

## MINUTES

Monroe City School Board  
2101 Roselawn Avenue  
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Monroe City School District Media Center, 2009 Auburn Avenue; Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Shelling. Everyone paused for a moment of silent prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

### 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 noted that there should have been an additional agenda item that preceded agenda item 8:B (employment of an internal auditor).

Attorney Lawrence stated that there must be two votes to reconsider a prior question. In regards to this agenda item, there must be two votes; one vote to reconsider the hiring of an internal auditor and another vote to employ the internal auditor.

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Handy asked that the item be removed.

Bishop McFarland stated that he is concerned about the discussion that will take place in executive session. He stated that since the items deal with different matters, they should be discussed separately. He suggested that the Board convene and then reconvene on each item. He also asked that agenda items 12:1-3 be taken out of sequence. He stated that he is not in favor of agenda item 13 being on this agenda.

Mr. Handy stated that agenda item 13 should be removed and placed on another agenda. He further stated that a tenure hearing is a serious matter, and he is uncomfortable with making a decision on this issue immediately following the executive session.

Mrs. Smith stated that she is in agreement with Mr. Handy and Bishop McFarland. She also stated that she is concerned that the item is on the agenda because she was assured that it would not be.

President Shelling stated that the item can be addressed at a special called meeting

Bishop McFarland stated that he does not have a problem with a special called meeting if all Board members are present.

It was moved by Mrs. Krutzer and seconded by Mr. Traweek to adopt the agenda with the deletion of agenda item 8:B (employment of an internal auditor) and change the sequence on agenda item 12:1-3 (executive session items).

In favor: Mrs. Dayton, Mrs. Krutzer, Mr. Traweek, Mrs. Shelling

Opposed: Mr. Handy, Bishop McFarland, Mrs. Smith (all are opposed because they would like item 13 removed from the agenda)

The motion carried on a majority vote.

#### Action Item 6 – Approval of Board Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the minutes of October 20, 2009 as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Action Item 7:1 – Permission to Travel

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board approved orchestra students from J. S. Clark, Sallie Humble and Lexington to travel to Orlando, FL; April 20-26, 2010.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:2 – Employment change of status for Dean of Students

On a motion by Mrs. Krutzer that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board approved employment change of status for Dean of Students from nine months to ten months.

Mr. Gray noted that the change in status would be for all secondary schools and will become effective immediately.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:3 – Appointment of a Principal at Carroll High School

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that seconded by Mr. Traweck, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Patrick Taylor as principal of Carroll High School upon the recommendation of Mr. Gray.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:4 – Permission to advertise for Assistant Principal at Carroll High

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board authorized the administration to advertise for an assistant principal at Carroll High School.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:5 – Permission to employ an Administrative Assistant

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved the hiring of an administrative assistant to the principal of Carroll High School for a period not to exceed twenty-five days.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:A – Architect for the Central Office Project

On a motion by Mr. Traweck that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board appointed TB Architecture Firm for the Central Office project.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B – Employment of an Internal Auditor

Deleted

Action Item 8:C1 – Human Resources Agenda

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Bishop McFarland the Board approved the November 10, 2009 human resources agenda as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:D1 – Contract for High School Science and Social Studies Project

On a motion by Mrs. Krutzer that was seconded by Mr. Traweek, the Board authorized the administration to contract with JBHM for the high school Science and Social Studies project.

Mrs. Krutzer asked for quarterly updates on the project.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:E1 – Awarding of Pest Control RFP

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board awarded the Pest Control RFP to Smith Exterminating Company, Inc.

Mrs. Dayton stated that there is some confusion about the second offer that was made to the other vendor. She also stated that the vendor is asking to be considered in the future.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:E2 – Awarding of Pizza Delivery Bid

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board awarded the Pizza Delivery Bid to NCP International dba Pizza Hut.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8:E3 – Sole Source

Mrs. Flowers indicated that this item is on the agenda for information only. Mrs. Irwin is asking to purchase the My Reading Coach Software. This vendor is the only vendor that supplies this product.

Agenda Item 9 – Committee Reports

A. Personnel: Bishop McFarland – No report.

B. Facilities: Mr. Traweek – No report.

C. Policy: Mrs. Dayton – Meeting date to be announced.

D. Curriculum: Mrs. Krutzer – Meeting date to be announced.

E. Finance: President Shelling – No report.

Agenda Item 10 – Interim Superintendent’s Reports and Announcements

The district will be closed Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans’ Day. Sales Tax checks will be issued Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Agenda Item 11 – President’s Reports and Announcements

President Shelling asked Attorney Lawrence to brief the Board on the matter of Unitary Status.

Attorney Lawrence noted that on last week he received an electronic notice from the Federal Court asking that the Board attorney, superintendent, president and vice president attend a status conference on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Judge James will discuss the issue of the district moving toward unitary status.

A trip is being scheduled for Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to meet with the Department of Justice. High school principals and principal of MLK and Carroll Jr. may be asked to attend. At this time there is no final decision as to who will attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 12:3 (taken of sequence) – Executive Session: *Andrews-vs-MCSB*

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the board convened in executive session at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Andrews-vs-Monroe City School Board*, No. 11,297 {USDC-W.D. of Louisiana}.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The Board reconvened in open session at 1:15 p.m. and Attorney Lawrence made the following statement: The Board was given different options as well as possible outcomes depending on the request for unitary status. As a collective group, the Board provided feedback on the possibility of unitary status. A report will be given to the full Board at the next scheduled meeting following the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with Judge James.

Agenda Item 12:2 (taken out of sequence) – Executive Session: *Misconduct Investigation*

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board convened in executive session at 1:18 p.m. to receive information on ongoing misconduct investigations.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 2:40 p.m.

Agenda Item 12:1 (taken out of sequence) – Executive Session: Report from Attorney Willie Hunter on misconduct investigation

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board deleted this agenda item.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 13 – Scheduling of a Tenure Hearing

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board deleted this agenda item.

Action Item 14 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m. upon a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Bishop McFarland.

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Mrs. Brenda Shelling  
Board President

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Mr. Julian M. Gray, Sr.  
Interim Superintendent