

MINUTES

Monroe City School Board
2101 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at the Monroe City School District Media Center, 2009 Auburn Avenue; Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by President Traweek. Prayer was offered by Mr. Jessie Handy. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Agenda Item 4: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Dayton (arrived after the meeting started)
Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Krutzer
Mr. James Mickey Traweek
Mr. Jessie Handy
Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr.
Mrs. Stephanie Smith (arrived after the meeting started)
Mrs. Brenda Shelling (arrived after the meeting started)

Administrative Staff

Mr. Julian Gray
Mrs. Derenda Flowers
Ms. Mamie Williams
Ms. Julie Staley
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Gray asked that an executive session be added to the agenda as action item 10:A. He stated that an executive session is needed in order to receive an updated report on the credit card investigation.

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the agenda with the addition of action item 10:A (executive session).

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 6 – Approval of Board Minutes

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the minutes of February 9, 2010 as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:1 – Appointment of an Assistant Principal at Carroll High School

It is the recommendation of Mr. Gray to appoint Mr. Bobby Washington as the assistant principal of Carroll High School.

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board appointed Mr. Bobby Washington as the assistant principal of Carroll High School.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

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

Note: Mrs. Smith joined the meeting.

It is the recommendation of Mr. Gray to appoint Mr. Danzie Pierce as the assistant principal of Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School.

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board appointed Mr. Danzie Pierce as the assistant principal of Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School.

Action Item 7:3 – Permission to enter into a MOU with Dr. Linda Heard to write the Federal Literacy Through School Libraries Grant

Mrs. Krutzer stated that Dr. Heard has done an excellent job for the district, but she has some concerns about items 4, 6, 7 and 8 on the MOU. She noted that most districts have written this grant in-house; for that reason, she would like to see the 8% fee reduced. The grant is the property of the district, and the district determines if the grant will be shared. Additionally, the district should not commit to reapplying for the grant.

It was moved by Mrs. Krutzer to apply for the grant, authorize Dr. Heard to write the grant and to allow the superintendent to negotiate items 4, 6, 7 and 8 on the MOU.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Bishop McFarland noted that the motion as stated is a complex motion and is not allowed.

It was moved by Mrs. Krutzer and seconded by Bishop McFarland, to apply for the Federal Literacy Through School Libraries Grant and to contract with Dr. Linda Heard to write the grant.

Mr. Handy asked for clarification on the items to be negotiated.

Mr. Gray stated that the items in question are to be negotiated with Dr. Heard, and the revised MOU will be brought back to the Board on March 9th for approval.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:A – Human Resources Agenda

Note: Mrs. Dayton joined the meeting.

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the revised human resources agenda of February 23, 2010.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B1 – Awarding of Bid

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board awarded the walk-in freezer/cooler bid for Carroll High School to Buckelew Hardware Company, Inc.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B2 – Permission to Advertise for Bids for Wossman High School Gymnasium

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board authorized the administration to advertise for bids for Wossman High School Gymnasium.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B3 – Permission to Advertise for Bids for Lee Jr. High School Gymnasium

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board authorized the administration to advertise for bids for Lee Jr. High School Gymnasium.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9 – Superintendent's Reports and Announcements

None

Agenda Item 10 – President's Reports and Announcements

President Traweek stated that he has received a few names of firms to conduct the superintendent search. He stated that he has contacted the Louisiana School Board Association for direction.

Mrs. Dayton stated that because of the time factor, it may be in the best interest of the district to consider hiring an interim superintendent.

Bishop McFarland stated that it is the responsibility of the sitting Board to hire a new superintendent; therefore, he would like to move forward quickly.

Mrs. Smith requested that the Board consider purchasing new band uniforms for Wossman High School. She asked that this item be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Note: Mrs. Shelling joined the meeting.

Mrs. Krutzer stated that the Fine Arts Advisory Committee will be bringing recommendations to the Board on the music program.

Board Committee Update

Mrs. Shelling noted that the Facilities Committee met on February 17th. The committee received updates on all ongoing projects. Also, there was discussion on Georgia Tucker and overcrowding at Lexington Elementary School.

Mrs. Dayton asked that the Insurance Committee be furnished with the CD that provides information on Workers Comp Loss Control.

The Curriculum Committee will meet Thursday, February 25th at 4:00 p.m.

Action Item 10:A – Executive Session

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board convened in executive session at 5:05 p.m. to receive information on credit card investigations.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:00 p.m. with no action taken.

Agenda Item 11 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:00p.m. upon a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mr. Mickey Traweek
Board President

Mr. Julian M. Gray, Sr.
Interim Superintendent