MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION JANUARY 10, 2008

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Seven Board Members present: Mr. Larry Stein, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mr. Dean Williams and Mr. DeWitt Upton. Mr. Regan Dalton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard were absent.

Item No. 1: The Vice-Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on January 10, 2008 with the addition of two student transfer requests immediately after the consent agenda. Mr. Larry Stein, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to add the student transfer requests immediately after the consent agenda. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to pull out Item 1-10-3.#3, *Request from Mitchel Witt, Tellico Plains High School, for overnight field trip to UTK labs and Oak Ridge labs for scientific research experiences – 2/28/08 – 3/1/08*, from the consent agenda to be discussed separately before new business. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the agenda for the regular meeting on January 10, 2008 as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 4: The Vice-Chairman asked for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting on December 13, 2007. Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to amend Item No. 5 in the minutes for the regular meeting on December 13, 2007 to be noted that Mrs. Doris Davis voted no on the motion. Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Doris Davis to approve the following consent agenda with the exception of Item 1-10-3. #3, which was pulled out for discussion:

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendment:
   #08-13 General Purpose Schools $6,500.00
2. Approval of the following bus driver for the 2007-08 school year: Shelia Jane Frye
3. Request for overnight field trip to UTK labs and oak Ridge labs for scientific research experiences – 2/28/08 – 3/1/08 – Mitchel Witt, Tellico Plains High School
4. Request for overnight field trip to FTA Convention in Nashville – 3/27 & 28, 2008 – Fred Camp, Sequoyah High School Future Teachers of America
5. Request to use Sequoyah High School January 25, 2008 – Ken Miller, Monroe County Democrat Party
6. Request to play three basketball games the weeks of January 14-18, 2008 and February 4-8, 2008 – David Watts, Sweetwater High School

Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the following student transfer requests: Damon Brown transfer from Coker Creek Elementary School to Madisonville Intermediate School and Christie, Crystal and Sylvia Kennedy from Tellico Plains High School to Sequoyah High School. After a discussion, motion passed.

Item No. 8: The Board discussed a request for an overnight field trip for students at Tellico Plains High School to UTK labs and Oak Ridge labs for scientific research experiences – 2/28/08 – 3/1/08. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the request for an overnight trip for students at Tellico Plains High School to UTK labs and Oak Ridge labs for scientific research experiences – 2/28/08 – 3/1/08. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: The Director presented a plaque to the Vonore Fire Department in appreciation of their help in removing the gas tank at Vonore Elementary School.

Item No. 10: Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve an update to Monroe County Board of Education policy #6.4031, Pediculosis Capitis (Head Lice). Motion passed.

Item No. 11: The Director reported to the Board on the following: portable wall at Tellico Plains Elementary School has been installed; Johnny McDaniel is working at Sweetwater High School as a graduation coach for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year while continuing as GED Coordinator for the high schools; added an English teacher at Sweetwater High School and ordered desks for the classroom.

Item No. 12: Next was a discussion of the Rural Vale Elementary School building project. The Director reported that work continues to progress well. Plans for the sewage treatment plant are still waiting for approval from the State. Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, requested that the Board approve a change order for the Rural Vale Elementary School building project in order to install all of the sewage piping that comes between the connector out to a man hole that will be installed in the parking lot in order that work can continue. Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the change order. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: The Director continued to report to the Board on the following: If everything goes as planned, Madisonville Primary School building project should be out for bid the first of February and grading can start the first of March. Plans are available for preview at Madisonville Primary School. The Director also informed the Board that Fire Marshall's inspections on eleven schools (did not inspect Madisonville Primary School) only produced minor violations and the Fire Marshall has been very complimentary of the Maintenance Supervisor and his staff. Federal and Special Education monitoring from the state was very positive for the Monroe County school system.

Item No. 14: The Vice-Chairman informed the Board that School Board Appreciation Week is January 20-26, 2008.

Item No. 15: The Vice-Chairman informed the Board that a workshop needed to be scheduled. After a discussion, Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to schedule a workshop on February 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Motion passed.

Item No. 16: The Vice-Chairman informed the Board that TSBA Day on the Hill is scheduled for February 26, 2008.

Item No. 17: The Vice-Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Date _____ _____Chair

_____Secretary