

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 9, 2010

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Eight Board Members present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Ron Eydt, Mr. Danny Isbill, Ms. Jo Cagle and Mr. Dave Evans. Ms. Sonya Lynn was absent.

Item No. 1: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on September 9, 2010 with the addition of a request by Mr. Dave Evans to discuss installing air conditioning in the gyms at all three high schools. Mr. Jerry Snyder 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 August 12, 2010. Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve these minutes. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Mr. Chuck Cagle, TOSS and School Board Legal Counsel, was present to discuss the extension of the Director of Schools' contract. Mr. Cagle informed the Board that the maximum number of years for a Director's contract is four years and that the Board has met all legalities in order to discuss and vote to extend the Director's contract. After a discussion, Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to extend the Director's contract for one more year to make the current contract four years. Motion passed. The Board attorney will present a contract for approval at the next regular meeting on October 14, 2010.

Item No. 4: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of Bus Drivers for 2010-2011 (**EXHIBIT I**)
2. Approval of the following Textbook Selecting Committees for 2010-2011:
 - K-5 Mathematics: Tammy Millsaps, Christine Ayers, Ezra Plemons, Julia Rogers;
 - 6-8 Mathematics: Stephanie Edwards, Amy Haynes, Juanita Gilbert, Glenna White, Dennis Hicks;
 - 9-12 Mathematics: Steven Patton, Jody White, Lou gray

3. Request to use Vonore Middle School for Sub-Regional Cheer Competition – September 25, 2010 – Vonore Youth Sports
4. Request to use Sweetwater High School for 5k Fundraiser Race for Young Lives – September 25, 2010 – Young Lives of Sweetwater
5. Request to use Madisonville Middle School for Soccer Academy 2010-2011 – FC Alliance
6. Request to use Sweetwater High School Cafeteria for 5th Quarter – September 24, 2010 – FBC & Fairview Baptist
7. Request to play a day game at Rural Vale on October 25, 2010 – Bobbie Akins, Rural Vale Elementary Coach
8. Request to play 3 games the week of November 1, 2020 – Bobbie Akins, Rural Vale Elementary Coach
9. Approval of the executive committee action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Sequoyah High School for fundraiser – August 28, 2010 – Lisa Abercrombie
 - b. Request to use Vonore Elementary school for fundraiser – August 27, 2010 – Island Creek Church
 - c. Request to use Vonore Elementary School for fundraiser – August 28, 2010 – Michelle Blair

Motion passed.

Item No. 5: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve the following changes to the coaching list approved at the August 12, 2010 regular meeting: Coker Creek Elementary School: Remove Kenny Taylor and Mark Frerichs and add Jill Franklin, Christopher Franklin and Jeb Brown. Motion passed.

Item No. 6: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve a request by Mitch and Kathryn Ingram, Sweetwater High School FFA, for the following overnight/out-of-state field trips:

- a. National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN – October 19-22, 2010
- b. National Hereford Show (Jonathon Summitt) in Kansas City, MO – October 30-November 1, 2010
- c. National beef Skillathon Contest in Louisville, KY – November 15-18, 2010
- d. Tennessee Leadership Challenge Workshop at Airport Hilton – February 4-5, 2011
- e. National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, KY – February 17-19, 2011
- f. TN Beef Livestock Contest at MTSU – March 11-12, 2011
- g. State FFA Meats Contest at MTSU – March 18-19, 2011
- h. State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg – March 27-30, 2011
- i. Knoxville Beef Expo/Cattle Shoe in Knoxville – April 14-15, 2011

j. FFA Camp in Doyle, TN – May 30-June 3, 2011
Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve the Application for Special Courses for ACT Prep – College and Career Readiness. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve a request for release time from Kasey Nicole Ledford, Tellico Plains High School senior. Ms. Ledford's release time will begin at the conclusion of 4th period. Motion passed.

Item No. 9: Mr. Steve McSpadden, Transportation Director, appeared before the Board to submit a request by Blake and Athlene Britton, Bus Contractors, to relinquish the following bus routes to the Monroe County Board of Education: Routes #211, 14, 16, 17 & 208. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve this request. Motion passed. Mr. McSpadden informed the Board he will advertise the routes and the current contractors will continue to operate until the Board approves new contractors for these routes.

Item No. 10: Mr. David Ferguson, USDA Forest Service Realty Specialist, appeared before the Board to present an offer, contingent on funding being available, for a parcel of land owned by the Monroe County Board of Education. **(EXHIBIT II)** The Director informed the Board that proceeds from this sale will go back to the 3rd District. The Director stated he will work with the principal of Tellico Plains High School to explore the possibility of purchasing property adjacent to Tellico Plains High School. Mr. Ron Eydt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dave Evans to approve this offer. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: State of the School reports were presented by the following: Prissy Gregory, Vonore Elementary School Principal; Jill Franklin, Coker Creek Elementary School Principal; Missy Carter, Tellico Plains Jr. High School Principal; Maurice Moser, Sequoyah High School Principal.

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Item No. 12: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve changes to Monroe County Board of Education policy #4.6031, *Weighted Courses*. Motion passed. Mr. Dave Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danny Isbill to approve changes to Monroe County Board of Education policy #4.602, *Class Ranking*. Motion passed.

Item No. 13: Ms. Shauna Bowers, MCEA Representative, appeared before the Board to request that the Board consider a one, two, or three percent raise on the county portion of teachers' salaries. The Director stated that he appreciated the excellent job that Monroe County teachers and para-professional do for the school system. The Director recommended that all employees receive a two percent raise, teachers would get two percent on the county portion. Mr. Danny Isbill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the Director's recommendation. After a discussion, motion passed.

Item No. 14: Mr. Dave Evans, 2nd District School Board Member, asked the Board to explore the possibility of adding air conditioning in the gyms at all three high schools. After a discussion, Mr. Ron Eydt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dave Evans to form a committee. Motion passed. The Chairman appointed Ms. Jo Cagle, 3rd District; Mr. Dave Evans, 2nd District; and Dr. Larry Stein, 1st District as committee members.

Item No. 15: Next on the agenda was a review of the Monroe County School System's Five Year Plan. After a discussion, Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the Five Year Plan with proposed changes and additions. Motion passed. **(EXHIBIT III)**

Item No. 16: The Director reported to the Board on the following: Rural Vale Elementary School, Vonore Middle School and Sequoyah High School received attendance awards; update on Race to the Top/TN First to the Top money; information on Jobs Bill Money; received

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\$50,000 to be used for disadvantaged children that must be identified and the money must be spent by November 2010; increase enrollment has added a teacher at Rural Vale Elementary, Madisonville Intermediate, Madisonville Middle and Madisonville Primary; Monroe Academy has graduated two students and currently has seventeen enrolled.

Item No. 17: Mr. Ron Eydt, 3rd District Board Member discussed adopting a “Code of Ethics Guidelines” for the Monroe County Board of Education. After further discussion, the Chairman recommended the Board review and place this as an item on the October 14, 2010 regular meeting agenda. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to approve the Chairman’s recommendation. Motion passed.

Item No. 18: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to appoint the following to the Monroe County School System’s Management Team as recommended by the Director: Mrs. Sharon Benton, Mr. Tim Blankenship, Dr. Elton Frerichs, Mr. Dan Schlafer and Mrs. Amanda Vance. Dr. Elton Frerichs is recommended for the position of Chief Negotiator. Motion passed.

Item No. 19: The Chairman appointed the following as Monroe County Board of Education Committee Members for 2010-2011: Transportation Committee: Ms. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Jerry Snyder and Mr. Dave Evans; Negotiations Team: Mr. Danny Isbill, Ms. Jo Cagle and Mr. DeWitt Upton.

Item No. 20: The Chairman appointed the following as delegates to the 2010 TSBA Convention: Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Danny Isbill, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mr. Ron Eydt.

Item No. 21: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to elect Dr. Larry Stein as Board Chairman/TLN Representative for 2010-2011. Motion passed. Mr. DeWitt

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Upton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Eydt to elect Mr. Danny Isbill as Vice-Chairman for 2010-2011. Motion passed.

Item No. 22: The Chairman reminded the Board of the next regular meeting on October 14, 2010 in the boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Date _____ Chairman

_____ Secretary