

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AUGUST 14, 2008

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine Board Members present: Mr. Regan Dalton, Chairman, Mr. Larry Stein, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Dean Williams, Mrs. Jean Allison, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on August 14, 2008. Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein to approve the agenda with the following additions: discussion on a new position was added as 8-14-9(a) under new business and request for release time from Nick Loveday, Sweetwater High School student, was added as 8-14-3 #2 under consent agenda. Motion passed to approve the agenda as amended.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on July 10, 2008 and the called meeting on July 28, 2008. Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein to approve the minutes with the following amendment to Item No. 7: add that Mrs. Sonya Lynn gave the second to Mr. Dean Williams' motion to rescind his motion of asking the County Commission to sell the property. Motion passed to approve the minutes as amended.

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

1. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Madisonville Primary School for a prayer walk – Dana Wiggins, First Baptist Church
 - b. Request to take dual enrollment courses online from Liberty University – Matthew Payne, Sequoyah High School Student

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2. Approval of request by Nick Loveday, Sweetwater High School Student, for release time after 2nd period

Item No. 4: Next was a discussion of Monroe County Board of Education policy #2.805 Expenses and Reimbursements. The Director informed the Board that Item #13 of the Employee Travel Guidelines Administrative Procedure has been changed to reflect Board policy that employees will be reimbursed upon submission of an approved voucher and supporting receipts.

Item No. 5: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to adopt the TSBA Model Code of Ethics. Motion passed.

Item No.6: The Director informed the Board that the following student transfers were approved as per Board policy: Addy, Laurin, and Ethan Freeman from Tellico Plains Elementary & Jr. High School to Rural Vale Elementary School; Walker and Lucas Templet from Tellico Plains Elementary School to Rural Vale Elementary School.

Item No. 7: Mr. Steve McSpadden, Transportation Director, appeared before the Board to discuss the mileage/fuel scale.

Item No. 8: Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the coaching supplements as presented by Mr. Elton, Frerichs, Chief Negotiator. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: The Board discussed the position of secretary in the School Nutrition Department. The Board discussed conducting workshops to review policy and will schedule dates at the September meeting.

Item No. 10: The Chairman informed the Board of the Fall District Meeting September 9, 2008 at Oak Ridge High School.

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Item No. 11: The Director reported to the Board on the following: enrollment update, Director of meet with Connie Smith in Nashville concerning Sweetwater High School, and Monroe Academy. The Director gave a facilities update. The Rural Vale project is in the process of completion and the sewer plant construction is near completion. Both projects should be finalized by the end of August. Madisonville Primary School footings are complete and block work is following. Plan to start setting trusses by September and underground utilities are going in. The project is moving forward very well. The Director informed the Board that Monroe County received a Safe Schools Grant. Mr. Dan Schlafer spoke to the Board concerning the grant. The Director asked the Board for approval to give the local match required. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Vineyard to approve giving the local match. Motion passed. The Director informed the Board that the City of Tellico Police Department approved funding part of a School Resource Officer for the Tellico area schools. The Director passed out a list of budget projections for 2008-09, fund balance, revenues and expenditures. The Director informed the Board that there have been 134 work orders for the Technology Department since school started and that the Tellico City water pump went out, but students were able to stay at school.

Item No. 12: The Director presented plaques to the following Members for their service on the Monroe County Board of Education: Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mr. Regan Dalton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard.

Item No. 13: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2008.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Date_____

_____Chair

_____Secretary