MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION NOVEMBER 8, 2007

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine Board Members present: Mr. Regan Dalton, Chairman, Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Larry Stein, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mr. Dean Williams and Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on November 8, 2007. Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the agenda with the addition of the dates and reasons on use of facilities included in the minutes of the November 8, 2007 regular meeting. Motion passed. Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to amend the agenda and place Ms. Beverly Powell and Mr. James Maxwell on the agenda to discuss the Madisonville Primary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on October 15, 2007. Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to approve the minutes as corrected with the addition of the time of day for students to be released in Item #7 and Item #8. Motion passed.

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

1. Approval of the following budget amendments:

Amendment #08-07	General Purpose Schools	$13,710.00
Amendment #08-08	Federal Projects	$47,900.63

2. Request to use Sequoyah High School for Thanksgiving Dinner – 11/17/07 – Watson Chapel
3. Request to use Sequoyah High School for fund raising banquet – 1/19/08 – Southern Appalachian Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation
4. Request to use Tellico Plains Jr. High School for monthly meetings – last Monday of each month – Monroe County Friends of Animals
5. Request to play two (2) day basketball games – 12/7/07 & 1/16/08 – Madisonville Middle School

6. Request for two (2) day wrestling matches – 11/07 & 12/07 – Vonore Middle School
7. Approval of the Executive Committee action on the following:
    a. Request to use Sequoyah High School for cooking classes for Stay Red – 10/23/07, 11/6/07, 11/8/07, 12/4/07, 12/6/07, 1/15/08, 1/17/08 - Women's Wellness and Maternity Center
    b. Request to use Tellico Plains Jr. High School – 11/1/07 – 5/1/08 – Tellico Youth Basketball
    c. Request to use Tellico Plains Elementary School – 11/1/07 – 5/1/08 - Tellico Youth Basketball
    d. Request to use Tellico Plains Elementary School for cheerleading practice – 9/27/07 – 11/3/07 – Tellico Little League Cheerleading
    e. Request to use Madisonville Primary School for basketball practice and games – 11/5/07 – 3/16/08 – Madisonville Sports and Civic Club
    f. Request to use Vonore Middle School Gym for cheerleading practice for competition for the remainder f football season – Vonore Youth Sports Cheerleading
    g. Request to use Tellico Plains High School for Republican Party Rally – 11/3/07 – Monroe County Republican Party
    h. Request to use Sequoyah High School Ag. Barn for a haunted barn – 10/26/07 – 10/31/07 – Sequoyah High School Baseball Booster Club
    i. Request to use Tellico Plains Elementary School Gym for football banquet – 11/4/07 – Tellico Little League
    j. Request to use Vonore Elementary School for awards banquet – 11/9/07 – Vonore Little League
    k. Request to use Vonore Elementary School Gym for practice and games – 11/1/07 – 4/1/07 – Vonore Youth Sports Basketball

Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Doris Davis to adopt the resolution for the Dixon Family in appreciation of their service as bus contractors for the Monroe County School System. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT I)**

Item No. 5: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board. Mr. Underwood reported that work continues to progress well at Rural Vale Elementary School. Mr. Underwood informed the Board that there were some changes to the contract for the Rural Vale Elementary School building project that resulted in a credit back to the building project in the amount of $5,154.00. Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve this contract change. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the Board on what steps were being taken to address the space issues at Coker Creek Elementary School. Until a permanent solution can be put into place, the following is being done temporarily: move the nurse into the coach's office in the gym, have the resource class meet in the library office, remove the bleachers in the old gym and set up temporary partitions for the transient employees.

Item No. 7: Mr. Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, informed the Board that work continued toward removing the propane gas from Vonore Elementary School. The gas is removed from the school, but the 6,000 gallon tank is still on site. On November 21, 2007 the campus will be shut down and the gas company and the fire department will burn the gas out of the tank and once the gas is burned out and the tank flushed the tank can be disposed of.

Item No. 8: Next on the agenda was a discussion of Monroe County Board of Education policy #3.206 - *Community Use of Facilities*. The Director informed the Board that TSBA did approve, but did not recommend, changing the policy to allow unmonitored use of school facilities. The Director recommended that the Board go back to the previous policy and require that in all cases, an assigned school employee be present. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Doris Davis to approve the Director's recommendation. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to take no action on approval of a resolution encouraging the County Commission to establish an adequate facilities tax. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Carol Goca appeared before the Board to address issues concerning her son, a student at Tellico Plains Jr. High School.

Item No. 11: Mr. Steve Thompson, Coker Creek Elementary School parent, appeared before the Board to address the issue of space at Coker Creek Elementary School.

Item No. 12: Mr. Steve McSpadden, Transportation Director, appeared before the Board to discuss adding a second run to bus route #40. After a discussion, Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to accept the proposal for this second run for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. After a discussion, motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mr. Steve McSpadden, Transportation Director, informed the Board that there was an overcrowded bus in Sweetwater. Mr. McSpadden is meeting with the Director of Sweetwater City School System and they are trying to work out a solution, but it is possible that a new route may be needed in Sweetwater.

Item No. 14: The Chairman appointed Mrs. Sonya Lynn to the Transportation Committee to replace him as representative from the 3rd District.

Item No. 15: Bus Contractors requested that the Board raise the cap on fuel. The Director asked the Board to allow him to review the budget with the Finance Director and if funds can be found to raise the cap to $3.10 allow the executive committee to approve this. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to take the Director's recommendation. Motion passed.

Item No. 16: The Director reported to the Board on the following: County-Wide Crisis Plan developed by David Kirkland, School Resource Officer; information on Month 2 Attendance; phasing out GED at the end of the school year in the high schools and replacing with credit recovery and virtual school on-line classes with a certified teacher; presented resolution from the Board to the County Commission thanking them for funding the building programs; mock disaster drill at Madisonville Intermediate School and Madisonville Middle School on November 20, 2007 parents/public have been notified; Report Card presentation is scheduled for the December meeting; Thanksgiving dinners will be held at each school and the Board is invited;

Government Leaders luncheon at Madisonville Intermediate School on Friday, November 16, 2007.

Item No. 17: The Chairman informed the Board that the 2nd District Site Selection Committee will meet on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. The Chairman appointed Mr. Dean Williams to replace Mr. Larry Stein on the 2nd District Site Selection Committee.

Item No. 18: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular Board meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Item No. 19: Ms. Beverly Powell and Mr. James Maxwell appeared before the Board to present a petition in support of building the new Madisonville Primary School on the old Madisonville Intermediate School site.

Item No. 20: Mrs. Doris Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison requesting that the Director send out a survey to the parents at Madisonville Primary School. After a discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jean Allison, Mr. Regan Dalton, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard voted yes. Mr. Dean William voted no. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Date _____ _____Chair

_____Secretary