

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, May 13, 2010 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, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mr. Dean Williams, Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Jerry Snyder and Mr. DeWitt Upton.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on May 13, 2010 with additional items as follows: request for overnight trip from Tellico Plains High School to be placed under new business and a Chairman's report to the Board to be placed before the Director's report. Also, Mrs. Sonya Lynn requested to add a discussion of a request from a Tellico Plains High School student attending an out-of-state competition. 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 April 8, 2010. Mrs. Sonya Lynn requested that the minutes be amended to reflect her request that the Chairman obtain information on the bids for the Monroe County Board of Education's property and casualty insurance for the May meeting. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Mr. Bobby White, PE Teacher, appeared before the Board to recognize and present certificates to Vonore Middle School students for their achievement in the President's Physical Fitness Challenge.

Item No. 4: Mrs. Debi Tipton, Vonore Middle School Principal, appeared before the Board to recognize the following students: Logan Garrett for winning the opportunity to go to Washington to compete in the National History Day Contest and Tyler McFall for placing 3rd in the Elk's Lodge Essay Contest on Americanism.

Item No. 5: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the following budget amendments:

#10-16	Federal Projects	\$10,000.00
#10-17	Federal Projects	\$73,746.24
#10-18	General Purpose	\$141,823.30
2. Approval to Submit Annual Application for Special Courses
3. Request to use Madisonville Primary School for fundraiser June 19, 2010 – Barbara Raper, Monroe County Habitat for Humanity
4. Request to use Madisonville Middle School Parking Lot for 5K Race June 5, 2010 – Hiwassee Church of God
5. Request to use Tellico Plains High School Cafeteria for Class Reunion July 17, 2010 – Larry Moses, Class of 1960
6. Request to use Sweetwater High School for Rabies Clinic May 15, 2010 – Monroe County Health Department
7. Request to use Sweetwater High School Football Complex for Semi-Pro Football Game June 19 & 26, 2010 – Keith Woodby, Sweetwater Quarterback Club President
8. Request to use Sweetwater High School for 5K Fundraiser Race September 25, 2010 – Joleen Darragh, Young lives of Sweetwater
9. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Sweetwater High School for Benefit Yard Sale for Jacob Standridge May 1, 2010 – Christian Oaks, Cedar Valley Baptist Church
 - b. Request for Approval of Date Change for Overnight Trip to Wilderness at the Smokies Resort May 13 & 14, 2010 – Rural Vale Elementary School
 - c. Request to use Tellico Plains Jr. High School for Basketball Fundraiser April 24, 2010 – Gary Calhoun, Johnson Controls
 - d. Request to use Tellico Plains High School Gym for Benefit for Reed Thompson April 30, 2010 – Karen D. Brown

Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board to present an update on the building projects. Mr. Underwood requested an extension until the July Board meeting to complete cost estimates on all proposed building projects. After a discussion, the Chairman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to prioritize the projects and allow Mr. Underwood to concentrate on the first two of the building projects on the list, Tellico Plains Elementary School and Vonore Elementary School. This would allow Mr. Underwood time to get cost estimates for Tellico Plains Elementary School and Vonore Elementary School

ready for the County Commission meeting. After the estimates are completed and funding is received, then Mr. Underwood can work on the next two projects and proceed with the other building projects on the list. After further discussion, motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the request for an overnight trip to the Sub State Track meet at Sullivan North High School in Kingsport, Tennessee May 16-17, 2010 from Mitchel Witt, Tellico Plains High School Teacher and Track Coach. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Next was a discussion requested by Mrs. Sonya Lynn in reference to Cody Bivens (present), Tellico Plains High School Student. Mrs. Lynn stated that the student had won and was advancing in the Interior Design Competition in Chicago July 4-8, 2010. The student has raised a portion of the required funds, but Mrs. Lynn asked if there were any funds set aside to help in these situations. The Director stated that the school/club would usually help in these situations if funds were available, but there is not a special fund set aside in the county general purpose budget for these matters.

Item No. 9: Mrs. Patti Waver, Cleveland State Community College, appeared to discuss leasing office space at the central office building. The Director recommended to the Board that a contractual agreement be drawn up to lease Cleveland State Community College office space at the central office for \$10,000 per year with the funds to be placed in the general purpose facilities budget. This contract would be effective 2010-11 school year and renewed annually. After a discussion, Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to give the Director permission to draw up a contract and present it to the Board. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Ms. Sophia Payne, Sequoyah High School Student, appeared before the Board to request permission to take online dual enrollment courses from Liberty University. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve this request. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve a resolution to transfer funds from General Purpose School Funds to Federal Projects Fund for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mrs. Sonya Lynn voted no. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT I)**

Item No. 12: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve the changes to Policy #5.117, Procedure for Granting Tenure, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the changes to Policy #5.200, Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the changes to policy #6.406, Student Psychological Services, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: Mrs. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin, to approve the changes to policy #6.500, Special Education Students, as recommended by TSBA. Motion passed.

Item No. 16: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the Monroe County School Board Meeting Calendar for 2010-2011. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT II)**

Item No. 17: The Chairman reported to the Board on the bidding process for Property and Casualty Insurance premiums and presented the Board with a handout of the bid summary.

Item No. 18: The Director reported to the Board on the following: Sweetwater High School, Tellico Plains Elementary School and Madisonville Middle School received attendance awards; information on actual numbers of sales tax / property tax revenue, fund balance, revenue projections same as last year; retirement and health insurance costs are rising and will be additional expenditures next year; informed the Board that cafeteria monitors will not be hired back for 2010-11; support staff re-hire notices now include a statement that the position is based on funding; Race to the Top funds cannot be used in the general budget to make up for shortfalls or hire teachers, but can use for training teachers to implement new standards.

Item No. 19: The Board scheduled a workshop for July 8, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m. to discuss the 2010-11 budget and transportation contract.

Item No. 20: The Chairman reminded the Board of the high school graduation dates as follows: Sequoyah High School – Thursday, May 20, 2010 @7:00 p.m.; Sweetwater High School – Friday, May 21, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.; and Tellico Plains High School – Saturday, May 22, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m.

Item No. 21: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2010 & 7:00 p.m. and informed the Board the meeting will be held at Madisonville Primary School due to work being done at the Director of Schools’ Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Date _____

_____ Chairman

_____ Secretary