

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Eight Board Members present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Ron Eydt and Mrs. Sonya Lynn. Mr. Dean Williams was absent.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on April 2, 2009 with the following amendments: move Item #4-2-7 "request to appear before the Board by Chris Moore, Student Minister, First Baptist Church of Madisonville" and Item #4-2-8 "request to appear before the Board by Ms. Becky Phillips" to the beginning of the meeting; also, Mrs. Sonya Lynn requested to add policy #4.302, Field Trips and Excursions, to the agenda. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to suspend policy #1.404, Appeals To and Appearances Before the Board, and allow Mr. Moore and Ms. Phillips ten minutes to address the Board in lieu of the five minutes allowed in the policy. After a discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted no. Mrs. Sonya Lynn and Mrs. Lisa McLemore voted yes. Motion failed.

Item No. 3: Mr. Chris Moore, Student Minister, First Baptist Church of Madisonville, appeared before the Board to request permission to work with the guidance departments at each school to set up assemblies on April 14 & 15, 2009 to present information about the program "To Write Love On Her Arms". After a discussion, Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve this request. Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Ms. Becky Phillips appeared before the Board to discuss her concerns about the Monroe County School System.

Item No. 5: The Board discussed policy #4.302, Field Trips and Excursions, and addressed the issue of ensuring that there are female and male chaperones if the trip is for a mixed group of female and male students.

Item No. 6: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on March 12, 2009. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendment:  
#09-14 Federal Projects \$41,866.38
2. Local Textbook Adoptions – 2009-2010 (**EXHIBIT I**)
3. Request to use Vonore Middle School for baseball practice Spring 2009 – Vonore Youth Sports
4. Request to use Coker Creek Elementary School for little league baseball April-August 2009 – Coker Creek Little League
5. Request to use Vonore Elementary School for benefit singing for Holly Watkins – Mark Jones
6. Request to use Sweetwater High School for AAU basketball practice Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 p.m. – Shelby Billingsley/Don Brown
7. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
  - a. Request to use Tellico Plains High School cafeteria for Monroe County Republican meeting March 14, 2009 – James R. Brown
  - b. Request to use Sweetwater High School gym for prayer rally for SBA March 28, 2009 – Sweetwater Baptist Assoc.
  - c. Request to use Sweetwater High Schools gym for boys basketball tournament April 3 & 4, 2009 – Wade Sloan

Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Whitney Dyer, teacher at Madisonville Primary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Dana Wiggins, teacher at Madisonville Primary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Cristal Harrill, teacher at Madisonville Middle School. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Dennis Hicks, teacher at Rural Vale Elementary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Dan Ledford, teacher at Tellico Plains Elementary School. Mr. Jerry Snyder excused himself from voting on this action due to being the teacher's father-in-law. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Bonnie Langner, teacher at Rural Vale Elementary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Kandice White, Guidance Counselor at Vonore Middle School. Ms. White is a former tenured teacher that returned and served the required one year probationary period. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Kristina Murphy, teacher at Sequoyah High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 16: Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Becky Ogle to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Helene Stanton, teacher at Sequoyah High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 17: Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Emily Cleveland, teacher at Sweetwater High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 18: Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Leslie Holmes, teacher at Sweetwater High School (contingent upon her completion of certification requirements). Motion passed.

Item No. 19: Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Mitch Ingram, teacher at Sweetwater High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 20: Mr. Ron Eydt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Mary Jane King, Guidance Counselor at Coker Creek Elementary School & Tellico Plains Jr. High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 21: Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Natalie Hackney, Guidance Counselor at Rural Vale Elementary School and Tellico Plains Elementary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 22: Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the Director's recommendation to grant tenure to Johanna Gilbert, Special Education Teacher at Coker Creek Elementary School and Rural Vale Elementary School. Motion passed.

Item No. 23: Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the Director's recommendation and grant tenure to Tia Patton, Art Teacher at Madisonville Intermediate School and Madisonville Middle School. Motion passed.

Item No. 24: Mr. Ron Eydt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the Director's recommendation and grant tenure to Michele Hamilton, Physical Education Teacher at Rural Vale Elementary School and Tellico Plains Jr. High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 25: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the Director's recommendation and grant tenure to Meghann Heiskell, Art Teacher at Sequoyah High School and Sweetwater High School. Motion passed.

Item No. 26: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to add Janie Evans, teacher at Monroe Academy and Sequoyah High School to the list of tenured teachers recommended and to delete Carter Haun, teacher at Sequoyah High School from the list of tenured teachers recommended due to Mr. Haun not being an applicant for the 2009-10 school year. Motion passed.

Item No. 27: Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the Director's recommendation and grant tenure to Janie Evans, teacher at Monroe Academy and Sequoyah High School. Ms. Evans is a former tenured teacher that returned and served the required one year probationary period. Motion passed.

Item No. 28: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve Robby Leslie as non-faculty volunteer assistant baseball coach at Sequoyah High School contingent on successful background check according to Board policy. Motion passed.

Item No. 29: The Director presented information to the Board that the following will be volunteer coaches at Tellico Plains Jr. High School contingent on successful background checks according to Board policy: Larry Harris, Dustin Debitz and Daniel Hamer.

Item No. 30: Mrs. Terry Moser, Madisonville Intermediate School Principal and Mr. Gus Davis, Madisonville Middle School Principal appeared before the Board to request approval for the Madisonville Civitans Club to build a Bocce Ball Court between Madisonville Intermediate School & Madisonville Middle School buildings. All expenses for the court, including equipment and balls, would be paid by the Madisonville Civitans Club. After a discussion, Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Becky Ogle to approve this request. Motion passed.

Item No. 31: Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to add the following items #32, #33 and #34 to the agenda. Motion passed.

Item No. 32: The Director presented information to the Board that students from the following schools will be attending an overnight out-of-state trip to Atlanta, GA April 27 & 18, 2009 for the Southeaster Academic Bowl Competition through Hiwassee College Educational Talent Search: Coker Creek Elementary, Rural Vale Elementary, Tellico Plains Jr. High, Tellico Plains High, Madisonville Middle, Sweetwater High, and Sequoyah High.

Item No. 33: The Director informed the Board that Derek Sircey is a non-faculty volunteer baseball coach at Madisonville Middle School, contingent on successful background check according to Board policy.

Item No. 34: The Chairman requested that the Board change the date of the policy workshop scheduled on May 2, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. due to Hiwassee College's graduation. Mr. Danny Isbill

made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to change the date of the policy workshop to June 6, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. to review the policies in sections 4, 5, & 6. Motion passed.

Item No. 35: The Director reported to the Board on the following: work on the new Madisonville Primary School building is progressing very well and is on track to be finished by mid July 2009; Monroe Academy presently has 15 graduates; Tellico Plains Jr. High School received a positive SACS review; the Monroe County School System will receive some federal stimulus money but still waiting on official numbers from the State Department.

Item No. 36: The Chairman presented the Board with the results of the Director of Schools' evaluation compiled by the Evaluation Committee. The Chairman asked the Board to review the results and informed the Board that the evaluation report will be placed on the May 14, 2009 agenda for discussion and suggestions on the Director's performance contract.

Item No. 37: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office.

Item No. 38: The Chairman reminded the Board of the reception for teachers going on tenure immediately following the Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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