

MINUTES

Monroe City School Board
2101 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the Monroe City School District Media Center, 2009 Auburn Avenue; Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by President Shelling. Prayer was offered by Mr. James Turner. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Mary Fortson.

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

Mr. Julian Gray
Mrs. Derenda Flowers
Dr. Tammye Turpin
Mrs. Betty Carroll
Mrs. Vickie Irwin
Mr. Andrew Hill
Ms. Mamie Williams
Mr. Bobby Williams
Ms. Karla Bowlin
Mrs. Teresa Foreman
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

President Shelling asked that the following changes be made to the agenda: Change action item 7:3 to 9:C1; change wording on action item 9:C1 to permission to advertise for principal of M.L.K. Middle; change action item 7:4 to 9:C2 and add suspension of board policy on school travel as action item 9:C3.

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved the agenda with changes as noted.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 6 – Approval of Board Minutes

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mr. Traweek, the Board approved the minutes of October 6, 2009 as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:1 – Permission to Travel

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved travel for Wossman High School Talented Art students to New Orleans, LA; December 27-29, 2009.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote

Action Item 7:2 – Permission to Travel

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved travel for Wossman High School JROTC to Houston, TX; November 20-22, 2009.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote

Unfinished Business

Action Item 8:1 – Naming of the Carroll High School Band Room

Ms. Mary Fortson briefly discussed the legacy of Mr. Darryl Isaac Andrews. She noted that because of his dedication, it is befitting to name the building after him.

President Shelling passed the gavel to vice president Traweek.

On a motion by Mr. Handy and seconded by Mrs. Shelling, the Board approved the naming of Carroll High School Band building the Darryl Isaac Andrews Band Room.

Bishop McFarland stated that he is hopeful that Mr. Andrews will be in attendance when the building is dedicated.

Ms. Fortson stated that the dedication service will be a media event. She asked all Board members to attend.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8:2 – Report: Forethought Consulting

Mrs. Dayton noted that Mr. Prescott will conduct the policy committee meeting on Thursday, October 28th. She also noted that there is a policy that must be approved by the Board before November 15th. All board members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 8:3 – Report: Assessment of MIS Department

Mr. Gray asked that this item be deferred until the next meeting.

New Business

Action Item 9:A1 – Human Resources Agenda

It was moved by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the human resources agenda with the deletion of section G.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:B1 – Awarding of Pest Control Management RFP

Mrs. Dayton questioned the process by which scores are tallied. She then asked the superintendent to review the process.

It was moved by Mrs. Dayton and seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, to table this agenda item.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

President Shelling asked the administration to provide the Board with an explanation as to why a company would not meet the district's standards.

Action Item 9:B2 – Awarding of RFP for Transportation Routing and GPS System

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board awarded the Routing and GPS Systems RFP for the transportation department to Everyday Solutions, Inc.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:B3 – Awarding of RFP for Trash Pick-up

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board awarded the trash pick-up RFP to IESI Solid Waste Services.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:B4 – Awarding of Bid for Windows/Doors replacement at Neville

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board awarded the windows/doors replacement bid for Neville High School to Lincoln Builders.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:B5 – Permission to Advertise for Bids for School Food Service Equipment

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board authorized the administration to advertise for bids for School Food Service equipment.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:B6 – Permission to Create and Advertise for Nine Bus Attendants

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board authorized the creation and advertisement of nine bus attendant positions.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:C1 – Permission to Hire an Architect for the Central Office Project

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board authorized the hiring of an architect for the central office project.

Mrs. Krutzer asked that the architect provide the district with a cost analysis to demolish the Tower Drive facility and to construct a multiple level facility. She noted that multiple levels will allow for additional departments to be housed in one location.

Bishop McFarland stated that he is pleased with the drawings by the architect and that he is not in favor of tearing the building down. He further stated that with the new building, approximately eighty percent of the staff will be on one campus.

Mrs. Krutzer questioned the funding source for renovating the Media Center.

Mr. Traweek stated that the new Central Office and Media Center project is all inclusive.

President Shelling asked Mr. Traweek to make sure that all Board members are aware of meetings related to this project.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:C2 – Permission to Advertise for a Principal at MLK

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board authorized the administration to advertise for a Principal at MLK Middle.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:C3 – Suspension of Board Policy on School Travel

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board suspended policy on school bus travel to allow Wossman High School Band to travel to Pine Bluff, AR on October 24th.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10 – Committee Reports

- A. Personnel: Bishop McFarland – No report.
- B. Facilities: Mr. Traweek – A Facilities Committee meeting was held on October 15th. The Wossman project is progressing as expected. McElroy and Associates will meet with the committee on the 15th of each month. The Lee Jr. project is slightly behind schedule due to minor issues with parking. The windows/doors project at Neville will begin soon.
- C. Curriculum: Mrs. Krutzer – A meeting will be scheduled next week.
- D. Transportation: Mrs. Krutzer – A very informative meeting was held on October 13th. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in two weeks.
- E. Policy: Mrs. Dayton – No report.
- F. Public Relations: Mrs. Smith – No report.
- G. Finance: President Shelling – No report.

Agenda Item 11– Interim Superintendent’s Reports and Announcements

Mr. Gray announced that payroll for October will be released on the 23rd instead of the 26th.

Agenda Item 12 – President’s Reports and Announcements

President Shelling noted that she toured Neville’s athletic dressing room. She stated that the condition of the area is unacceptable. A disk containing pictures of the area was disseminated to all Board members. She asked Mr. Traweek to address this matter at the next facilities committee meeting.

Bishop McFarland reminded Board members of the LSBA Governance and Ethics workshop to be held in Baton Rouge next month.

Action Item 13 – Executive Session

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Handy, the board convened in executive session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss possible misconduct of an employee.

Action Item 14 – Recess/Adjournment

The meeting reconvened in open session. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. upon a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mr. Handy.

Mrs. Brenda Shelling
Board President

Mr. Julian M. Gray, Sr.
Interim Superintendent