

MINUTES

Monroe City School Board
2101 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in a special called meeting, Thursday, February 26, 2009 at the Monroe City School Board Central Office, 2101 Roselawn Avenue, Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Shelling. Prayer was offered by Mr. Mickey Traweek. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Stephanie Smith.

Item 4: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Dayton
Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Krutzer
Mr. James Mickey Traweek
Mrs. Stephanie Smith
Mrs. Brenda Shelling

Board Members Absent

Mr. Jessie Handy
Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr.

Note: Mr. Handy and Bishop McFarland are absent due to prior commitments

Superintendent and Administrative Staff

Dr. James Dupree
Mrs. Derenda Flowers
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

Action Item 5 – Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Traweek that was seconded by Mrs. Dayton, the Board approved the agenda as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 6 – Approval of a one-time lump sum payout to eligible employees

It was moved by Mrs. Dayton and seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve a resolution authorizing the payment of a one-time lump sum salary/compensation supplement, from the revised 2008-2009 general fund budget, to eligible employees of the Monroe City School District for extra pay for extra work from February 27, 2009 through March 31, 2009 to be paid on April 8, 2009.

Mrs. Smith asked Attorney Lawrence if she and Mr. Traweck could vote on the agenda item.

Attorney Lawrence noted that it would be permissible because they are voting on a class of people and not on individual family members.

Mrs. Smith stated that Bishop McFarland asked her to state for the record that he is in full support of the resolution.

Mrs. Krutzer stated, "As a Board member, I knew what I was voting on when the budget was adopted. The Superintendent and Mrs. Flowers recommended that we direct funds to classrooms, and I agreed with that. I would have preferred that the funds be taken out of the budget and not out of surplus funds. We could have done this in August or September. I am concerned with the economy and where we are going. I do think that we need to look at salaries for support staff."

The motion carried on a majority vote. Mrs. Krutzer opposed.

Agenda Item 7 – President’s Reports and Announcements

President Shelling thanked Dr. Dupree, Attorney Lawrence, Mrs. Flowers and the Business Department for immediately resolving the direct deposit issue.

Dr. Dupree noted that the staff is working with the bank to determine what happened.

Agenda Item 8 – Superintendent’s Reports and Announcements

None

Action Item 9 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Traweck that was seconded by Mrs. Smith.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Brenda M. Shelling
President

James A. Dupree, Ed.D.
Superintendent