

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION JUNE 12, 2008

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Seven Board Members present: Mr. Regan Dalton, Chairman, Mr. Larry Stein, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mr. Dean Williams and Mrs. Jean Allison. Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Rusty Vineyard were absent.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on June 12, 2008. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore, to approve the agenda with the exception of Item No. 6-12-10, Board Policy #2.804 – Interscholastic Activities, and to postpone discussion of this policy until the July 10, 2008 regular meeting. After a discussion a roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore and Mr. Dean Williams voted no. Mr. Regan Dalton and Mr. Larry Stein voted yes. Motion failed

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on June 12, 2008. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to approve the agenda. Mr. Larry Stein voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting on May 8, 2008. Mrs. Lisa McLemore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Stein, to approve the minutes. Motion Passed

Item No. 4: The Director and Mr. Charles Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor, presented Safety Awards to Madisonville Intermediate School and Coker Creek Elementary School for being "Accident Free" for the 2007-08 school year.

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

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1. Approval of the following Budget Amendments:

#08-24	Federal Projects	\$46,246.49
#08-25	General Purpose Schools	\$528, 327.82
#08-26	Central Cafeteria	\$86,000.00
2. Request to use Sweetwater High School parking lot for fireman driver training – June 17, 2008 – Sweetwater Fire Department
3. Request to use Tellico Plains High School baseball field – June 13- August 10, 2008 – Darrell Atkins, Summer League Baseball
4. Approval of the Executive Committee action on the following:
 - a. Request for overnight trip to Track Team State Tournament in Murfreesboro, TN – May 18-23, 2008 – Mitchell Witt, Tellico Plains High School Track Team
 - b. Request to use Vonore Elementary School parking lot for Vonore Youth Sports yard sale – May 17 or 31, 2008 – Jodie Ramsey
 - c. Request to use Sweetwater High School for arts celebration – June 30&31, 2008 – Linda McAmis, Sweetwater Valley Citizens for the Arts
 - d. Request to use Sweetwater High School for video ministry – May 28, 2008 – Macy Small, Fairview Student Ministry
 - e. Request to use Tellico Plains High School cafeteria for a rally – June 7, 2008 – Betty Latham, Republican Party

Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve the Five Year Plan for the Monroe County School System. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Russell and Holly Austin appeared before the Board to request permission for their daughter, Alicia Austin, to enroll in college level courses at Cleveland State Community College. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean Williams to approve this request. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Adam Roach requested permission from the Board to enroll his son, Devin Campone Roach, at Madisonville Middle School and then allow him to transfer to Vonore Middle School. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Doris Davis for Devin Campone Roach to enroll at the school in his district, Madisonville Middle School, and attend school at Madisonville Middle School. Motion passed.

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Item No. 9: Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lisa McLemore to approve a request from Jeff Anderson, Sweetwater High School Teacher, for an overnight out-of-state trip to Washington D.C. April 4-14, 2009. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Next was a discussion of developing a policy for use of personal communication devices (cell phones). The Director informed the Board that a committee of supervisors and principals met and developed a set of proposed guidelines. After a discussion, the Chairman formed a committee of Board Members consisting of Sonya Lynn, Doris Davis and DeWitt Upton. The Board committee will meet with the supervisors/principals committee to develop guidelines for adult cell phone use to be added to the student policy and bring back recommendations to the July 10, 2008 agenda.

Item No. 11: The Board discussed Monroe County Board of Education policy #4.301, Interscholastic Athletics. The Director informed the Board that principals and athletic directors ensured that non-faculty coaches have completed the required training. According to policy #4.301 non-faculty coaches must be approved by the principal, in consultation with director of schools and the Board each year in accordance with applicable TSSAA regulations. After further discussion, Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison to add the following to the policy: TSSAA approved non-faculty coaches shall not coach immediate family members (inc. children, step-children, grandchildren and step-grandchildren). A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Jean Allison, Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Lisa McLemore and Mr. Dean Williams voted yes. Mr. Regan Dalton and Mr. Larry Stein voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 12: The Board discussed Monroe County Board of Education policy #2.804, Expenses and Reimbursements. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dean

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Williams to change the policy to state the following (lines 8 & 9): School personnel who incur expenses in carrying out their authorized duties will be reimbursed on a per diem basis following state guidelines. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Dean Williams, Mr. Larry Stein, Mrs. Lisa McLemore, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Doris Davis, and Mrs. Jean Allison voted yes. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: The Board discussed developing a process for evaluation of the Director of Schools. Mr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Doris Davis to use the generic evaluation form provided by TSBA for the 2007-08 evaluation and contract the services of TSBA for analysis and an objective setting. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: The Director recognized Madisonville Intermediate School for their accomplishments in the Clover Bowl. The Director recognized the following schools for their accomplishments in the Regional Science Fair: Karen Anderson @ Tellico Plains Jr. High School, Sweetwater High School, Vonore Middle School, Sequoyah High School and Tellico Plains High School.

Item No. 15: The Director informed the Board that Monroe Academy is moving forward and asked the Board for their full support in this endeavor. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jean Allison in support of Monroe Academy. Motion passed.

Item No. 16: The Director reported to the Board on the following: summer school moving along well; Sweetwater High School is showing successful improvement; lightning struck Vonore Middle School & Vonore Elementary School causing minor damage; facilities update – Rural Vale Elementary School project is close to being complete, the new addition is in the final stage, sewer plant was re-bid with the

successful bidder being Adams & Sons, Inc. at a cost of \$310,000. Madisonville Primary School – grade work is complete with the new access road being built, drilling for the geo-thermal wells is slowly progressing and footers should start on the 16th if not before.

Item No. 17: The Director informed the Board of a proposed addendum to the Monroe County School System's Key Management Administrative Procedure as follows: Remove from I. B) 1) a): In no case shall any key be issued to a non-employee and replace the language with the following: Key cards for limited after hours keyless entry will be issued and signed out to non-faculty coaches and others at the discretion of the principal or his/her designee. The bearer of the key card will be responsible for ensuring that the contents and structural integrity of the building are maintained during use. A beginning and ending time for the use of the facility will be agreed upon prior to issuance of the key card and preset into the keyless entry operating system prior to use. One administrator per youth basketball per community will be allowed access to key cards.

Item No. 18: The Director informed the Board that the Transportation Committee recommends the following to the Board for transporting students enrolled at Monroe Academy: Hire part-time drivers to drive the Special Education buses and increase the funding for diesel fuel in the Maintenance Department budget. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sonya Lynn to approve the Transportation Committee's recommendation. Motion passed.

Item No. 19: The Director stated that the Transportation Committee recommends to the Board that \$205,000 be included in the 2008-09 budget to cover \$4.50 per gallon for fuel cost. This is in addition to the \$15,000 already included in the 2008-09 budget to cover \$3.10 per gallon. Also, the Transportation Committee is not recommending a change to

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the fuel scale at this time. Mr. Dean Williams made a motion to approve the Transportation Committee's recommendation. Motion passed. Mr. Dean Williams requested that the fuel scale be placed on the July 10, 2008 agenda for further review.

Item No. 20: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Date _____ Chair

_____ Secretary