that have served or are serving in the military. Mr. Isbill informed the Board that Mr. Lowell Russell will head a fundraiser to pay for the monument that will be made at White’s Marble Works. Mr. Isbill and the Director of Schools also recognized Hailey Lynn as the Sequoyah High School student that won the contest for drawing the design of the monument.

Item No. 6: Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the following overnight trip requests from John Wiggins and Mitch Ingram, Sequoyah High School FFA:

1. January 19-20, 2012 – Tennessee Cattleman’s Association Convention in Murfreesboro, TN
2. February 3-4, 2012 – National Cattleman’s Association Convention in Nashville, TN
3. February 15-17, 2012 – National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, KY (out-of-state)
4. March 9-10, 2012 – Agribition in Lebanon, TN
5. April 1-4, 2012 – FFA Convention in Gatlinburg, TN

Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mrs. Sonia Hardin, School Health Supervisor, appeared before the Board to request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Chota Community Health Services and the Monroe County Department of Education. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mr. David Hester, Madisonville Primary School Principal, appeared before the Board to give his State of the School Presentation.

Item No. 9: Ms. Sonya Lynn, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Board Member, read and presented a prepared statement to the Board concerning nepotism.

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Item No. 10: The Director reported to the Board on the following: Attendance awards were presented to Rural Vale Elementary School, Tellico Plains Jr. High School and Tellico Plains High School; Coordinated School Health received a grant; Tellico Plains Jr. High School received a \$300.00 grant from the Monroe County Drug & Alcohol Task Force; Tennessee Department of Education is experiencing an employee reduction at this time; the State Legislature may approve a change to class size limits; proposal in the Legislature to eliminate state mandated step raises in the salary schedule; TSBA School Board Appreciation week is January 22-28, 2012 and encouraged Board members to attend activities at the schools.

Item No. 11: The Chairman informed the Board that there will be a Board workshop with representatives from the Sheriff's Department on February 9, 2012 at 5:30 and a brief meeting with the Technology Department before the February 9, 2012 regular meeting to receive an update on using the iPad at the Board meetings.

Item No. 12: The Chairman informed the Board that January 22-28, 2012 is School Board Appreciation Week.

Item No. 13: The Chairman informed the Board that TSBA Day on the Hill is February 21, 2012.

Item No. 14: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2012 in the boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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