

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

Item No. 1: The Chair asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on March 8, 2007. Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams not to approve the agenda. After a discussion a roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mr. Regan Dalton, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Rusty Vineyard, Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Mrs. Sonya Lynn voted yes. Motion failed. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to approve the agenda. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion to amend the motion and move 3-8-6 to 3-8-5. After further discussion, amendment to motion passed. Motion as amended passed.

Item No. 2: The Chair asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on February 8, 2007. Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve these minutes. Motion passed.

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

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendments:

Amendment #07-44	GPS	\$44,411.00
Amendment #07-45	GPS	\$ 4,019.00
Amendment #07-46	Federal Projects	\$ 3,199.94
Amendment #07-47	GPS	\$ 2,676.00
Amendment #07-48	GPS	\$ 4,844.28
2. Approval of bus driver for the 2006-07 school year
3. Request to use Vonore Elementary School – 4/28/07- Tellico West Child Development Center
4. Request to use Vonore Elementary School (practice field) – 3/12/07 – 6/1/07 – Vonore Youth Baseball
5. Request to use Sequoyah High School – 3/10/07 – Sweetwater Baptist Association
6. Request to use Sequoyah High School – 4/12/07 – Mothers Against Drugs

7. Request to use Sweetwater High School Cafeteria – 4/21/07 – Roy Inman, Jr.
8. Request for overnight field trip to FFA State Convention in Gatlinburg – 3/25-28/07 – John Wiggins, Sequoyah High School
9. Request for overnight field trip to FTA Convention in Nashville – 3/29-30/07 – Fred Camp, Sequoyah High School Future Teachers of America
10. Request for overnight field trip to Tennessee H.O.S.A. Conference in Nashville – 4/2-4/07 – Patty Thomas, Sequoyah High School
11. Request for overnight field trip to FFA State Convention in Gatlinburg – 3/26-28/07 – Mitch Ingram, Sweetwater High School
12. Confirmation of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Vonore Middle School – 2/9/07 – 3/30/07 – Vonore Youth Sports
 - b. Request to use Sequoyah High School – 3/9/07 – Wayne Trentham
 - c. Request to use Tellico Plains High School – 2/10/07 – James Brown
 - d. Request to use Tellico Plains High School Softball Field – 2/1/07 – 6/1/07 – Thunder Softball
 - e. Request for overnight field trip to state tournament in Murfreesboro – 3/8-10/07 – Gary Tucker, Tellico Plains High School

Item No. 4: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board to give an update on the status of the Rural Vale and Madisonville Primary building projects. Mr. Underwood informed the Board that Madisonville Primary is proceeding as planned without any problems so far. The Rural Vale design is continuing as planned. The only problem now is the proposed wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Underwood has had several meetings with the people involved in this process and we will be required to install the treatment plant. Construction is scheduled to begin in June and the existing septic system cannot be used. In order to conduct school the pump and haul method may have to be used. He has met with officials and requested that we be allowed to continue using the existing system until the treatment plant can be up and running. The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing any surrounding property to use for the treatment plant or any other alternative plan. Mr. Regan Dalton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn for Mr. Stanley Shadden and/or Mr. Charles Underwood to approach adjacent land owners and research the possibility of purchasing additional property for Rural Vale Elementary School. Motion passed.

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Item No. 5: The Board scheduled the next school board workshop for April 23, 2007 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Item No. 6: Mr. Charles Underwood appeared before the Board to discuss the TVA Energy Audit. He stated that the calculations on savings were correct, but the payback is not there for the units. The Director recommended holding off on auditing the remaining school buildings and continue with the heating units in the Five Year Plan and try to secure funding.

Item No. 7: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lisa McLemore to use the same procedure that was used in the previous searches for a new Director of Schools. Motion passed. The Board set a called meeting for March 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to review the applications.

Item No. 8: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve release from compulsory attendance for Ridge Elmore, a student at Sweetwater High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan Dalton to grant approval for Barbara Bond to join the Family Resource Center Advisory Council. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the proposed calendar for the 2008-09 school year. After a discussion, motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve changes to policy #2.403, *Property Sales*, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan Dalton to approve the changes to policy #2.702, *Inventories*, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the changes to policy #3.205, *Security*, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the changes to policy #3.300, *Equipment & Supplies Management*, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan Dalton to approve the changes to policy #5.305, *FMLA Leave*, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 16: The Director reported to the Board that he has been working on items requested from the workshop. He is working on the budget with the Finance Department. Mr. Dean Williams asked the Director about the \$5,000 for each high school athletic department that was discussed at the workshop. After a discussion, the Board decided to let the executive committee take action on this when the paperwork could be processed so that the money could be used now.

Item No. 17: Mrs. Doris Davis, Chair, presented information to the Board from TSBA’s Day on the Hill.

Item No. 18: The Chair reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Item No. 19: Mr. Regan Dalton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Vineyard to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Date_____

_____Chair

_____Secretary