

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, September 8, 2011 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, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Dave Evans, Mrs. Janet Martin, and Ms. Sonya Lynn. Mr. Ron Eydt was absent.

Item No. 1: Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the agenda for the regular meeting on September 8, 2011. Motion passed

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting on August 11, 2011. Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the minutes with the following adjustment: delete the last line in Item No. 7 stating that "the Board determined that this student ineligible to play and stated they would follow the TSSAA bylaws". Motion passed.

Item No. 3: The Board recognized Wal-Mart for their "Stuff the Bus" Program.

Item No. 4: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendment:
Amendment #0811 – 1 Federal Projects \$7,527.41
2. Approval of School Bus Drivers for 2011–2012 School Year (**EXHIBIT I**)
3. Request to use Tellico Plains High School Cafeteria September 10, 2011 – Matthew West, TWRA
4. Request to use Sequoyah High School for club event September 12, 2011 – Young Life
5. Request to use Sweetwater High School Cafeteria for 5th Quarter September 23, 2011 – Aaron Small, Fairview Baptist Church
6. Request to use Madisonville Primary School for Surfers Dance October 15, 2011 – Mary Hendershot, MACA
7. Request for overnight trip to MTSU State Horse Judging CDE September 13, 2011 – September 14, 2011 – Travis Hamilton & Amanda Massengill, TPHS
8. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request for overnight trip to Pikeville, KY to play in a bowl game August 26-28, 2011 – Trevor Hunt, TPHS Football Coach
 - b. Request to use Vonore Elementary School for practice, games, activities, etc. August 2011–August 2012 – Vonore Youth Sports

- c. Request to use Madisonville Middle School old soccer field for practice and games August 2011 – December 2011 – FC Alliance

Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the Board on property surrounding Tellico Plains High School. After a discussion, Ms. Jo Cagle made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sonya Lynn to form a committee to oversee the project. Motion passed. The committee will be comprised of Ms. Jo Cagle, Ms. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Russell Harris, TPHS Principal, and Mr. Charles Underwood.

Item No. 6: The Director updated the Board on the survey for support staff employees to have the option of 10 or 12 checks. At this time the vote is 51% in favor of the option of twelve payroll checks.

Item No. 7: Mr. Dave Evans, 2nd District Board Member, discussed the cost of athletic facilities utilities. After further discussion by the Board to use remaining maintenance funds at \$5,000.00 per high school, the Board decided to look at this option later in the school year.

Item No. 8: Next on the agenda was a discussion of dual credit.

Item No. 9: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the following non-faculty coaches at Madisonville Middle School: Alan Roberts and Tim Tipton – Volunteer Girls Softball for 2011-12. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Keep Monroe County Beautiful, Inc. representatives appeared before the Board to request approval to allow them to meet the State curriculum objectives of Monroe County School System's 2nd, 4th, and high schools. Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve this request.

Item No. 11: An update on Madisonville Middle School was presented. The following was discussed: continue weekly cleanings, use hand held radios for communication with office,

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monitor behavior of high school students, hiring a cafeteria monitor. The Board requested a progress report at the October meeting.

Item No. 12: State of the School Reports were presented by the following: Coker Creek Elementary School, Tellico Plains Elementary school and Tellico Plains Jr. High School.

Item No. 13: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dave Evans to approve a request from Mr. Jeff Anderson, Sweetwater High School, for an overnight out-of-state trip to Orlando, FL for Y.E.S. Program February 6-10, 2012. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve an update to Monroe County Board of Education Policy 6.3071, Drug Testing for Student Athletes as presented by Sonia Hardin, School Health Supervisor. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: Lee Anne Strickland presented information on an Abstinence Grant and Curriculum. After a discussion, Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve this. Motion passed.

Item No. 16: The Director discussed using \$200,000.00 Capital Projects money toward Tellico Plains Elementary School and Vonore Elementary School renovations. After further discussion by the Board, Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the Director's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Dave Evans, Mr. Danny Isbill, Ms. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Mr. Ron Eydtt was absent. Motion passed.

Item No. 17: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information on an Energy Reduction Proposal.

Item No. 18: Ms. Jo Cagle made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the proposed school fees requests. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT II)**

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Item No. 19: The Director informed the Board that there were a few employees not listed on the support staff pay scale and therefore had not been included in the pay raise. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the pay raise for these employees as recommended by the Director. Motion passed.

Item No. 20: The Director reported to the Board on the following: attendance awards; budget handout; Jessica Thomas and Gary Sharp presented a video on technology in the schools.

Item No. 21: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the following Management Team for 2011-2012 school year as recommended by the Director: Elton Frerichs, Sharon Benton, Tim Blankenship, Dan Schlafer and Amanda Vance. Motion passed.

Item No. 22: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the following School Board Committees: Vision Committee – Dave Evans, Ron Eydt, Larry Stein; Transportation Committee – Dave Evans, Ron Eydt, Jerry Snyder; Negotiations Team – Jo Cagle, Danny Isbill, DeWitt Upton. Motion passed.

Item No. 23: The Chairman appointed the following as delegates to the 2011 TSBA Convention: Ms. Jo Cagle, Dr. Larry Stein, and Mr. Danny Isbill. Mr. Dave Evans was appointed as alternate.

Item No. 24: Mrs. Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dave Evans to re-elect Dr. Larry Stein as Chairman/TLN Representative for the 2011-2012 year. Motion passed. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dave Evans to re-elect Mr. Danny Isbill and Vice-Chairman. Motion passed.

Item No. 25: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to change the date of the October meeting from October 13, 2011 to October 20, 2011 due the Fall Break. Motion passed.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Date _____ Chair

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