

MINUTES

Monroe City School Board
2101 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Monday, November 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Monroe City School Board Media Center, 2009 Auburn Avenue, Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order by President Dayton. Prayer was offered by Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Item 4: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Dayton
Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Krutzer
Mr. James Mickey Traweek
Mr. Jessie Handy
Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr.
Mrs. Stephanie Smith
Mrs. Brenda Shelling

Superintendent and Administrative Staff

Dr. James Dupree
Mrs. Derenda Flowers
Mr. Andrew Hill
Mrs. Betty Carroll
Dr. Tammye Turpin
Mr. Bobby Williams
Mrs. Julie Staley
Ms. Mamie Williams
Mrs. Vickie Irwin
Ms. Karla Bowlin
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

Action Item 5 – Consent Agenda

Bishop McFarland noted that the Board previously discussed the removal of public input on non-agenda items from the agenda. He stated that this agenda item should be removed because the majority of the Board is in agreement.

Mrs. Dayton stated that action needs to be taken on this item.

Bishop McFarland stated that no action is needed because Board policy states that the Superintendent and Board President construct the agenda.

Mrs. Dayton stated that when she met with Dr. Dupree to prepare the agenda, this item was not discussed. She then stated that since she has received requests to address the Board on non-agenda items she will honor the requests tonight, but this item will be removed from future agendas. She also stated that the public needs to be informed on the procedure for addressing the Board.

It was moved by Mrs. Krutzer and seconded by Bishop McFarland to delete agenda item 9:B (Athletic and Activity Stipends), add a resolution in support of an application for the creation of a Cultural District as 7:B, and to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 5:A – Adoption of the Agenda
- 5:B – Adoption of October 7, 2008 Board Minutes
- 5:C – Adoption of October 20, 2008 Board Minutes
- 5:D – Adoption of November 3, 2008 Board Minutes
- 5:E – Awarding of Bid: Pizza Delivery
- 5:F – Permission to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Alexandria
- 5:G – Human Resources Agenda

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6 – President’s Reports and Announcements

President Dayton welcomed everyone to the meeting. The public was informed on procedures for addressing the Board on agenda and non-agenda items.

Mrs. Shelling arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Action Item 6:A – Performance Objectives/Targets for the Superintendent’s Contract

President Dayton disseminated data on the district to Board members. She noted that Dr. Dupree prepared performance objectives/targets for review by the Board.

Public Input

Mr. H. M. Butler asked if there will be criteria for evaluating the superintendent.

Mrs. Shelling stated that there will be measurement to determine if the superintendent meets the goals and objectives.

Ms. Sandie Lollie asked if the public would have input on the objectives.

Mrs. Shelling stated that she does anticipate the public having input in this process. She also stated that the objectives must be reasonable.

Mrs. Smith stated that in order for this process to be carried out orderly, rules and regulations need to be put in place when the public addresses the performance objectives.

Mr. Neil Shaw stated that the Board is divided and under public scrutiny. He also stated that the contract process for Superintendent Dupree should be stopped.

It was moved by Mrs. Shelling and seconded by Mr. Handy to table action item 6:A until the Board can schedule a meeting.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:A – Cooperative Agreement with OPSB, OPPJ & the City of Monroe City

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board approved a resolution to enter into a Cooperative Endeavour Agreement for special legal counsel with the Ouachita Parish School Board, Ouachita Parish Police Jury and the City of Monroe in the matter styled *Graphic Packaging International, Inc. -vs- The City of Monroe, et al.*, No 08-1346 4th JDC.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:B – Cultural District Resolution

Ms. Sue Nicholson addressed the Board on the formation of a Cultural District in Monroe.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Shelling to approve a resolution in support of an application for the creation of the Riverside Cultural District.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:A – Follett Dashboard Software

Dr. Turpin briefed the Board on the Follett Software System. This program will provide teachers, principals, and district administrators the ability to easily access, analyze and report on student performance data and student behavioral data.

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board authorized the administration to contract with Follett for Student Monitoring with School Level Dashboard System.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:A – QZAB Update

Mrs. DaVona Howard and Mr. Bill Boles asked the Board for permission to move forward with the QZAB project. A list of the second round of QZAB projects was disseminated to Board members.

It was moved by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve a resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) of Certificate of Indebtedness (Taxable QZAB) of the Monroe City School Board of the City of Monroe, State of Louisiana; providing certain

terms of said certificates; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Certificates; and providing for other means in connection therewith.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10 – Board Committee Updates

No committee updates.

Mrs. Smith stated that the Board needs to address who should speak on behalf of the entire Board.

Agenda Item 11 – Superintendent’s Announcements

No announcements from the superintendent.

Agenda Item 12 – Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

President Dayton informed the public that tonight would be the last night for public input on non-agenda items.

Ms. Vivian Wancewiz read a letter to the Board that addressed intimidation of school employees.

Ms. Sandie Lollie inquired about the November sales tax check.

Dr. Dupree noted that the checks will be distributed on November 20th and the amount will depend on how many months employees work.

Action Item 13 – Recess/Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Handy that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Victoria Dayton
President

James A. Dupree, Ed.D.
Superintendent