

## MINUTES

Monroe City School Board  
2101 Roselawn Avenue  
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in a special called meeting, Tuesday, March 8, 2011 Monroe City School District Central Office, 2101 Roselawn Avenue; Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Mickey Traweek. Prayer was offered by Bishop Rodney McFarland. 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. Clarence Sharp  
Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr.  
Mr. Verbon Muhammad  
Mr. Glynn Ludley

#### Administrative Staff

Dr. Kathleen Harris  
Ms. Karla Bowlin  
Mr. Josh Leporati  
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

### Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Dayton, the Board approved the agenda as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

### Action Item 6 – 2011-2012 E-rate Solutions and MIS Backup Solution

Dr. Harris indicated that the E-rate deadline is March 24<sup>th</sup>. It is common practice that the documents are submitted at least two weeks in advance so that they are received in a timely manner. At this time, everything is in order and ready for Board approval.

It was moved by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mr. Ludley, to approve selections and contracts for 6:A1 – District Wide Wireless; 6:A2 – Voice Over Internet Protocol; 6:A3 – Networking Equipment Power Protection; 6:A4 – Telecom Services; 6:A5 – Internet Services for Student E-mail; 6:A6 – Basic Maintenance; 6:B – MIS Backup Solutions.

Mr. Muhammad asked if students will have access to wireless through Ipads and cell phones.

Mr. Leporati replied that district wireless covers 100% of the district and is content filtered.

Mr. Muhammad then asked if the matter with AT&T has been resolved.

Attorney Lawrence stated that he is awaiting additional information from AT&T. He further stated that he feels comfortable with the package that Mr. Leporati is bringing forth for approval. Ultimately, a finished product must be submitted to the Superintendent and Board President for signatures.

Mrs. Krutzer stated that she is concerned that she will be voting on a contract that has not been finalized.

Mrs. Dayton stated that there are pros and cons for staying with AT&T. She stated that she is also concerned that the contracts have not been finalized. She asked if the district will be obligated if E-rate is not funded.

Attorney Lawrence stated that he is structuring the contract so that the district is protected.

Mr. Leporati noted that if the district finds that the services are unacceptable, the carrier can be changed if needed. He informed the Board that if the carrier is changed, the district will have to sign new contracts and purchase all new devices. He stated that he has been in contact with service representatives from AT&T and they have assured him that they are working on issues that have arisen in the area.

Mr. Traweek stated that he is also concerned that the contracts are not complete. However, he will support approval if the Board Attorney is comfortable with moving forward.

Attorney Lawrence reiterated that his responsibility is to protect the district. He noted that the contracts will be complete prior to delivery to Mr. Traweek and Dr. Harris.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Action Item 7 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. upon a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mr. Sharp.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

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Mr. Mickey Traweek  
Board President

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Dr. Kathleen Harris  
Superintendent