

## MINUTES

Monroe City School Board  
2101 Roselawn Avenue  
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, July 15, 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 Reverend James B. Johnson. 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  
Mrs. Mamie Williams  
Mrs. Teresa Foreman  
Ms. Vickie Irwin  
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

#### Action Item 5 – Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling and seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board approved the following consent agenda items:

- 5:A – Adoption of the agenda
- 5:B – Adoption of the June 24, 2008 board minutes
- 5:C – Awarding of janitorial supplies bid to low bidder as indicated on spread sheet
- 5:D – Awarding of paper and cleaning supplies to low bidder as indicted on spread sheet
- 5:E – Awarding of instructional supplies bid to low bidder as indicated on spread sheet
- 5:F – Awarding of school food products bid to Sysco
- 5:G – RFP for Mental Health Services-Safe Schools Grant
- 5:H – Human Resources Agenda

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Agenda Item 6 – President’s Reports and Announcements

President Dayton thanked everyone for their attendance. Members of the Coalition for Quality Education and employees from the Louisiana Department of Education were recognized. The public was informed on procedures for addressing the Board on agenda and non-agenda items.

President Dayton announced that a worksession is scheduled for Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> to receive an update on the superintendent search. She also noted that several Board members and the Superintendent will attend the NSBA Southern Region Conference being held in New Orleans.

#### Agenda Item 7 – Action from the Superintendent

##### 7:A – Permission to advertise for principal at Carroll High School

On a motion by Mr. Traweck and seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board authorized the administration to advertise for the position of principal at Carroll High School.

Superintendent Dupree stated that he has spoken to several persons in the district and one person outside the district regarding the interim principal position at Carroll High.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Agenda Item 8 – Academic Achievement

##### Agenda Item 8:A – ResCare Update

Mr. Matt Doctrow, Vice President of Education for ResCare briefed the Board on their Alternative Program. Dr Joan Vermillion, director of Alternative Education for Excel Alternative Schools, explained various components of the program. Mr. Doctrow noted that the State Department is working with the district on the School Improvement Plan for Sherrouse. A project coordinator has been hired and offers have been made to nine of the seventeen teachers. Training sessions have been scheduled for the next two weeks and will continue until all teachers are trained. Students will be assessed approximately every three weeks and a monthly report will be given to the Board and State Department.

##### Agenda Item 8:B – Schools in Academically Unacceptable Status

Dr. Dupree noted that there is no additional information on schools in AUS, but new information should be released around the first of August. The administration is confident that Carroll Jr. will exit AUS.

#### Agenda Item 9 – Board Committee Updates

A policy committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Board worksession.

### Board Comment

Bishop McFarland stated, "Because there is no place on the agenda for Board members to make request for items they would like on the next agenda, I am asking for a personal privilege from the chair to make some requests."

President Dayton replied, "Certainly."

Bishop McFarland stated, "The first request is about what was said at the last committee meeting concerning censoring a Board member. We need to bring this to a closure because we need to know the proper procedure on how to censor a Board member. Some things got out-of-hand last month and we can not allow this to continue. I ask that it be brought before the policy committee for review at their meeting on Thursday and then presented to the full Board. The second item for the agenda is not a re-visitation of the previous motion or a reconsideration - I would like it placed on the agenda exactly as I will state it. I ask that you will place on the agenda that we will hire Dr. James Dupree as Superintendent with a new contract beginning September 21, 2008 at 12:01 a.m."

### Agenda Item 10 – Superintendent’s Announcements

Superintendent Dupree announced that two Monroe City School Board employees, Marquette Marshall and Paul Roberts, have been accepted into the Fellows Program. These individuals will work full-time under a high performing principal. Upon completion of this program they will be ready for administrative positions.

### Agenda Item 11 – Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

None

### Action Item 12 – Recess/Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling and seconded by Mr. Traweek, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

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Mrs. Victoria Dayton  
President

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James A. Dupree, Ed.D.  
Superintendent