

## MINUTES

Monroe City School Board  
2101 Roselawn Avenue  
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in a special called meeting, Thursday May 14, 2009 at 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 Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Vickie Krutzer.

### 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  
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

### Action Item 5 – Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mr. Traweek, the Board approved the agenda as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

### Action Item 6 – Consideration to purchase the Tower Drive Property

Mrs. Dayton asked for clarification on this agenda item.

Dr. Dupree indicated that this would be the first step toward purchasing the property. A purchase sales agreement would need to be signed to move forward with acquiring an appraisal, inspection and other necessities associated with purchasing property.

Mr. Jason Bruyninckx, John Rea Realty, indicated that with the signing of the agreement and payment of good faith money, the district would have a sixty day due diligence period to make sure the property is suitable for its needs.

Mrs. Krutzer asked how much money would be needed.

Mr. Robert Oliver, John Rea Realty, stated that it would be approximately \$1,000.00.

Mrs. Krutzer asked what would be the next step after the appraisal is completed.

Dr. Dupree stated that all plans would be brought before the Board.

Mr. Traweek indicated that this property will allow central offices to be located on one campus.

Mr. Charles Monroe stated that over the years, several properties have been looked at for Central Office; this location is ideal being it is in close proximity to the current location. The building is twenty-nine years old and is in good condition. The plan is to move the superintendent's office, business department and human resources into the new location. Also, there are plans to enlarge the board room.

Mrs. Shelling asked that Board members be allowed to have input in this project. She also inquired as to the price of the property.

Mr. Monroe indicated that the cost to retrofit the building would be approximately \$500,000.00 to \$600,000.00.

Mrs. Krutzer stated that the cost to move data lines needs to be considered.

#### Public Input

Ms. Helen King stated that there are several schools that are in need of repair. She asked if the public would be allowed to speak on this matter prior to the Board purchasing the building.

Mr. Traweek stated that approximately \$1.8 million has been set aside for a project like this since 1994.

It was moved by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mr. Traweek to authorize the superintendent to negotiate the purchase of the Tower Drive property and to undertake all aspects of inspection and design.

Mrs. Dayton stated that this is a great piece of property but she has reservations because the student population is declining; therefore, the number of administrators should be reduced. She then stated that she could not move forward with this at this particular time without knowing additional information. She further stated that she could not represent her constituents without a firm plan.

Mrs. Krutzer indicated that she must vote against this because she has received numerous calls concerning this matter. She stated that she would like a definitive project scope and sequence.

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

Mrs. Flowers indicated that sales tax checks would be distributed on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Action Item 7 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m. upon a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Dayton.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

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Mrs. Brenda Shelling  
President

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James A. Dupree, Ed.D.  
Superintendent