

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION July 9, 2015

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room at the Director of Schools' Office. The following nine board members were present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chariman, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Steve Rogers, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Marsha Standridge, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Dr. Bob Lovingood, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Ms. Sonya Lynn.

Item No. 1. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, second by Dr. Bob Lovingood to approve the June 9, 2015 agenda with the following amendments: Add to the Consent Agenda: Request to use Madisonville Primary School, Monroe County Autism Society on July 25, 2015, request to use Sequoyah High School – Monroe Friends of Animals, Coker Creek Elementary PTO request to build a grant funded greenhouse at Coker Creek Elementary. Remove from New Business Terry Harris, Transportation Director request to purchase a van to transport students. Motion passed.

Item No. 2. Jaclyn Cleveland, teacher at Sweetwater High School was presented the Hiwassee College Award for Excellence in Student-Centered Learning for Dual Enrollment, Tellico Plains High School was recognized as a U. S. News and World Report as a Bronze Medal Award School.

Item No. 3. Board members acknowledged any relatives working for the school system.

Item No. 4. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, second by Mrs. Janie Harrill to approved the following Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the June 11, 2015 regular meeting
2. Request to use Sequoyah High School Soccer Field for a fund raiser on 9/26/15 – Craig Kennedy, Notchey Creek Fire Volunteer Fire Department
3. Request from Cristal Harrill, cheerleading sponsor at Tellico Plains High School to attend the University of Tennessee Cheer Camp 7/24/15-7/27/15
4. Request to use Madisonville Primary School – Friendship Club, Monroe County Autism Society, on 7/25/15, Kim Carroll
5. Request to use Sequoyah High School – Monroe Friends of Animals, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month beginning in September
6. Coker Creek PTO – Request to build a greenhouse at Coker Creek Elementary – Project is funded by a grant received from Lowe's

**Executive Committee Approval on the following:**

7. Request to use Sequoyah High School Cafeteria for the John Duncan BBQ on 6/27/15 (in case of rain) – Dr. Bob Lovingood
8. Request to use Coker Creek Elementary for soccer camps and practice 6/12/15- 8/31/15 – Chris Wiseman
9. Request to use Vonore Middle School – Darlene Lovingood & Blake Derrick for tutoring and basketball camps 6/26/15-7/30/15
10. Approval of June 2015 Budget Amendments

Item No. 5. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Mrs. Janie Harrill to approve the following board policies at second reading:

1. SBP 2.806 Bids and Quotations
2. SBP 2.300 Accounting and Financial Procedures
3. SBP 2.403 Surplus Property Sale

Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder, to amend SBP 2.806 to include the statement "all purchases over \$5,000 must have three (3) quotes. The original motion passed as amended.

Item No. 6. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the use of Interquest Detection Canines as presented by Mr. Rocky S. Montgomery. The use of the canines would be \$9,000 per year (10 month contract) and had already be added to the 2015-2016 Monroe County Schools budget. Motion passed.

Item No. 7. Mrs. Jo Cagle made a motion, second by Mrs. Marsha Standridge to approve that the Monroe County Alcohol & Drug Task Force administer the Pride Survey in Monroe County Schools during the 2015-2016 School Year. Motion passed.

Item No. 8. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the following policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

1. 5.117 Procedure for Granting Tenure
2. 5.201 Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers
3. 6.205 Student Assignments
4. 6.405 Medicines

SBP 3.211 New Building Project Planning was sent back to the Policy Committee to include the following statement on page two line 19 "Finance Committee of the County Commission". Motion Passed.

Item No. 9. Mr. Terry Harris, Transportation & Maintenance Director requested that one bus route be added to the Vonore District for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Ms. Sonya Lynn to add the route to the Vonore District. Motion passed.

Item No. 10. Mrs. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the 2015-2016 Monroe County Schools Budget as presented with a 2% raise plus a step increase. Mr. Steve Rogers asked if the proposed budget included any raises for bus contractors. Mr. Blankenship said that it did not. Mr. Terry Harris told the Board that he would suggest a 2% increase on the seat portion for contractors. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to amend the budget to include an increase of \$40,000 dollars to be divided between the bus contractors as a raise. A roll call vote was taken Mrs. Marsh Standridge, Mr. Steve Rogers and Mr. Jerry Snyder voted yes, Ms. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Dewitt Upton, Dr. Bob Lovingood and Mrs. Janie Harrill voted no. Motion failed. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to amend the budget a presented to give all bus contractors a 2% raise. A roll call vote was taken Ms. Sonya Lynn, Dr. Bob Lovingood, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Mrs. Marsha Standridge, Mr. Steve Rogers, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Ms. Jo Cagle voted yes. Motion passed. The board then voted on the original motion on the floor to approve the 2015-2016 budget as amended to

include a 2% increase on the seat portion for bus contractor. A roll call vote was taken Ms. Sonya Lynn, Mr. Dewitt Upton, Dr. Bob Lovingood, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Mrs. Marsha Standridge, Mr. Steve Rogers, Mr. Jerry Snyder and Dr. Larry Stein voted yes, Ms. Jo Cagle voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 11. Mr. Tim Blankenship, Director of Schools requested that the 2015-2016 Professional Salary Schedule be tabled to the August Board Meeting due to the fact that the schedule only included the step and not the step + 2% increase which was included in the 2015-2016 budget that was passed.

Item No. 12. The Director of Schools reported to the Board on the following: With the budget the Board had just passed that fund balance would be at 7% and test scores which are still embargoed at this time look very good.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Tim Blankenship  
Secretary

8-6-15  
Date

W. Larry Stein  
Board Chairman

8/6/15  
Date