

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, May 14, 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, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Ron Eydt, and Mr. Dean Williams.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on May 14, 2009 with the following amendments: pull the following items from the consent agenda and discuss them separately 5-14-4 #4-g and 5-14-4 #4-h; add 2<sup>nd</sup> District Board Member discussion; also add discussion of Monroe Academy. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn 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 2, 2009. Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: The Director recognized the following student accomplishments: Sweetwater High School Student Outstanding Art Projects – Sam Moses (Kim Vineyard, Teacher) Sequoyah High School Seniors National History Day Winners – Gary Bogus, Whitney Bogus, Gary Cagle, Jalessa Shirk, and Teliah Turpin (Lance McConkey, Teacher) Coker Creek Elementary Student National History Day Winner – Emma Thompson (Shannon Harris, Teacher) Tellico Plains High School Seniors State Interior Design Competition Winners – Megan Hall & Raina Terry (Leah McCall, Teacher)

Item No. 4: Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve the following consent agenda with the exception of items g and h:

1. Approval of the Budget Amendments:		
#09-15	General Purpose Schools	\$139,369.00
#09-16	Federal Projects	\$658,228.00

2. Request to use Rural Vale Elementary School for car show – June 20, 2009 – Conasauga Fire Department
3. Request to use Madisonville Intermediate School for Kids Art Camp – June 8-12 & June 15-19, 2009 – Charlotte Lee, Art Director
4. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
  - a. Request to use Madisonville Middle School Little Theatre for a talent show – May 2, 2009 – Mt. Cumberland Church
  - b. Request to use Madisonville Middle School gym for a class reunion – May 15, 2009 – Marsha Standridge
  - c. Request to use Vonore Elementary School Cafeteria for Spring Festival – May 2, 2009 – Ginger Stamey, Vonore Youth Sports
  - d. Request to use Vonore Elementary School practice field – April 2009 – July 2009 - Robert Starcher, Vonore Youth Baseball
  - e. Request to use Sequoyah High School for baseball game – April 25, 2009 or May 2, 2009 – Tricia Proctor, Upper Shady Grove Baptist Church
  - f. Request to use Tellico Plains High School gym for benefit singing – May 2, 2009 – Earl Crowder
  - g. (*pulled for discussion*) Request for overnight field trip to Nashville, TN for competition – April 29 & 30, 2009 – Bryan Williamson, Sequoyah High School
  - h. (*pulled for discussion*) Request for overnight field trip to Montgomery Bell State Park for Regional Envirothon – April 29 & 30, 2009 – Mitch Ingram, Sweetwater High School

Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Next was a discussion of the following items pulled from the consent agenda.

Item #5-14-4 g, Request for overnight field trip to Nashville, TN for competition – April 29 & 30, 2009 – Bryan Williamson, Sequoyah High School; and Item #5-14-4 h, Request for overnight field trip to Montgomery Bell State Park for Regional Envirothon – April 29 & 30, 2009 – Mitch Ingram, Sweetwater High School. The Board discussed policy #4.302, Field Trips and Excursions, and requested this policy be placed on the June 11, 2009 regular meeting agenda.

Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve both requests for overnight field trips. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: The Board discussed the Director of Schools' Performance Evaluation. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to state that because of the evaluation

just completed the Board determined that Mr. Lowry is doing an outstanding job as Director of Monroe County Schools. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Dr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mrs. Sonya Lynn voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve a request by Lance McConkey, Sequoyah High School Teacher, for an overnight out-of-state field trip to University of Maryland for National History Day Competition June 14-18, 2009. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve a request for an overnight out-of-state field trip to University of Maryland for National History Day Competition June 14-18, 2009 for Emma Thompson, Coker Creek Elementary School student. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: The Director presented an Administrative Procedure to the Board in reference to policy 4.302, Field Trips and Excursions. Mrs. Becky Ogle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to offer the Board's support for the Administrative Procedure. Motion passed. Through this Administrative Procedure the Director will approve all day time field trips and all outside agencies using Monroe County buses to transport students will make payment to the Transportation Director who will receipt the payment and forward to the Finance Department.

Item No. 10: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve a request from Dan Schlafer, Federal Programs Director, to accept federal funding for Titles I, II, III, IV, V (if Title V is funded) and VI for the school year 2009-2010 and grant authorization for the Director of Schools to submit any needed amendments, addenda and correspondence related to these projects. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve Steve Cooper (softball) and Kip McKeag (boys' soccer) as non-faculty coaches at Sweetwater High School for the 2009-2010 school year, pending passing of appropriate background checks. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: Mrs. Sonya Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the school board meeting calendar for 2009-2010. **(EXHIBIT I)** Motion passed.

Item No. 13: The Director reported to the Board on the Madisonville Primary School building project and informed the Board that the building is progressing very well and that if they wanted to take a tour he will be available to take them.

Item No. 14: The Director presented the Board with bids that were opened for the architectural plan for Madisonville Primary School. Mr. Danny Isbill excused himself from voting on this item due to his daughter working for one of the companies. After a discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to award the bid to The Lewis Group at \$0. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ron Eydt, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Becky Ogle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Dr. Larry Stein voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 15: The Director presented Attendance Awards to Madisonville Intermediate School and Sweetwater High School for the 7<sup>th</sup> month and to Madisonville Middle School and Sweetwater High School for the 8<sup>th</sup> month. The Director also reported to the Board that Monroe Academy has graduated 27 students at this time.

Item No. 16: Mr. Ron Eydt, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Board Member, addressed the Board and discussed Monroe County Board of Education policies #1.106, Code of Ethics and #1.1061, Effective Boardmanship Standards. Mr. Eydt also asked the Board to consider setting up an Ethics

Committee and to place this as an item on the June 11, 2009 regular meeting agenda. Mr. Eydt informed the Board that some school systems that required the principals to attend Board meetings paid them mileage or gave comp time or some type of compensation and asked that this be placed as an item on the June 11, 2009 regular meeting agenda for consideration.

Item No. 17: Mr. Dean Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Board Member, addressed the Board and discussed Executive Committee approvals and following the policy. Mr. Williams also discussed the public’s request to be placed on the Board agenda and following the policy. Mr. Williams discussed evaluations and placing teachers on tenure.

Item No. 18: Mrs. Sonya Lynn, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Board Member, addressed the Board and discussed Monroe Academy and the criteria for students to graduate.

Item No. 19: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on June 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools’ Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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