

MINUTES

Monroe City School Board
2101 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at the Monroe City School District Media Center, 2009 Auburn Avenue; Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Shelling. Prayer was offered by Bishop Rodney McFarland. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Stephanie Smith.

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
Mrs. Teresa Foreman
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Traweek and seconded by Mr. Handy, 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. Handy and seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board approved the minutes of November 10, 2009 as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:1 – Permission to contract with an architect to perform a feasibility study on Neville’s athletic dressing room

It was moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Handy, to contract with an architect to perform a feasibility study on the dressing room at Neville High School and the stadium at Wossman High School.

Mr. Handy asked that Carroll High School be included in the study because there are water leaks at the stadium.

President Shelling stated that Neville’s dressing room is on the agenda because the facility is deplorable.

Mrs. Krutzer stated that for structural purposes and health reasons, this matter needs to be addressed immediately.

Mr. Traweek stated that problems at Carroll and Neville are different. He further stated that both an architect and engineer are needed for the stadium study. There are two issues at Neville: major water leakage and the size of the current dressing room. The dressing room was initially built for forty-five students; presently there are over ninety students that use the area. He noted that both Wossman and Carroll have stand-alone dressing rooms.

Mr. Gray indicated that a list of concerns at Carroll has been submitted and passed on to Mr. Monroe for repairs.

Mrs. Shelling indicated that the dressing room at Carroll should still be under warranty.

Bishop McFarland stated that the architect should be contacted. He further stated that the superintendent needs to direct Mr. Monroe to contact the architect to correct the problem immediately.

Mrs. Smith stated that there are major leaks at Wossman. The concession stand is under the stadium and the school was sited at the last game because of the leaks.

Mr. Traweek offered a friendly amendment to contract with an engineer or architect to renovate the present dressing room or the feasibility to build a stand-alone dressing room similar to Wossman and Carroll.

Mrs. Smith accepted the friendly amendment.

Mrs. Dayton asked Mr. Gray to provide a report on leakage and structural issues at all schools.

President Shelling commented that all Board members are agreeable that the architect or engineer will look at both stadiums and determine what should be done to rectify the problems. She then restated the motion to read: To contract with an engineer/architect to address the stadium at Neville and Wossman.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:2 – Permission to contract with a project manager to assist with current projects

Bishop McFarland asked for the salary of the project manager.

Mr. Gray stated that Mr. Monroe needs assistance because there will be several projects underway at the same time. He noted that the project manager will work approximately four to six hours per day. Retired architects will be considered and the salary will be negotiable.

President Shelling noted that the contract and salary will be presented to the Board for approval.

Mrs. Smith asked why the gym at Lee Jr. is now being called a multi-purpose building.

Mrs. Flowers indicated that the committee is calling it a multi-purpose building because the facility can be used for various activities.

Mrs. Krutzer stated that the Lee facility will be similar to Carroll Jr. The floor is not a regulation wood floor and will include a stage and classrooms.

It was moved by Mr. Traweck and seconded by Mrs. Dayton to contract with a project manager for current projects.

Mr. Handy offered a friendly amendment to bring the name, salary and qualifications to the Board for approval.

Mr. Traweck and Mrs. Dayton accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

New Business

Action Item 8:A1 – Human Resources Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, to accept the human resources agenda with the deletion of item D:3 which will be voted on separately.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

It was moved by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, to deny the leave of absence without pay for Simeon Profit (human resources agenda item D:3).

Mrs. Dayton and Mr. Traweek asked if this is within the district's policy.

Attorney Lawrence noted that the district has a policy that states that the Board has the authority to grant or deny any employee a leave without pay. The Board also has the authority to examine each request on an individual basis. In addition, the district should know why an employee is requesting a leave of absence.

Bishop McFarland stated that a leave of absence should not be granted to someone that will be leaving the district to take another job.

The motion carried on a majority vote. President Shelling opposed.

Action Item 8:B1 – Permission to advertise for Surplus Sale

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board authorized the administration to advertise for a surplus sale.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B2 – Awarding of RFP for library books and consulting services

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board awarded the library books and consulting services RFP to Follett.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

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

None

Agenda Item 11 – President’s Reports and Announcements

None

Action Item 12 – Executive Session: *Andrews-vs-MCSB*

Mrs. Barbara Leader questioned the legality of convening in executive session.

Attorney Lawrence stated that all litigation may be discussed in executive session.

On a motion by Mr. Handy and seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board convened in executive session at 6:55 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 7:40 p.m. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 13 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. upon a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Brenda Shelling
Board President

Mr. Julian M. Gray, Sr.
Interim Superintendent