

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Seven Board Members present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mr. Dean Williams, and Mr. Ron Eydt. Mr. Jerry Snyder and Mr. DeWitt Upton were absent.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on April 8, 2010 with the additional item of a student transfer request from Sequoyah High School to Tellico Plains High School. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the amendment to the agenda. Motion passed. Mrs. Sonya Lynn requested that the agenda be amended to pull out Consent Agenda Items #9 a., b. & c. for discussion and requested to be added for a discussion under new business. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on March 11, 2010. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Local Textbook Adoptions – 2010-2011 (**EXHIBIT I**)
2. Approval of the following bus driver for the 2009-10 school year: Mary Anne Fiorillo
3. Approval of Application for Special Course - Peer Tutoring at Sequoyah High School, Fred Camp, Teacher
4. Request to use Coker Creek Elementary School for community basketball league on Tuesdays – Jamie Rose
5. Request to use Vonore Elementary School for Vonore Hometown Support Group meeting – 4/24/10 – Kevin Kiser

6. Request to use Sequoyah High School for twirling contest - 4/17/10 – Baton Booster Club
7. Request to use Sweetwater High School for straw poll/chili cook-off – 4/27/10 - Sweetwater High School Diamond Club
8. Request to use Sweetwater High School Cafeteria for class reunion – 9/25/10 – SHS Class of 1950
9. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
  - a. Request to use Sweetwater High School for Sweetwater Police Department 3/13/10 – Kenny Wilkins
  - b. Request to use Coker Creek for youth baseball 3/2010 – 8/2010
  - c. Request to use Tellico Plains High School gym for Sweetwater Baptist Assoc. Youth Meeting 3/20/10 – Roman Hamilton, SBA Youth Committee
  - d. Request to use of Sweetwater High School gym for AAU Basketball Tournament 3/19 & 20/2010 – Wade Sloan
  - e. Request to use Sweetwater High School gym for AAU Basketball Tournament 4/23 & 24/2010 – Wade Sloan
  - f. Request to use Sweetwater High School for American Red Cross Benefit 4/10/10 – Jerry Gentry, Ego Pro Wrestling
  - g. Request to use Coker Creek Elementary School for ball practice March – August 2010 – Arlie Wear
  - h. Request to use Tellico Plains Elementary School for baseball practice March-April, 2010 – Tellico Youth Little League
  - i. Request to use Vonore Elementary School for practice March-July 2010 – Vonore Youth Baseball/Softball
  - j. Request to use Vonore Elementary School for practice – March- May, 2010 – AAU
  - k. Request to use Vonore Elementary School for an alumni meeting – March 20, 2010 – Kevin Kiser
  - l. Request to use Sweetwater High School for basketball practice – Mondays & Thursdays – Greg Allen
  - m. Request for overnight trip that was previously a one day trip to the State FFA Competition: due to location change from Knoxville to Murfreesboro departing date had to be changed to 3/19/10 and return 3/20/10 – Kathryn Ingram, Teacher Sponsor / David Watts, Sweetwater High School Principal

Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Next was a discussion of the following items that were pulled from #9 of the

consent agenda:

- a. Request for Tellico Plains High School overnight trip to state tournament in Murfreesboro 3/11-13/ 2010 – Gary Tucker, Girls’ Basketball Coach
- b. Request for Tellico Plains High School overnight trip to interior design state competition in Nashville 4/6-8/2010 – Leah McCall, Teacher/Sponsor
- c. Request for Sweetwater High School overnight trip to FCCLA State Meeting in Nashville 4/6-8/2010 – Dinah Ledford, Teacher/Sponsor

After a discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the executive committee items that were pulled for discussion. Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Ms. Rebekah Whitehurst appeared before the Board to request a transfer for her son, Aaron Whitehurst, from Sequoyah High School to Tellico Plains High School. After a discussion of student bullying and harassment, Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to pay transportation costs for this student transfer due to the bullying harassment, and intimidation this child has suffered in the school system. Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion to amend the motion to pay mileage to the parent until the end of this school year and review in August. A roll call vote was taken on the amendment. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Mrs. Danny Isbill and Mrs. Sonya Lynn voted yes. Motion failed. After further discussion Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to amend the motion to pay mileage to this parent until January 2011 and review the situation at that time. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mrs. Lisa McLemore and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Dr. Larry Stein voted no. Motion passed. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the transfer of Aaron Whitehurst from Sequoyah High School to Tellico Plains High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Jennifer Cooper, teacher at Madisonville Primary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mrs. Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Shauna Wilson, teacher at Madisonville Primary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Erin Delcour Mills, teacher at Madisonville Intermediate School. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Krystal Lynne Millsaps, teacher at Madisonville Intermediate School. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Patricia K. (Kim) Morris, Elementary Guidance Counselor at Madisonville Intermediate School. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mrs. Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Casey Atkins, teacher at Madisonville Middle School. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Tiffany Farner, teacher at Madisonville Middle School. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mr. Ron Eydt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Kathryn (Kasey) Grubb, teacher at Rural Vale Elementary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Allison Barker Weaver, teacher at Vonore Elementary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: Mrs. Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Jennifer Abby Frerichs, teacher at Vonore Elementary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 16: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Dara Sarshuri, teacher at Vonore Elementary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 17: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Audra Bettis, teacher at Vonore Middle School. Motion passed.

Item No. 18: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Kari Connatser, teacher at Sequoyah High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 19: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Nancy Hovanic, teacher at Sequoyah High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 20: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Adam Kefauver, teacher at Sequoyah High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 21: Mrs. Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Bryan Williamson, teacher at Sequoyah High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 22: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Mary Kathryn Ingram, teacher at Sweetwater High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 23: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Joseph (Jody) White, a returning tenured teacher at Sweetwater High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 24: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt, to approve the request from Mr. Dan Schlafer, Federal Programs Director, to accept federal funding for Titles I-A, I-A ARRA, III-A, II-D ARRA, III, VI and X AARA for school year 2010-2011 and authorize the Director of Schools to submit any needed amendments, addenda, and correspondence related to these projects. Motion passed.

Item No. 25: Next was a discussion requested by Mrs. Sonya Lynn concerning TN Risk Management bids for the county liability insurance and discussion of the Board's lawsuit liability. Mrs. Lynn requested that the Chairman obtain information on the bids for the Board of Education's property and casualty insurance for the May meeting.

Item No. 26: The Director reported to the Board on the following: attendance awards will be given at the May meeting due to the ending date of the six weeks period; the Gifted Program received a \$20,000 grant; the Director has been meeting with supervisors to discuss extra duties for principals for the 12<sup>th</sup> month contract; Monroe Academy has graduated 24

students as of the week of April 8, 2010. The Director recognized Sweetwater FFA State Farm Business Contest Winners.

Item No. 27: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Item No. 28: The Chairman reminded the Board of the reception for teachers going on tenure immediately following this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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