

The Monroe County Board of Education met in special called session on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 immediately following the Board of Education and County Commission Budget Workshop in the board room at the Director of Schools' Office. The following nine board members were present: Dr. Bob Lovingood, Chairman, 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. Tim Blankenship, Director of Schools presented the 2014-2015 Monroe County Schools Budget with the following recommendations: Keeping professional employee insurance at 85% , increasing non professional employee insurance to 85% and giving no employee step increases. Mrs. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Mrs. Janet Martin to approve the budget as presented by the Director of Schools. Motion passed.

Item No. 2. Mr. Charles Underwood, Transportation Director, presented the Board with two bids that were submitted for the transportation contract for transporting Monroe Academy Students to and from Sequoyah High School and transporting band students at Madisonville Middle School to and from Sequoyah High School. Mr. Underwood informed the board that after researching the use of special education buses to transport regular education students as request by the board he was informed that they could be used as long as the buses were purchased from 141 and did not interfere with a regular special education bus route. Mr. Underwood also informed the board that there is currently an extra special education bus and that there are already people employed with the school system that could drive the route. Dr. Bob Lovingood, Chairman opened the following bids: Ms. Donna Miles bid \$8,500 for the remaining school days and Curtis Bus Service bid \$16,992.00 for the remaining school days. Mr. Steve Rogers made a motion to accept the lowest bid submitted by Ms. Donna Miles, motion failed for lack of a second. Ms. Janie Harrill made a motion, second by Dr. Larry Stein to use the extra special education bus already owned by the county and have a school system employee who is already being paid run the route for transporting Monroe County Academy Students to and from Sequoyah High School and band students from Madisonville Middle School to Sequoyah High School and back. A roll call vote was taken. Dr. Bob Lovingood, Chairman, Mrs. Janet Martin, Ms. Jo Cagle, Mr. Jerry Snyder, Mrs. Janie Harrill, Dr. Larry Stein, Mr. DeWitt Upton and Ms. Sonya Lynn all voted yes. Mr. Steve Rogers voted no. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.