

## MINUTES

Monroe City School Board  
2101 Roselawn Avenue  
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at the Monroe City School District Media Center, 2009 Auburn Avenue; Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Traweek. Prayer was offered by Reverend Reuben Oliver, Bethel Baptist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wossman High School student, Sharmaine Tramble.

### 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

Dr. Kathleen Harris  
Mrs. Derenda Flowers  
Mrs. Betty Carroll  
Dr. Tammye Turpin  
Mrs. Vickie Irwin  
Mr. Andrew Hill  
Ms. Mamie Williams  
Ms. Karla Bowlin  
Mrs. Patricia Johnson  
Mrs. Jackie Matthews  
Dr. Phedra Brantley  
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

### Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Shelling and seconded by Mrs. Dayton, to add to the agenda a resolution identifying school board members and officers of the Board on cornerstones associated with construction projects.

Mrs. Shelling noted that the resolution is a recommendation from the Facilities Committee. A cornerstone notes the history of a project. Anytime a project is initiated by a Board, they should be given credit for the project. She stated that she would read the resolution with the names incorporated.

Mr. Handy indicated that he disapproves of Mrs. Shelling reading the resolution because it becomes a part of the official minutes.

Mrs. Shelling replied that the president failed numerous times to place this item on the agenda as recommended by the committee. She then read the following resolution:

*Whereas, the Monroe City School Board has authorized a number of projects involving the construction of public works, which include (1) the Tower Drive Administration Building, (2) the gymnasium project at Lee Jr. High School, (3) the gymnasium project at Wossman High School and (4) the Fieldhouse project at Neville High School; and whereas, it is the recommendation of the Monroe City School Board's Facilities Committee that the names of all School Board members serving be listed. On May 19, 2009, the Board authorized the hiring of a contractor to design Wossman and Lee Jr. High gymnasiums – Dr. Dupree, Superintendent; Brenda Shelling, President; and Mickey Traweek, Vice President. On July 14, 2009, the Board authorized the purchasing of the Tower Drive property – Dr. Dupree, Superintendent; Brenda Shelling, President; and Mickey Traweek, Vice President. On January 28, 2010, the Board appointed the architect to design Neville's Fieldhouse – Julian Gray, Interim Superintendent; Mickey Traweek, President; and Rodney McFarland, Vice President. Whereas, it is the recommendation of the Monroe City School Board's Facilities Committee that the names of all School Board members serving as officers be listed and identified by the School Board office on any building plaques, cornerstones or like monuments that are affixed to the premises of each project. Be it resolved, that the Monroe City School Board hereby directs that all cornerstones, plaques and like monuments that are installed on or at the facility sites where construction work is completed shall list the names of the members of the Monroe City School Board of record. Be it further resolved, that the Monroe City School Board hereby directs that all cornerstones, plaques and like monuments that are installed on or at facility sites where construction work is completed shall list the names of the officers of the Monroe City School Board of record.*

President Traweek stated that he does not have a problem adding the item to the agenda but he has received inconsistent communication from members of the committee regarding the resolution.

In favor: Mrs. Dayton, Mrs. Krutzer, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Shelling  
Opposed: Bishop McFarland, Mr. Handy, Mr. Mickey Traweek

The motion failed due to a unanimous vote needed to add an item to the agenda.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland, to approve the agenda as printed.

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

#### Agenda Item 6 – Points of Pride

Wossman High School JROTC: A Regional Formal Inspection was held on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 for the purpose of evaluating the efficiency of the WHS unit. The unit

received 578 points out of a possible 600 points, earning them the rating of an “*Honor Unit with Distinction*”.

Columbia University Scholarship Recipient: Wossman High School student Terranisha Hiley is the recipient of the QuestBridge College Match scholarship from Columbia University. Ms. Hiley will receive approximately \$57,000 annually to be used for tuition, books, supplies and room and board.

LACUE Teacher of the Year: Ms. Charlotte Breard, Lexington Elementary School Librarian, has been named 2010 Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators Elementary Teacher of the Year State winner. The award recognizes those educators who have effectively integrated the use of computers into the educational process.

Board Member Recognition: Superintendent Harris presented outgoing Board members with plaques denoting their years of service. She thanked each board member for their service to the students of Monroe City Schools. Mr. Jessie Handy, District IV – 24 years; Mrs. Stephanie Smith, District VI – 12 years; and Mrs. Brenda Shelling, District VII – 12 years.

#### Action Item 7 – Consent Agenda Items

Public Comment: Mr. Quincy Gardner commented on the need for support for teachers, staff, and especially the transportation department.

On a motion Mrs. Shelling and seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board approved the following consent agenda items:

- a. Board minutes – November 16, 2010
- b. Permission to travel – Minnie Ruffin student to Baton Rouge
- c. Personnel Report

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Action Item 8 – Consent Items for Separate Consideration

None

#### Action Item 9:A – Primary Health Services MOU

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Shelling, the Board approved a MOU with Primary Health Services to provide health services through the New Access Point Grant.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Dayton asked that before a contract is entered into, that the language is reviewed to protect the district from possible malpractice exposure.

#### Action Item 9:B – Naming of the Neville Field House

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Shelling, the Board approved the naming of the Neville Field House in honor of longtime Neville High School coach Mr. Charlie Brown.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Agenda Item 10: Report of Board Members

No Reports.

Mrs. Krutzer asked that a work session be held prior to the January 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to discuss the RFP/Qs.

#### Agenda Item 11 – Report of Superintendent

Superintendent Harris noted that a report on the fixed asset loss has been given to Board members indicating by what means the information was lost. She noted that ninety-nine percent of the data has been restored and that it is now being backed up.

Superintendent Harris asked the Board for permission to dismiss a half day on December 17<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Break. The half day will be built into next year's calendar.

The Board unanimously agreed to allow the district to close a half day.

#### Agenda Item 11:A – Board Attorney Update

Attorney Lawrence will provide the Board with a summary of Act 720 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature that will take effect January 1, 2011.

#### Agenda Item 12 – Future Meetings

Board Meeting: January 11, 2011 and January 25, 2011; 6:00 PM – Carroll High School

Due to construction at the Media Center, Board meetings will be held at various schools until the new Administration Building is complete.

#### Action Item 13 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. upon a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

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Mr. Mickey Traweek  
Board President

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Dr. Kathleen Harris  
Superintendent