

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MARCH 12, 2009

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, March 12, 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. Danny Isbill, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Dean Williams, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Ron Eydt and Mrs. Sonya Lynn.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on March 12, 2009 with the following amendments: add approval of volunteer coaches at Madisonville Middle School and Sequoyah High School under new business and add discussion of Madisonville Primary School to Item 3-12-6. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on February 12, 2009. Mr. Dean Williams asked that the part of his statement in Item No. 13 "inclement weather days" be taken out of the minutes. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: The Director and the Board recognized the Madisonville Middle School Twirling Team for their outstanding accomplishments at regional, state and national competitions.

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

1. Approval of the following budget amendments:

#09-12	Federal Projects	\$8,949.02
#09-13	General Purpose Schools	\$7,146.61
2. Request to use Madisonville Middle School for AAU basketball practice – April – July 2009 – Kevin Standridge
3. Request to use Sequoyah High School for AAU basketball practice – Summer 2009 – Kevin Standridge

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4. Request to use Tellico Plains Jr. High School for football banquet
March 26, 2009 – Jo Cagle, Tellico Youth Football
5. Request for overnight field trip to Chattanooga, TN April 2-4, 2009 for
FBLA Conference – Terry Womack, Sweetwater High School
6. Request for overnight field trip to Chattanooga, TN March 26-29, 2009
for Student Council Leadership/School Spirit Training – Emily
Cleveland, Sweetwater High School
7. Request for overnight field trip to Gatlinburg, TN March 13-15, 2009
for Key Club Convention – Carter Haun, Sequoyah High School
8. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Madisonville Middle School for AAU practice on
Thursdays – Scarlett Simpson
 - b. Request to use Sweetwater High School for a fund raiser dance
for Tyler Bradley – March 14, 2009 – Sandra Bradley
 - c. Request to use Madisonville Intermediate School for meeting –
March 6, 2009 – Ken Miller, Democrat Party Chairman

Motion passed.

Item No. 5: The Director informed the Board that the following will be volunteer coaches at Madisonville Middle School contingent on successful background checks according to Board policy: Travis McGowan, Boys' Soccer; Larry Watson, Boys' Baseball; Caroline Pennington, Twirling Coach (Kim Pennington faculty sponsor). Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve Melvin Borden as volunteer assistant softball coach at Sequoyah High School contingent on successful background check according to Board policy. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Sam Moser, Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc., appeared before the Board to present the benefits of a Master Plan Associated with the Madisonville Primary Site. The Chairman requested that the Director, Maintenance Director and the Board take a month to review the possibility of a Master Plan. Mr. Dean Williams requested that the Board see three bids/proposals to develop a Master Plan for the Madisonville Primary Site.

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Item No. 7: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to rescind the action taken at the January 8, 2009 regular meeting of the Board to tear down all but six classrooms of the current Madisonville Primary School building. After a discussion a roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no. Mrs. Sonya Lynn and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Motion failed.

Item No. 8: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to declare two Scag mowers surplus property and sell by sealed bid through the Monroe County Finance Department. After a discussion, Mr. Dean William made a motion to amend the motion to include setting a minimum bid of \$2,000. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Sonya Lynn and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no. Motion on the amendment failed. The Chairman asked for approval on the original motion. Motion passed. Mr. Dean Williams requested that when the mowers were sold the Director bring that information back to the Board.

Item No. 9: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the following student transfers:

1. Request to transfer Piper Carter from Rural Vale Elementary School to Tellico Plains Elementary School
2. Request to transfer Bryce Carter from Rural Vale Elementary School to Tellico Plains Jr. High School
3. Request to transfer Russel Ray Gourley from Tellico Plains Jr. High School to Rural Vale Elementary School

Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the following overnight out-of-state field trips:

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1. Sequoyah High School Band's Drum Line to Dayton, Ohio April 15-17, 2009 for Winter Guard International Championship – Linda Trout, Band Director
2. Vonore Middle School 8th graders to Washington, D.C. May 12-16, 2009 for Capital tour – Joan McFall, Vonore Middle School
3. Sequoyah High School and Tellico Plains High School group of students to Europe in June 2010 – Paula Grant, Sequoyah High School and John Mauri, Tellico Plains High School

Motion passed.

Item No. 11: The Director informed the Board that Dustin Debity and Daniel Hamer will be non-faculty volunteer assistant soccer coaches at Tellico Plains Jr. High School. Also, the Director informed the Board that Mr. Debity is the brother of two players.

Item No. 12: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the Special Course, Peer Tutoring, as requested by Mr. Fred Camp, Sequoyah High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the Student School Board Representative Application (**EXHIBIT I**). A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder and Mr. Larry Stein voted yes. Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the proposed School Calendar for 2010-2011 (**EXHIBIT II**). After a discussion a roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore and Mrs. Becky Ogle voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: Mr. Russell Harris, TPHS Principal; Mr. Maurice Moser, SQHS Principal and Mr. Rex Rhodes, SHS Asst. Princ., presented a proposal of going to a 4.0 scale for

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class ranking of seniors. The proposal would include a weighted scale for higher level classes to encourage students to take those classes. After a discussion, motion passed.

Item No. 16: The Director presented attendance awards to Rural Vale Elementary School and Sweetwater High School; the Monroe Academy had three more students to graduate; the Director attended a Superintendent's Conference and should soon receive solid numbers from the state concerning the stimulus package. The Director informed the Board that the new Madisonville Primary School building is progressing very well.

Item No. 17: The Chairman informed the Board that the committee appointed to compile the Director's evaluations will meet Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Item No. 18: The Chairman recommended to the Board to suspend holding the remainder of the policy workshops that were scheduled before the Board meetings. Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve the Chairman's recommendation. Motion passed. After a discussion, Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to schedule a workshop on May 2, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. to review the remaining policies in sections 4, 5, & 6. Motion passed.

Item No. 19: The chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room at the Director of Schools' Office.

Item No. 20: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to rescind the approved Board meeting calendar for 2008-09 and have the regular April Board meeting on the 2nd Thursday as all of the others are scheduled. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Sonya Lynn and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs.

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Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no.

Motion failed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Date_____

_____Chairman

_____Secretary