

**Monroe County Schools**

# **News Release**

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A Citizen's Appeal from Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shelton dominated the meeting of the Monroe County Board of Education held May 15, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office in Union.

Board members went into executive session early in the meeting to hear the appeal and upon return, voted unanimously to remove two days of suspension from the record of a James Monroe High School student. The board motion stated that following much deliberation, the board believed the student was guilty of the offense for which he was suspended, but that "concerns about procedures during the administrative investigation" warranted granting the appeal.

Jeana Carr, Head Start Director, shared the report from the November Head Start review. She reviewed findings and explained the circumstance of each one. As part of procedure, she is required to submit an improvement plan within 30 days of the receipt of the report. Carr said she would return to the Board to provide that information within the timelines.

Under New Business, the Board approved budget supplements and paying the bills as presented. They also approved the science adoptions for science, grades 7-8 for the 06-07 school year.

Board members discussed a bid on lights for the baseball and softball fields at James Monroe but voted to table the issue, since the bid was too high. They asked that the superintendent negotiate with the single bidder to get the cost of the installation and lights to a

manageable cost. In final new business, Board members approved the Step VII Instruction Program Budget for 06-07.

Under Personnel, the Board approved the resignation of Susan Weikle as cheer coach at Mountain View and terminated the employment of John Chapman and Kevin Glover as substitute bus operators, as well as Kim Cook, Shawnitta Huffman and Janet Throckmorton, substitute aides.

Selena Bennett, custodian at Peterstown Middle was granted a medical leave until May 23, 2006.

Heidi Jackson, Cortney Mann and Tabitha Young were hired as substitute teachers pending receipt of records. Chastity Daniels was transferred to Guidance Counselor at James Monroe; Sarah S. Burton was transferred to special education Peterstown Middle, both for the 06-07 school year.

Under Discussion & Information, Superintendent Lyn Guy reported on personal use of Board cell phones. Board members asked for an amendment to the policy prohibiting personal use of cell phones provided to employees for use in their work. Guy said she would have that information ready for the next meeting.

Board members discussed the appearance of the fields at James Monroe in getting ready for graduation, and set a special meeting for May 22, 2006, 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of addressing a grant for Head Start, the superintendent's evaluation, paying bills as presented, baseball/softball lights at James Monroe, bids on property appraisals, student insurance, and necessary contract extensions and student expulsions, if needed.

The next regular meeting will be June 6, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office in Union.