

**MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION JANUARY 8, 2009**

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, January 8, 2009 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, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Dean Williams, and Mr. DeWitt Upton. Mr. Ron Eydt and Mrs. Sonya Lynn were absent.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on January 8, 2009. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on December 11, 2008. Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve these minutes. Motion passed.

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

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendments:

#09-10	General Purpose Schools	\$21,856.63
#09-11	Federal Projects	\$764.76
2. Request to use Sequoyah High School for a membership meeting – January 20, 2009 – Foothills Farmers Co-op
3. Request to use Sequoyah High School for a banquet – January 24, 2009 – Justin Hill/Sea Ray

Motion passed.

Item No. 4: The Board discussed options for the Madisonville Primary School building site, specifically the option of keeping six classrooms of the current Madisonville Primary School building. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to tear down all but six classrooms of the current Madisonville Primary School building. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Mr. Dean Williams voted

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no. Motion passed. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion to save and renovate the current Madisonville Primary School gym. Motion died for lack of a second and Mr. Dean Williams asked that his motion be recorded in the minutes of the January 8, 2009 regular meeting of the Monroe County Board of Education.

Item No. 5: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to add the following to the Monroe County Board of Education policy #4.301, Interscholastic Athletics (line 9): “non-faculty coaches shall submit to appropriate state background checks at his/her own expense”. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Maurice Moser, Sequoyah High School Principal, and Mrs. Lee Anne Strickland, Elementary Guidance Counselor, addressed the Board to provide information about bullying prevention measures being taken in the Monroe County School System’s elementary schools and high schools.

Item No. 7: Ms. Susan Emert of Mitchell, Emert & Hill, P.C. appeared before the Board to discuss Monroe County School System’s Activity Funds Audit.

Item No. 8: Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve a request from Mrs. Missy Carter to transfer her son, Colton Carter, from Rural Vale Elementary School to Tellico Plains Jr. High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve a request from Mr. Gus Davis, Madisonville Middle School Principal, for an out-of-state overnight field trip to Washington DC May 12, 2009 – May 16, 2009. Motion passed.

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Item No. 10: State of the school reports were presented to the Board by the following: Mrs. Debi Tipton, Vonore Middle School; Mr. Maurice Moser, Sequoyah High School; Mr. David Watts, Sweetwater High School; and Mr. Russell Harris, Tellico Plains High School.

Item No. 11: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve changes to Monroe County Board of Education policy #6.502, Foreign Exchange Students, as recommended by TSBA. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Jerry Snyder and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Mrs. Becky Ogle, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Motion failed.

Item No. 12: The Director reported to the Board on the following: Madisonville Primary School building project update; attended Superintendent's Study Council Meeting with Commissioner Webb and discussed the State budget; Coker Creek Elementary School painting project; Board Members can meet with the Director at Madisonville Primary School and conduct a walk-through at their convenience. The Director informed the Board of speeding issues on Fagin Road. After a discussion, Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to adopt a resolution to ask the Monroe County Commission to declare that part of Fagin Road a school zone (**EXHIBIT I**). Motion passed.

Item No. 13: The Chairman informed the Board that TSBA's Day on the Hill is February 24, 2009.

Item No. 14: The Chairman reminded the Board of the policy workshop on February 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

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Item No. 15: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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\_\_\_\_\_Chairman

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