

MINUTES

Monroe City School Board
2101 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at the Monroe City School District Media Center, 2009 Auburn Avenue; Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Traweek. Prayer was offered by Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Traweek.

Agenda 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

Administrative Staff

Dr. Kathleen Harris
Mrs. Derenda Flowers
Mrs. Vickie Irwin
Mr. Andrew Hill
Ms. Mamie Williams
Ms. Karla Bowlin
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Harris noted that the Human Resources agenda will be pulled from the consent agenda and placed under items for separate consideration.

Mrs. Krutzer asked that action item 8:E and 8:F be pulled from the consent agenda.

Bishop McFarland stated that the consent agenda is being diluted.

President Traweek stated that it may be best that all consent agenda items be voted on separately.

Dr. Harris stated that once the agenda is adopted, you can move any item from the

consent agenda to items for separate consideration.

Mrs. Shelling stated that once the consent agenda is adopted there is no need for consent items for separate consideration because the agenda has been adopted. Therefore, I am asking that the items for separate consideration be moved before the adoption of the consent agenda.

Dr. Harris asked attorney Lawrence for clarification. She stated that the adoption of the agenda means that the schedule of items will be followed. The adoption of the agenda does not mean that items on the agenda are automatically approved. Approval on all items is by motion, second and vote.

Attorney Lawrence stated that Mrs. Shelling's point is that at some point it will become redundant because it is assumed that items on the consent agenda will be approved.

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board adopted the agenda with the removal of the action item 8:a (adoption of the consent agenda).

The motion carried on a majority vote. Mr. Traweck recused.

Agenda Item 6 – Points of Pride

Dr. Harris noted that student and staff achievement will be recognized during this section of the meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Visitor's Comments

Rev. Roosevelt Wright called the board's attention to the last sentence on the agenda concerning visitor's comments. By law, public comments are allowed on all action items. He asked if the board will be in compliance if it votes to cut off public comments.

Mr. Traweck stated that public comment is always welcomed. As written, this will allow public comments at this point only – it does not restrict comments.

Action Item 8:a – Adoption of Consent Agenda Items

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Action Item 8:b – Approval of Board minutes

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved the minutes of July 15, 2010 as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:c – Financial Report

Mrs. Krutzer questioned the expenditures from May 2009 compared to May 2010. She then asked if Title funds and grant reimbursements will be reported on.

Dr. Harris indicated that a complete financial report is forthcoming.

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board approved the financial report as presented.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:d1 – Personnel Report: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved personnel resignations/retirements and leaves.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:d2 – Personnel Report: Appointments

President Traweck passed the gavel to Vice President McFarland.

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Mrs. Dayton, the Board approved personnel appointments as presented by the administration.

The motion carried on a majority vote. Mr. Traweck recused himself because of a personal conflict.

Action Item 8:e – School Food Service Bid

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Dayton, the Board approved the school food service bid as indicated on the spreadsheet.

The motion carried on a majority vote. Mrs. Krutzer opposed. She stated that healthier foods need to be placed in cafeterias.

Action Item 8:f – Approval of the 2010-2011 Pupil Progression Plan

Mrs. Shelling requested a summation of changes. She stated that there have been changes that the public should be aware of.

Mrs. Sallie Sutherland briefly summarized changes made to the Pupil Progression Plan as required by the State and suggested by district personnel. (See addendum for changes)

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Shelling, the Board approved the 2010-2011 Pupil Progression Plan as presented.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9 – Consent Agenda Items for Separate Consideration

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Action Item 10 – Permission to Travel

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board authorized travel for Neville High Schools' Foreign Language Department to travel to Paris/Madrid.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 11 – Report of Board Members

Mrs. Krutzer – A Curriculum Committee meeting is forthcoming. She asked for a status report on temporary buildings for Minnie Ruffin and Lexington.

Mrs. Dayton – The Insurance Committee will set a schedule for recurring meetings. The committee will need to address TPAs, Health Care Reform and employee benefits.

Mrs. Smith – A meeting to discuss the additional policies will be scheduled. Dr. Harris indicated that the remaining policies are being reviewed by senior staff.

Mrs. Shelling – Construction at Wossman and Lee are on target. It is hopeful that the windows/doors project at Neville will be completed prior to the opening of school. Board members thanked Mr. Corkern for the daily project reports. Mr. Handy asked about the water leaks at Carroll High stadium. Mrs. Shelling indicated that it is being taken care of.

Mrs. Krutzer requested a status report on the GPS and Routing system.

Mr. Handy cautioned the Board on getting into personnel matters during committee meetings. He stated that committees were initially put in place so that Board members could receive information only.

Mrs. Shelling announced that she has been appointed by LSBA to serve on the Bright Start Advisory Council. She asked board members to share their ideas with her and she will share them with the committee.

Bishop McFarland and Mrs. Shelling noted that they will be unavailable for the retreat.

Agenda Item 12 – Report of Superintendent

Program Evaluation Template: An evaluation of all programs will be completed. The

evaluation will be used to determine which programs need to be strengthened or eliminated.

Timeline for Reporting Results to the Board: The senior leadership team will be looking at timelines to report results to the board.

Gifts: Mr. Robert Rowan made a \$10,000 donation each to Carroll High and Wossman High. Attorney Lawrence indicated that Mr. Rowan and others will be making additional monetary contributions to the district.

Mrs. Dayton asked that the administration keep a tally of donations.

Agenda Item 13 – Future Meetings

Board Retreat: August 5, 2010; 4:00 p.m. at Sage Restaurant. Dr. Harris stated that it is regrettable that all board members can not attend the retreat.

Action Item 14 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. upon a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mr. Handy.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mr. Mickey Traweek
Board President

Dr. Kathleen Harris
Superintendent