

MINUTES

Monroe City School Board
2101 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at the Monroe City School Board Media Center, 2009 Auburn Avenue, Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Shelling. Prayer was offered by Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by William Smith, Wossman High School.

Agenda Item 4: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Dayton
Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Krutzer
Mr. James Mickey Traweek
Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr.
Mrs. Stephanie Smith
Mrs. Brenda Shelling

Board Member Absent

Mr. Jessie Handy

Administrative Staff

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

Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

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

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 6 – Approval of Board Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Traweek and seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board approved the minutes of September 16, 2009 as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7: Action from the Interim Superintendent

Action Item 7:1 – QSCB Resolution

Mr. Gray noted that Mr. Jason Akers, Foley and Judell, LLC and Mr. Williams Boles, Jr., The Boles Law Firm, are present to answer questions regarding this item.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland, to adopt a resolution providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of \$10,000,000 of Revenue Bonds (Taxable QSCB), Series 2009, of the Monroe City School Board of the City of Monroe, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of such Bonds and providing for the payment thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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 authorized travel for Wossman High School Spanish Club to San Antonio, TX; March 10-15, 2010.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:A1 – Human Resources Agenda

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board approved the human resources agenda as presented by the administration.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B1 – Occupational Therapy Contracted Services

Mrs. Vickie Irwin noted that the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy contracts on the agenda for approval are a continuation of services for MCS students. She also noted that services are paid for through IDEA funds.

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland the Board approved a contract with Sharbono Occupational Therapy Consultants, Inc. to provide Occupational

Therapy Services to identified Special Education students attending Monroe City Schools.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B2 – Physical Therapy Contracted Services

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board approved a contract with Melanie Massey Physical Therapy (MMPT) Inc. to provide Physical Therapy Services to identified Special Education students attending Monroe City Schools.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B3 – Permission to Hire and Advertise for Two Nurses Positions

Mrs. Irwin stated that the district has numerous specific medical needs. Presently, there are not enough nurses to service students; the hiring of additional nurses will allow for more direct services at each school. The state recommends one nurse per thousand students; the district has three nurses for approximately nine thousand students. She noted that nurses are paid primarily through Medicaid funding.

Bishop McFarland stated that two nurses are not enough; six are needed.

Mrs. Smith asked that Mrs. Irwin look into the need to hire additional nurses.

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board authorized the creation and advertisement of two new nurses positions.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Krutzer asked for a quarterly report on the school based health center.

Action Item 8:C1 – Revision to the Title I and IDEA Stimulus Application

Dr. Turpin briefed the Board on the revisions to the previously approved AARA Stimulus Funding application. She noted that salaries were estimated in the previous application. Funds have been received for Reading First; thereby freeing up additional stimulus funds. The excess funds are being dedicated to the 8th grade coaching projects. Initially, Carroll Jr. and M.L.K. were written into the proposal – Lee Jr. High is now being added. Excess funds will also be dedicated to ELA at Carroll High School because the school is in sub-group failure.

Mrs. Krutzer stated that funds are continuously being used for Reading Coaches, Literacy Coaches, and Reading Interventionist. She noted that she would rather see the stimulus

funds be used for programs for students rather than for staff. She questioned the use of Scantron.

Dr. Turpin noted that Scantron is a computer program that allows the district to create a standard test that is given to every student at every school. The program will allow the teacher to see what GLEs need to be re-taught.

Mrs. Smith stated that she is concerned that students are being given the test when some of the classes have substitute teachers for extended periods of time and the material is not being covered.

Dr. Turpin noted that schools have the flexibility as to how the test will be counted.

Mr. Gray stated that the test is needed. If students have not reached the GLEs the principal needs to address the matter with the teacher.

Mrs. Smith and President Shelling agreed that students should not be penalized if the teacher is not on track.

On a motion by Mrs. Dayton and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved the revised Title I and IDEA Stimulus application.

The motion carried on a majority vote. Mrs. Krutzer opposed. She noted that IDEA was not discussed.

Action Item 8:D1 – Awarding of Bid: Janitorial Supplies

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board awarded janitorial bids as indicated on the spreadsheet.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:D2 – RFP for Transportation Routing and GPS Systems

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board tabled action item 8:D2.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:D3 – 2009 Compliance Questionnaire

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved a resolution accepting and approving the systems and compliance questionnaire for Monroe City Schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9– Committee Reports

- A. Personnel: Bishop McFarland – No report.
- B. Facilities: Mr. Traweek – The Wossman High School gymnasium has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee and should go out for bids immediately. Work on the baseball field behind the recreations center has begun. President Shelling asked that a Facilities Committee meeting be scheduled.
- C. Transportation: Mrs. Krutzer – A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 10– Interim Superintendent’s Reports and Announcements

No report.

Agenda Item 11 – President’s Reports and Announcements

The retreat was very productive. Department heads provided Board members with informative reports regarding the operation of the district.

A visit with the Department of Justice is being coordinated. If they are unable to come into the district, Board members will travel to Washington, DC.

Action Item 12 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. upon a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland.

Mrs. Brenda Shelling
Board President

Mr. Julian M. Gray, Sr.
Interim Superintendent