MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION JULY 10, 2014

The Monroe County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room at the Director of Schools' Office. The following nine board members were present: Dr. Bob Lovingood, Chariman, Mrs. Janet Martin, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Steve Rogers, Ms. Sonya Lynn, Dr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Mrs. Janie Harrill.

Item No. 1. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, second by Mrs. Janie Harrill to approve the July 10, 2014 agenda with the following amendments: Under new business Hiwassee College and Cleveland State Community College both to speak on dual enrollment, contract with LTVEC to provide services to children through the Special Education Department and removing 7-10-6, Mr. Kevin Shephard from the agenda. Motion passed.

Item No. 2. Ms. Jo Cagle made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approved the minutes of the regular meeting on June 12, 2014. Motion passed.

Item No. 3. Mr. Tim Blankenship, Director of Schools recognized students who participated in the TMTA Math Contest and recent 2014 graduates with perfect attendance.

Item No. 4. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, second by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the following consent agenda:
1. Request to use Sequoyah High School – Monroe County Republican Party on July 19, 2014 for a Fundraising Barbecue.
2. Request to use Vonore Middle School – Marsh Standridge on July11, 2014 for meet & greet.
3. Approval of the following Volunteer Coaches for the 2014-2015 school year:
   Vonore Middle School, Head Softball Coach – Jill Yates-Matoy
   Vonore Middle School, Assistant Softball Coach – Billy Yates-Matoy
   Sweetwater High School, Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach – Kichal Jennings
   Sweetwater High School, Volunteer Assistant Football Coach – Jason Upton

Executive Committee Action on the following:
1. Request to use Tellico Plains High School – Debbie Martin on June 20, 2014 for Republican Rally. Motion passed.

Item No. 5. Mrs. Roberta Childress came before the Board to speak in favor of Mr. Travis Hamilton.

Item No. 6. Mr. Travis Hamilton came before the Board concerning, his Grievance Appeal to the Board, Mr. Hamilton stated that he had not received notification of the Director of Schools Decision regarding his appeal. Ms. Doris Matthew, Board Attorney furnished Mr. Hamilton with a copy of Mr. Blankenship's decision and had Mr. Hamilton sign that he had received the Directors' decision. Mrs. Matthews advised him of the proper procedure to appeal at that time.

Item No. 7. Ms. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Ms. Janet Martin to approve the 2014-2015 School Board Meeting Calendar. Motion passed.

Item No. 8. Mr. Jerry Snyder made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to approve the partial list of school bus drivers for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion passed. EXHIBIT I

Item No. 9. Mr. Charles Underwood, Facilities Director and Transportation Director appeared before the Board requesting the following items:

1. Stopping shuttle bus services from Sequoyah High School to Madisonville Middle School and Vonore Elementary due to safety concerns.
2. Change start and dismissal times at Sequoyah High School, Vonore Elementary and Vonore Middle Schools due to discontinuing shuttle bus services. EXHIBIT II
3. Reversing Madisonville area bus routes. EXHIBIT II

Mr. DeWitt Upton made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the requests. Motion passed.

Item No. 10. Mr. Charles Underwood, Facilities and Transportation Director appeared before the Board with a recommendation from the Transportation Committee to award bus route #3 to Mr. Ronald E. Weger. Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to send route #3 back to the Transportation Committee for further review due to all applicants not being present at the meeting. Each applicant is to be mailed a letter of notification of the meeting as well as being advertised. The Board will have a called meeting later in July to award the bus contract. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. DeWitt Upton abstained, Dr. Larry Stein voted no, Mrs. Janet Martin, Dr. Bob Lovingood, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mr. Steve Rogers, Mrs. Janie Harrill and Ms. Sonya Lynn voted yes. Motion passed.

Item No. 11. Mr. Charles Underwood, Facilities and Transportation Director asked the Board to approve a deadline of July 18, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. for all remaining bus contracts to be signed. If the contracts are not signed the Board will accept applications on the remaining routes. Mrs. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Mr. Steve Rogers to approve the July 18, 2014 deadline. Motion passed.

Item No. 12. Mr. Charles Underwood, Facilities and Transportation Director updated the board on continuing work on the GPS/WIFI system for busses. The new system will be implemented on 7 county owned buses first to be sure it performs as expected before asking contractors to try them. The GPS/WIFI device will cost approximately $400.00 each.

Item No. 13. Mr. Charles Underwood, Facilities and Transportation Director presented to the Board that there is $160,000.00 in his transportation budget for two buses he proposed that only

one bus be purchased and use up to $80,000.00 of the remaining money to buy additional county vehicles. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion to use up to $40,000.00 in the transportation budget to purchase vehicles. Motion failed. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, second by Ms. Jo Cagle to use $80,000.00 in the transportation budget to buy additional vehicles. A roll call vote was taken. Dr. Bob Lovingood and Ms. Sonya Lynn abstained, Mr. Steve Rogers voted no, Mrs. Janet Martin, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Dr. Larry Stein and Mr. DeWitt Upton voted yes. Motion passed.

Item No. 14. Mr. Travis Hamilton appeared before the Board concerning Title IX issues that were brought before the Board in June. Mrs. Doris Matthews, Board Attorney told the Board that the issues Mr. Hamilton had brought before the board in June were not Title IX issues. Title IX issues are male/female issues only not school to school issues.

Item No. 15. Representatives from Hiwassee College presented to the Board concerning dual enrollment and SACS Accreditation.

Item No. 16. Representatives fro Cleveland State Community College presented to the Board concerning dual enrollment and SACS Accreditation.

Item No. 17. Dr. Larry Stein made a motion, second by Mr. Jerry Snyder to approve the following Board Policies and put policies 4.700 Testing Programs and 5.201Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers back on the August agenda.

Item No. 18. Ms. Sonya Lynn made a motion, second by Dr. Larry Stein to approve the Special Education Contract with LTVEC for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion passed.

Item No 19. Mr. Tim Blankenship, Director of schools reported on the following: 2014-2015 Budget, recognized the following schools with the highest attendance for the 2013-2014 school year; Coker Creek Elementary, Tellico Plains Jr. High and Sweetwater High School.

Item No. 20. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion, second by Dr. Larry Stein to have a budget workshop on August 11, 2014 at 6:00 in the board room at the Central Office. Motion passed.

_____Chairman _____Date

_____Secretary _____Date