

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Director of Schools' Office. Eight Board Members present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chairman, Dr. Bob Lovingood, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Mrs. Sonya Lynn, Mrs. Janet Martin, Mr. Jerry Snyder, and Mr. Steve Rogers. Ms. Jo Cagle was absent.

Item No. 1: The Chairman introduced the student School Board representatives for the 1st semester of the 2012-13 school year: Katie Beth Watts, Sweetwater High School; Jessica Bastinelli, Sequoyah High School; and Tyler Abernathy, Tellico Plains High School.

Item No. 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the agenda for the regular meeting on September 13, 2012 with the following additional items: Ms. Sonya Lynn, 3rd District School Board Member; Tellico Plains Jr. High School's State of the School Presentation will be moved to the October 2012 regular meeting. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Item No. 3: Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 9, 2012. Motion passed.

Item No. 4: Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bob Lovingood to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of Budget Amendments (**EXHIBIT I**)
2. Approval of School Bus Drivers for 2012–2013 School Year (**EXHIBIT II**)
3. Request to use Sequoyah High School for cheerleading competition September 22, 2012 – Vonore Youth Sports
4. Request to use Sequoyah High School for annual meeting October 6, 2012 – Ft. Loudoun Electric Cooperative
5. Approval of the Executive Committee action on the following:
 - a. Request to use Tellico Plains Jr. High School for scout meetings August 20-12 – May 2013 – Joseph Debit
 - b. Request to use Sequoyah High School for Mud Fest Event – September 10, 2012 – Young Life
 - c. Request to use Madisonville Middle School for soccer – FC Alliance

Motion passed.

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Item No. 5: Ms. Sonya Lynn, 3rd District School Board Member, discussed the possibility of placing a full-time Librarian at Rural Vale Elementary School due to increase in enrollment. The Director informed the Board that Rural Vale Elementary School and Coker Creek Elementary School presently shared a Librarian position and would have to post a half-time Librarian position at Coker Creek Elementary School. After a discussion, Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sonya Lynn to allow the Director to post a new half-time position at Coker Creek Elementary School. Motion passed. Ms. Lynn also discussed the new part-time position of a Health Science teacher at Tellico Plains High School. The Director informed the Board that the search is continuing for that position to be filled for the second semester. The Director also informed the Board that another teacher is being considered for Rural Vale Elementary School due to the increase in enrollment.

Item No. 6: Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bob Lovingood to approve Marissa Summitt, teacher at Vonore Elementary School, as Assistant Softball Coach at Sequoyah High School for the 2012-13 school year. Motion passed.

Item No. 7: Mr. Jeff Anderson, teacher at Sweetwater High School, appeared before the Board to request permission for an overnight out-of-state trip to Orlando, Florida 11/23/12 – 11/27/12. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve this request. Motion passed.

Item No. 8: Ms. Laurie McNeece appeared before the Board to request that an exception be made to Monroe County Board of Education policy #4.6031, Weighted Courses, for her son, Kevin Collins, a senior at Sequoyah High School. After a discussion, Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janie Harrill to make a one time exception in this situation, but not change the policy. Motion passed.

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Item No. 9: Mr. Doug Harrill appeared before the Board to request a school bus route being changed to go by his house at 147 Puett Road, Madisonville, TN. Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janie Harrill to refer this matter to the Transportation Committee and bring back a recommendation for the Board. Motion passed.

Item No. 10: Mr. Rob Gruenfelder appeared before the Board to request naming the soccer field at Sweetwater High School after Mike Ridley. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve this request. Motion passed.

Item No. 11: State of the School Presentations were presented by the following: Mrs. Terry Moser, Madisonville Intermediate School Principal; Mr. Robert Hooper, Tellico Plains Elementary School Principal; and Mrs. Prissy Gregory, Vonore Elementary School Principal.

Item No. 12: The Director reported to the Board on the following: attendance awards were presented to Sweetwater High School, Tellico Plains Jr. High School and Rural Vale Elementary School; visited the STEM Project in Hamilton County; enrollment county-wide has seen steady growth based on numbers from last year; have had a good start to the school year and teachers and principals are working hard to move students forward and show academic gain.

Item No. 13: The Chairman appointed the following Board committees: Vision Committee – Dr. Larry Stein, Dr. Bob Lovingood, and Ms. Jo Cagle; Transportation Committee – Mr. Steve Rogers, Mrs. Janie Harrill and Mr. Jerry Snyder. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeWitt Upton to approve these committees. Motion passed.

Item No. 14: Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bob Lovingood to move the October regular meeting from October 11, 2012 to October 18, 2012 due to Fall Break. Motion passed.

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Item No. 15: The Chairman reminded the Board of the TSBA Leadership Conference and Annual Convention November 3-6, 2012. The Chairman appointed the following as delegates to the TSBA Convention: Dr. Larry Stein, Mrs. Janie Harrill, and Ms. Sonya Lynn.

Item No. 16: Last item on the agenda was election of School Board Chair/TLN Representative and Vice-Chair. Dr. Larry Stein thanked the Board for allowing him to serve four years as Chairman, but was withdrawing his name from consideration this year. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janie Harrill to nominate Dr. Bob Lovingood as School Board Chair. Motion passed. Mr. Jerry Snyder made motion, seconded by Mrs. Janet Lynn to nominate Mr. DeWitt Upton as Vice-Chair. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Date _____ Chairman

Secretary