

MINUTES

Monroe City School Board
2101 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Monroe City School District Media Center, 2009 Auburn Avenue; Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Vice President Traweek. Prayer was offered by Rev. James B. Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Agenda Item 4: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Mr. James Mickey Traweek
Mr. Jessie Handy
Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr.
Mrs. Stephanie Smith

Board Members Absent

Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Dayton (family illness)
Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Krutzer (previous engagement)
Mrs. Brenda Shelling

Administrative Staff

Mr. Julian Gray
Mrs. Derenda Flowers
Mrs. Betty Carroll
Mr. Bobby Williams
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 with the addition of agenda item 8:C3 (approval of a settlement agreement with Global Data Systems).

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 6 – Approval of Board Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the minutes of December 1, 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 Mr. Handy, the Board approved travel for Wossman High School Band to Houston Texas; January 15-17, 2010.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote

Action Item 7:2 – Appointment of Principal of Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved Mr. Alvin Williams as principal of Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School upon the recommendation of Superintendent Gray.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mr. Williams introduced himself and thanked the Board for their support. He stated that he is ready to move the students from where they are to where they need to be.

New Business

Action Item 8:A1 – Human Resources Agenda

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved the December 15th Human Resources agenda as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B1 – Approval of MOU between MCS and the Monroe Police Department

Dr. Phedra Brantley noted that the district was informed by Chief Schleuter that the Monroe Police Department would no longer be able to fund the salaries of the School Resource Officers. As written, the Memorandum of Understanding allows for the salaries of the officers to be funded by the Safe Schools Grant.

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Monroe City School District and the Monroe Police Department to fund the salaries of three School Resource Officers through the Safe Schools Grant.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8:C1 and 8:C2 – Sole Source

Vice President Traweek questioned the funding source.

Mrs. Flowers noted that the software will be purchased with IDEA Stimulus Funds.

Mrs. Irwin indicated that this is a one-time purchase and there is no renewal fee for the software.

Action Item 8:C3 – Settlement Agreement with Global Data Systems

Vice President Traweek noted that the settlement agreement is for work previously completed by Global.

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board authorized a payment of \$36,000.00 to Global Data Systems.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9 – Committee Reports

A. Personnel: Bishop McFarland – No report.

B. Facilities: Mr. Traweek – The baseball field at Carroll High is progressing. Drawings for the Wossman and Lee gymnasiums have been sent to the State Fire Marshall for approval.

C. Curriculum: Mrs. Smith – A meeting was held on December 9th. The committee asked Dr. Turpin to provide a report on the cost to implement the STAR Program at the elementary level. Dr. Turpin was also asked to look into the possibility of starting a 9th Grade Academy. The next committee meeting will take place mid January.

Agenda Item 10 – Interim Superintendent's Reports and Announcements

Superintendent Gray stated that by January 11, 2010, the district must submit a letter of intent, signed by the superintendent and board president indicating the districts interest in participating in the Race to the Top Program. Thereafter, the district has ninety days to withdraw the letter of intent. Senior Staff members are reading the document to see if this program will be beneficial for our district. He also stated that he would like to set up a meeting with staff from the Louisiana Department of Education to meet with the Board to discuss the program in depth.

Superintendent Gray asked the Board for permission to close the district at 2:00 p.m. for the Christmas break. All Board members agreed to the early dismissal.

Agenda Item 11 – President's Reports and Announcements

Vice President Traweek congratulated the Neville High School football team on winning the State Championship.

Mr. Handy noted that Carroll High School won the District Football Championship.

Action Item 12 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 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