MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FEBRUARY 10, 2011

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Nine Board Members present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Danny Isbill, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Dave Evans, Mr. Ron Eydt and Ms. Sonya Lynn.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on February 10, 2011 with the addition of a discussion by Mr. Ron Eydt. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on January 13, 2011. Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion to approve a resolution honoring the memory of Mr. Johnny McDaniel, Monroe County Teacher/Counselor. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT I)** The Director read and presented this resolution and a plaque to Mr. Johnny McDaniel's family.

Item No. 4: Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendment(s):

#11-2010	Federal Projects	$151,282.48
#11-2-11	Education Capital Projects	$834,298.07
#11-2-12	General Purpose Schools	$16,331.26
11-2-13	Federal Projects	$16.00

2. Request to use Sequoyah High School for beauty pageant fundraiser March 18, 2011 – Relay for Life
3. Request to use Sweetwater High School for AAU tournament fundraiser March 18, 19, 25, & 26, 2011 – Sweetwater Tigers

4. Request to use Madisonville Middle School soccer field March 7, 2011 – May 31, 2011 – F.C. Alliance
5. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
    a. Request to use Madisonville Primary School gym for cub scouts February 12, 2011 – Madisonville Cub Scouts Pack 100
    b. Request for field trip to National Beta Club TN Convention in Nashville, TN February 14-16, 2011 – Priscilla Shadden, Sweetwater High School
    c. Request for field trip to Honor Band Festival of Winds and Percussion at TN Tech University in Cookeville – February 10-12, 2011 – Kayla Avery, Sweetwater High School
    d. Request for field trip to ensemble performance in Gatlinburg, TN February 3-5, 2011 – Linda Trout, Sequoyah High School

Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Mr. Dan Ledford, Gifted and Talented Teacher, and Ms. Audra Bettis, Vonore Middle School Teacher, recognized students from Vonore Middle School and their achievement as County Champions in the Knowledge Masters Open.

Item No.6: Mr. Ron Eydt addressed the Board to present information received at the TSBA academy "A Vision For Excellence". The Chairman stated that this information will be placed on the March 10, 2011 agenda for discussion.

Item No. 7: Ms. Christina Teague appeared before the Board to discuss an incident with her child at Madisonville Middle School.

Item No. 8: Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve a request from Traci Freeman, Rural Vale Elementary School, for an overnight field trip to Washington, DC/Gettysburg May 28, 2011 – June 2, 2011. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve a request from Fred Camp, Sequoyah High School, for an overnight trip to FTA Convention in Nashville, TN March 24-25, 2011. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to table until the March 10, 2011 regular meeting approval of changes to policy #4.301,

Interscholastic Athletics, in order to give the Board more time to review the changes. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve changes to policy #4.700, *Testing Programs*. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Steve Hall, Sequoyah High School Teacher, and Mr. Charlie Robbins, Volunteer Federal Representative, appeared before the Board to present information on plans for an in-school bank at Sequoyah High School. After a discussion and recommendation for approval by the Director, Ms. Jo Cagle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve plans for the in-school bank sponsored in partnership with Volunteer Federal. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mr. Dave Evans, 2nd District Board Member, discussed eliminating semester test grades from students' final grade, due to the testing required by the State. After further discussion, the Chairman stated that the Monroe County Board of Education policy on semester tests will be placed on the March 10, 2011 regular meeting agenda for further review.

Item No. 14: Mr. Dave Evans, 2nd District Board Member, presented information to the Board on iPad technology and how it can be used in the classroom. Ms. Patty Thomas and Mr. Lance McConkey, Sequoyah High School Teachers, also presented information on using this technology in the classroom. After a discussion, the Board said this will be reviewed in the future as more information is available.

Item No. 15: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dave Evans to approve a request by Tellico Plains Elementary School and Tellico Plains Jr. High School to discard non-working equipment. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT II)**

Item No. 16: The Director reported to the Board on the following: attendance certificates were presented to Coker Creek Elementary School, Tellico Plains High School, and Madisonville Middle School; 25 graduates from Monroe Academy at this time; Dan Ledford and Amanda Vance are doing a great job with the Gifted Program; teachers and staff are working very hard to prepare students for Spring testing; supervisors and principals are checking attendance daily for absences due to illness. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information on Vonore Elementary School and Tellico Plains Elementary School renovations.

Item No. 17: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on March 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Date _____ _____Chair

_____Secretary