

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FEBRUARY 14, 2013

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine Board Members present: Dr. Bob Lovingood, Chairman, Dr. Larry Stein, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Janet Martin, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Steve Rogers, and Mr. DeWitt Upton.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on February 14, 2013 with the following amendments: date change on item 2-14-3. #3, request to use Tellico Plains High School for benefit dinner; cancel item 2-14-3. #6-g, request from Rural Vale Elementary School for a trip to TNT State Tournament; additional budget amendments. Mrs. Janie Harrill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the agenda. 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 January 10, 2013. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janie Harrill to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of Budget Amendments (**EXHIBIT I**)
2. Request to use Madisonville Middle School for organizational meeting February 23, 2013 – Republican Party
3. Request to use Tellico Plains High School for benefit dinner April 6, 2013 – Poplar Bluff Baptist Church
4. Request to use Sequoyah High School for Region 2 Meeting June 8, 2013 – Monroe County Rescue Squad
5. Request for overnight trip to the Tennessee Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in Knoxville, TN February 28 – March 2, 2013 – Mitchel Witt, Tellico Plains High School
6. Approval of Executive Committee Action on the following:
 - a. Request for overnight trip to Honor Band Clinic at TN Tech in Cookeville, TN February 14 - 16, 2013 – Kayla Avery, Sweetwater High School
 - b. Request to use Tellico Plains High School gym for boxing tournament February 9, 2013 – Jesse Byers
 - c. Request to use Sequoyah High School for Lincoln Day Dinner February 9, 2013 – Republican Women's Party

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- d. Request for overnight trip to All East Band Clinic at Park Vista Hotel, Gatlinburg, TN February 7 – 9, 2013 – Kayla Avery, Sweetwater High School
- e. Request for overnight trip to All East Band Clinic at Park Vista Hotel, Gatlinburg, TN February 7 – 9, 2013 – Linda Trout, Sequoyah High School
- f. Request for overnight trip to 50th Annual Festival of Winds and Percussion in Cookeville, TN February 14 – 16, 2013 – Linda Trout, Sequoyah High School

Motion passed.

Item No. 4: At the request of the Chairman, Student Representative Isabella Daniels appeared before the Board to read a statement of what she liked about her school, Sweetwater High School.

Item No. 5: Sonya Lynn, 3rd District Board Member, led a discussion about the CTE budget and Dr. Elton Frerichs, CTE Director, also appeared before the Board in response to this discussion.

Item No. 6: Patty Williford, Monroe County Alcohol and Drug Task Force, appeared before the Board to request approval to administer a survey on risky behaviors to sixth, eighth, tenth, and twelfth grade students under a Passive Permission Slip Policy. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janie Harrill to approve this request. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. David Watts, Sweetwater High School Principal, appeared before the Board to discuss starting a Fishing Club in the high schools. After a discussion, Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steve Rogers to allow this club to start up. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the following volunteer assistant coaches: Sarah Woodruff, Softball and Chris McCowan, Baseball. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mr. Adam Kefauver, Sequoyah High School Head Baseball Coach, appeared before the Board to request approval for an overnight out-of-state trip to a baseball tournament in

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Fort Lauderdale, FL March 24-28, 2013. After a discussion, Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steve Rogers to approve this request. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve a Resolution Opposing Charter Schools as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mrs. Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve a Resolution Opposing any Legislation to Create a Voucher Program in Tennessee as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Next the Board discussed a Resolution Encouraging the Tennessee General Assembly to Reject Reverting to Superintendent Elections as recommended by TSBA. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt to approve this resolution. A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Jo Cagle, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Dr. Bob Lovingood, Ms. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Janet Martin and Mr. Steve Rogers voted no. Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Motion failed. After further discussion, Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janie Harrill to send a letter to Legislators and TSBA informing them that this resolution was rejected by a majority vote of the Board. A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Jo Cagle, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Dr. Bob Lovingood, Ms. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Janet Martin and Mr. Steve Rogers voted yes. Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve changes as recommended by TSBA to the following policies: #5.113, In-Service and Professional Learning Opportunities; #6.201, Compulsory Attendance Ages; #3.202, Emergency Preparedness Plan. Motion passed.

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Item No. 14: Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve placing policy #2.809, Vendor Relations, back in the Monroe County Board of Education Policy Manual. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve changes to policy #3.206, Community Use of Facilities. Motion passed.

Item No. 16: The Director reported to the Board on the following: presentation of Safety Awards to School Resource Officer David Kirkland and School Resource Officer Kevin Peak; Attendance Awards to presented to Coker Creek Elementary School, Madisonville Middle School and Sweetwater High School; Monroe Academy has had forty-one graduates so far this school year; the Commissioner of Education, Kevin Huffman, will be at Sequoyah High School Friday, February 15, 2013 (staff development day) at 1:00 p.m. to address Monroe County Teachers and Sweetwater City Teachers.

Item No. 17: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular Monroe County Board of Education meeting on March 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Date _____

_____ Chairman

_____ Secretary