

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, June 11, 2015 in the board room at the Central Office. The following nine board members were present: Dr. Larry Stein, Chariman, Mr. Steve Rogers, Vice Chairman, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mrs. Marsha Standridge, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Dr. Bob Lovingood, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Ms. Sonya Lynn.

Item No. 1. Mrs. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the June 11, 2015 regular agenda. Motion passed.

Item No. 2. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve a new four year contract as presented for Mr. Tim Blankenship, Director of Schools. 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. **EXHIBIT I**

Item No. 3. Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to amend the June 11, 2015 agenda as follows; Add to the Consent Agenda, Approval of a \$1,000.00 bonus for new Math teachers, Request to use Sequoyah High School parking lot for training purposes – Monroe County Rescue Squad on June 20, 2015, Remove Item 6-11-15. Approval of the Monroe County Schools 2015-2016 Budget. Motion passed.

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

1. Approval of the minutes from the May 7, 2015 regular meeting
2. Approval of \$1,000.00 dollar bonus for new Chemistry and Spanish teachers hired for the 2015-2016 school year
3. Rural Vale Elementary request to accept a donation of \$330.00 from Myers Funeral Home, Citizens Bank and Volunteer Federal for science interaction workbooks
4. Sweetwater High School request to accept the following donations:
 - \$1,500.00 from Kimberly Clark for general equipment
 - \$150.00 from One Main Financial for Football Military Appreciation Night
 - \$300.00 New Weigh Weight Loss Centers for Football Military Appreciation Night
5. Coker Creek Elementary request to accept \$1309.62 to pay for yearbooks
6. Tellico Plains Elementary request to accept \$300.00 for Tellico Plains Jr. Pro Basketball
7. Tellico Plains High School request to accept the following donations:
 - \$1,000.00 from Smith Management for FFA
 - \$500.00 from Exxon Mobil for Math & Science
 - \$4,478.55 from Tellico Alumni Booster for Baseball
 - \$4,000.00 from Tellico Alumni Booster for Yearbook

\$55.00 for Tellico Village Women's Club for FHA

8. Request to use Coker Creek Elementary – Fort Loudon Electric Cooperative on September 1, 2015 for Director's Election
9. Sequoyah High School Virtual Enterprise Class request to accept a donation of \$250.00 from Seaton Enterprises for Trade Fairs and other supplies
10. Sequoyah High School CTE Department request to accept a \$250.00 donation from Peoples Bank of East Tennessee for CTE Awards Cookout
11. Tellico Plains Jr. High request to discard the following items from the school inventory: 2 monitors, 2 towers, 2 keyboards, 3 computers (see attached list)
12. Vonore Middle School request to discard the following items from the school inventory: 10 Dell Computers (see attached list)
13. Request to use Sequoyah High School – TN Achievers Mentor Training on November 30, 2015, Ben Sterling
14. Sequoyah High School Cheerleading Coach, Missy Peals – Request for approval to attend NCA Cheerleading camp at The Wilderness of the Smokies in Sevierville Tennessee, June 12-15, 2015
15. Madisonville Middle School – Request for approval to attend FCA Soccer Camp in Buford, Georgia, June 22 – 25, 2015 – Amy Kirkland
16. Approval of \$1,000.00 bonus for new Math teachers
17. Request to use Sequoyah High School parking lot for training purposes – Monroe County Rescue Squad on June 20, 2015

Executive Committee Approval on the following:

18. Request to use Tellico Plains High School Alumni Center for Summer Reading Program on June 6, 2015, Joy Turner

Motion passed.

Item No. 5. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, second by Mrs. Janie Harrill to approve the June 2015 Budget Amendments. Motion passed. **EXHIBIT II**

Item No. 6. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the following policies at 2nd reading:

1. SBP 3.210 Naming of Facilities
2. SBP 1.700 School District Goals
3. SBP 3.206 Community Use of Facilities

Motion passed.

Item No. 7. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, second by Dr. Bob Lovingood, that the start time for regular monthly board meetings shall remain at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Item No. 8. Ms. Nancy Oaks, parent of Samantha Oaks, appeared before the board requesting permission to transfer Samantha Oaks to the L&N STEM Academy in Knoxville. This transfer would be at no additional expense to the board other than BEP Funds from the state. Ms. Oaks also stated that any supplies or technology devices required would be at the expense of the parents. Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, second by Marsha Standridge to allow Samantha Oaks to transfer to the L&N STEM Academy. A roll call vote was taken, Dr. Bob Lovingood, Mrs.

Janie Harrill, Mrs. Marsha Standridge, Mr. Jerry Snyder and Dr. Larry Stein voted yes. Ms. Sonya Lynn, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Steve Rogers and Ms. Jo Cagle voted no. Motion passed.

Item No. 9. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, second by Mrs. Marsha Standridge to approve the following policies at first reading:

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

Motion passed.

Item No. 10. Mr. Tim Blankenship, Director of Schools request that the Board close the Monroe Academy effective for the 2015-2016 school year and continuing the Academy program at each individual high school. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Mr. DeWitt Upton to keep the current Monroe Academy open. A roll call vote was taken, Mr. DeWitt Upton, Mr. Steve Rogers, Mr. Jerry Snyder and Dr. Larry Stein voted yes. Ms. Sonya Lynn, Dr. Bob Lovingood, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Mrs. Marsha Standridge and Ms. Jo Cagle voted no. Motion failed.

Item No. 11. Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, second by Mrs. Jo Cagle to approve the Application of Special Courses. Motion passed.

Item No. 12. Mr. Terry Harris, Transportation & Maintenance Director requested permission to use inmates during the summer to weed eat school grounds. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to use inmates during the summer to weed eat school grounds. Motion passed.

Item No. 13. Mr. Terry Harris, Transportation & Maintenance Director request permission to allow any maintenance employee that is on call to drive the BOE maintenance truck home for after hours calls. Dr. Bob Lovingood made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle that the maintenance employee on call drive the BOE truck home for after hours calls. Motion passed.

Item No. 14. Mr. Terry Harris, Transportation & Maintenance Director was questioned by the Board about Coker Creek Buses. Mr. Harris stated that Coker Creek Elementary currently has 4 buses that pick up and deliver children this could be changed to 3 buses with a savings of \$35,000. In order for three buses to work the start and dismissal time at Coker Creek Elementary would need to be changed to 8:15-3:15. Mr. Harris also told the Board that not providing buses on days that have 10:00 a.m. dismissals would save around \$33,000.00. Mr. Harris also recommended instead of running all buses from Vonore to Sequoyah High School provide 3 buses that would take high school students from Vonore Elementary to Sequoyah High School and back each day. The Board asked Mr. Blankenship, Director of Schools if he recommended these changes for the 15-16 school year. Mr. Blankenship stated yes that these changes would be a savings of around \$95,000.00 for the county. Ms. Sonya Lynn stated that since the budget would be passed in July and the changes needed to be included in the budget she felt the Board needed to take action on the items. Ms. Lynn made a motion, second by Ms. Marsha Standridge to approve the following: cut Coker Creek Buses from 4 (four) to 3 (three), change the start and dismissal time at Coker Creek Elementary to 8:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m., not

provide bus service on 10:00 a.m. dismissal days and change bus service from Vonore to Sequoyah High School with only 2-3 buses running to and from Sequoyah. Motion passed.

Item No. 15. Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, second by Mrs. Janie Harrill to approve the 2015-2016 School Board Meeting Calendar as presented. Motion passed. **EXHIBIT III**

Item No. 16. The Director updated the Board on the following: The 2015-2016 Budget will be ready for the July board meeting and that he would be naming principals for Vonore Elementary and Sequoyah High School in the next few days.

Item No. 17. Mr. Steve Rogers resigned his position as chairman of the Transportation Committee effective immediately. Dr. Larry Stein will assume the position as chairman of the Transportation Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

W. Larry Stein
Board Chairman

7/9/15
Date

Tim B. Lankford
Secretary

7-9-15
Date