MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OCTOBER 8, 2009

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine Board Members present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Dean Williams, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Jerry Snyder and Mrs. Janet Martin.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on October 8, 2009. Mr. Dean Williams asked that Consent Agenda Item 10-8-3-#3 be pulled for discussion and Mrs. Sonya Lynn asked that discussion of a letter she received be placed on the agenda after Item 10-8-7. After a discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the agenda as amended. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Jerry Snyder and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on September 10, 2009. Mr. Dean Williams and Mrs. Sonya Lynn asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that Mr. Williams and Mrs. Lynn voted no on the motion to keep Dr. Larry Stein as Chairman for 2009-2010 stating conflict of interest as the reason. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

<u>Item No. 3:</u> Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendments:

#10-04 General Purpose Schools \$24,741.83 #10-05 Federal Projects \$387,830.38 #10-06 Food Service \$21,000.00

2. Approval of Textbook Selecting Committees 2009-2010 (**EXHIBIT I**)

- 3. Request to use Sequoyah High School for free community dinner 11/21/09 Watson's Chapel
- 4. Request to use Sequoyah High School for fund raiser 11/7/09 Monroe County Habitat for Humanity
- 5. Request to use Sweetwater High School for Fifth Quarter 10/9/09 & 10/29/09 First Baptist Church
- Request to use Sweetwater High School for Upward Basketball & Cheerleading November 2009 – February 2010 (selected dates) – Fairview Baptist
- 7. Request to play two day basketball games November 18, 2009 & January 19, 2010 Madisonville Middle School
- 8. Request to play three basketball games the week of November 9, 2009 Madisonville Middle School
- 9. Request to play a day basketball game October 22, 2009 Coker Creek Elementary School & Rural Vale Elementary School
- 10. Request to play three basketball games the week of November 9, 2009 Rural Vale Elementary School
- 11. Request for overnight field trip to Junior Beta Club Convention in Nashville, TN November 22-24, 2009 Rural Vale Elementary School
- 12. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Madisonville Primary School for cheerleading practice October 12-23, 2009 Sports & Civic Club
 - b. Request to use Madisonville Middle School for 30 year high school reunion October 17, 2009 MHS Class of 1979

Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Next was a discussion of Item 10-8-3-#3 pulled from the consent agenda, approval of Alice Mae Carter as bus driver. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to remove the driver from the approved list of bus drivers. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no. Mrs. Sonya Lynn and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Motion failed. After further discussion, Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to suspend the driver until the November 12, 2009 regular meeting and place this as an item on the November 12, 2009 regular meeting agenda and request that Mr. Steve McSpadden, Transportation Director, obtain more information for the Board. Motion passed. Mr. Dean Williams voted no as noted by the Chairman.

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Item No. 5: Sheriff Bill Bivens appeared before the Board to address the issue of law enforcement officials conducting school searches and to explain the process. After a discussion, Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to rescind the motion passed at the September 10, 2009 regular meeting to do away with amnesty boxes in the schools and that law enforcement officials only contact the Director of Schools, not principals, before a search is conducted. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Janet Martin and Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Motion failed. After further discussion, Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to rescind that part that states to only contact the Director of Schools, not principals, before a search is conducted and add that law enforcement officials are to contact principals, as well as the Director, when a search is going to be conducted. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Mrs. Sonya Lynn and Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Motion passed.

<u>Item No. 6:</u> Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve a request for approval of an overnight/out-of-state field trip to the Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama April 30-May 2, 2010 for Tellico Plains Jr. High School. Motion passed.

<u>Item No. 7:</u> Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the Report of School System/School Compliance for the Monroe County School System. Motion passed.

<u>Item No. 8:</u> State of the School Reports were presented by the following: Jill Franklin, Coker Creek Elementary School Principal; Terry Moser, Madisonville Intermediate School Principal; Debi Tipton, Vonore Middle School Principal.

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<u>Item No. 9:</u> Next on the agenda was a discussion by Mrs. Sonya Lynn concerning a letter that she received in the mail.

Item No. 10: The Director reported to the Board on the following: old Madisonville Primary School site will be torn down when asbestos tile are removed; Kathy Davis, School Nutrition, received a grant for a new cooler/freezer at Coker Creek Elementary School and a new stove at Sweetwater High School; the new key system has been completed in every school; a meeting will be held at McMinn County High School on October 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. with the Commissioner of Education addressing area school board members on the new standards/regulations and the report card.

<u>Item No. 11:</u> The Chairman recognized Mrs. Sonya Lynn for receiving TSBA's Level III Boardsmanship Award.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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			Secretary