

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, May 10, 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. Larry Stein, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Regan Dalton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard and Mr. Dean Williams.

Item No. 1: The Chair asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on May 10, 2007. Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Item No. 2: The Chair asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on April 5, 2007 and the called meetings on April 16, 2007 and April 30, 2007. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve these minutes. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: The Board recognized Monroe County students for their achievements.

(EXHIBIT I)

Item No. 4: Mr. Don Chill, Knights of Columbus, presented copies of the Declaration of Independence to Madisonville Primary School, Tellico Plains Elementary School, Madisonville Intermediate School and the central office.

Item No. 5: Mr. Rusty Vineyard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the following Budget Amendments:

Amendment #07-51	Federal Projects	\$287,513.74
Amendment #07-52	General Purpose Schools	\$295,217.12
Amendment #07-53	Federal Projects	\$8,394.05
2. Approval of the following bus drivers for the 2006-07 school year:
Tracy Lynn Nation and Sheila Dian Watson
3. Request to use Rural Vale Elementary School through July 2007 – Rural Vale Little League Baseball
4. Request to use Madisonville Intermediate School – June 4, 8, 18 & 22, 2007 – MACA Art Camp
5. Request to use Tellico Plains High School – June 16, 2007 – Smoky Mountain Wheelmen

6. Request to use Tellico Plains High School – June 9, 2007 – Chris Hollinghead, New Providence Baptist Church
7. Request for overnight trip to UCA Cheerleading Camp at UT Knoxville – July 21-24, 2007 – Brooke Johannsen, Sequoyah High School Cheerleading Coach
8. Request for overnight trip to Cedar of Lebanon State Park – May 15-16, 2007 – Mitch Ingram, Sweetwater High School FFA
9. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Vonore Middle School – May 5, 2007 – Troy Cales
 - b. Request to use Sweetwater High School – April 26, 2007 & May 3, 2007 – Judy Shope, Young Life
 - c. Request to use Tellico Plains High School cafeteria – May 5, 2007 – April White, Monroe County Republican Party
 - d. Request to use Vonore Elementary School – April 5, 2007 – Natalie Morgan, Relay for Life
 - e. Request for overnight trip to soccer tournament in Chattanooga, TN – April 20-21, 2007 – Dave Evans, Sweetwater High School Boys' Soccer
 - f. Request for overnight trip to Pennsylvania – May 8-12, 2007 – Joan McFall, Vonore Middle School

Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor appeared before the Board. Mr. Underwood explained the process of bid openings to the Board and stated that bids for the building projects at Madisonville Primary School and Rural Vale Elementary School will be opened on May 18, 2007. Rural Vale Elementary will be opened at 10:00 a.m. and Madisonville Primary School will be opened at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Underwood also informed the Board that the work the school system could do was almost completed and wanted to commend Fort Loudoun Electric Cooperative for all of their help in this process. Mr. Underwood asked the Board for direction concerning furnishings for the two new schools. The Board asked that this item be placed on the next workshop agenda. Mr. Underwood also informed the Board that he has checked into installing a security vestibule at each school at a cost of \$115,000. He also visited some schools that have cameras and a lock system that would require someone to check visitors

into the school at a cost of \$54,000. The Board asked that this be placed on the next workshop agenda.

Item No. 7: Mr. Michael Weidenhamer, Vonore Elementary School parent, appeared before the Board to discuss the gas leak incident at Vonore Elementary School. The Director addressed the parents' concerns and informed the Board that correct protocol and emergency plan was followed.

Item No. 8: Mr. & Mrs. Repass, Madisonville Intermediate School parents, appeared before the Board to discuss complaints that were brought before the Board concerning their children in the Monroe County School System.

Item No. 9: Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to grant permission for Monroe County School System to participate in Titles I, II, III, IV and V for the 2007-08 school year and authorization to submit any needed amendments, addenda and correspondence related to these projects. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve insurance for two school buses to transport Monroe County students to Junior 4-H Camp June 4-8, 2007 in Greeneville, TN. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mr. Allen Edwards, Pastor, Tellico Lake Church in Vonore, appeared before the Board to request to use a school for weekly services. After a discussion, Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Vineyard to table until the June 14, 2007 meeting so the Board Attorney could research the legal issues and get more information. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mr. Regan Dalton, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Larry Stein and Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard voted yes. Motion failed. After further discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs.

Sonya Lynn to deny the request. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mr. Regan Dalton, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mr. Rusty Vineyard voted no. Mr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton abstained. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Next on the agenda was Board Policy #6.2000, *Attendance Grades 9-12*. After a discussion, the Board requested that this be placed on the June 14, 2007 agenda.

Item No. 13: Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore for the Director to contact the city of Tellico Plains and check into the possibility of receiving some assistance for a School Resource Officer for Tellico Plains Jr. High School/Tellico Plains Elementary School. After a discussion, motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mr. Maurice Moser, Sequoyah High School Principal, appeared before the Board to address the issue of having an In-School Suspension Teacher at each high school. The Director recommended that if the Board had the funds to include this in the 2007-2008 proposed budget.

Item No. 15: The Board scheduled a called meeting for May 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the contract for the Director of Schools and review bids on the Rural Vale Elementary School building project and the Madisonville Primary School building project.

Item No. 16: The Board scheduled a called meeting for May 31, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the 2007-08 budget.

Item No. 17: The Director reported to the Board on the following: Ethics Committee and new graduation requirements. The Director wanted to publicly thank Charles Underwood for all of his hard work for the school system. The Director also thanked principals for their support and teachers for their hard work and the Board for all of their confidence in his ability. The Director

stated that Monroe County has many bright students and that a multitude of good things happen in our schools.

Item No. 18: The Chair reminded the Board that high school graduations will be May 19, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Item No. 19: The Chair reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Date _____

_____ Chair

_____ Secretary