

## MINUTES

Monroe City School Board  
2101 Roselawn Avenue  
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Thursday, May 27, 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 Mr. Johnny Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Traweek.

### Agenda Item 4: Roll Call

#### Board Members Present

Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Dayton  
Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Krutzer  
Mr. James Mickey Traweek  
Mr. Jessie Handy  
Mrs. Stephanie Smith  
Mrs. Brenda Shelling

#### Board Member Absent

Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr. (death in family)

#### Administrative Staff

Mr. Julian Gray  
Mrs. Derenda Flowers  
Mrs. Betty Carroll  
Mrs. Vickie Irwin  
Dr. Tammye Turpin  
Mr. Andrew Hill  
Ms. Mamie Williams  
Mr. Bobby Williams  
Mrs. Julie Staley  
Mrs. Teresa Foreman  
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

### Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

President Traweek noted that action item 8:C2 is to be changed to awarding of 2010 Computer Lease RFP to Dell Marketing/Financial.

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Mrs. Shelling, the Board approved the agenda with the change as indicated.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 6 – Approval of Board Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the minutes of May 4, 2010 as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7:1 – Recognition: Carroll High School Choir

Mr. Roosevelt Pine thanked the Board and community for their support as they traveled to New York, NY to participate in the Field Studies International Festival at Carnegie Hall. The choir received a Superior Rating in all performances.

Agenda Item 7:2 – Recognition: J. S. Clark Magnet 2009-2010 High Performing/High Poverty School

J. S. Clark Magnet School is recognized for being a High Performing/Poverty High School. Clark is one of 35 schools in Louisiana to receive this recognition. To be eligible, the school must earn a School Performance Score of 100 or above for the last two consecutive years, must have a free/reduced lunch rate of 65% or higher, and must have received a “School in Decline” accountability label. This is the second year that Clark has received this recognition.

Action Item 7:3 – Permission to advertise for a Secondary Supervisor

It was moved by Mrs. Shelling and seconded by Mrs. Smith to advertise for a secondary supervisor.

President Traweek suggested that this item be tabled because the new superintendent may want to reorganize.

Mrs. Shelling stated that the position is a necessity. Filling the position now will allow the new supervisor to work with Mr. Williams before he retires.

Mr. Gray stated that the secondary position is very important because the person will serve as both the Vocational Education Supervisor and Secondary Supervisor. Regardless of how the superintendent reorganizes, the position is vital.

Mrs. Shelling noted that the supervisor’s responsibilities will be stated on the job description.

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

#### Action Item 7:4 – Appointment of Principal of Lincoln Elementary School

It is the recommendation of the superintendent to appoint Mrs. Vickie Williams as the principal of Lincoln Elementary School.

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the recommendation of the superintendent.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Action Item 7:5 – Appointment of Principal of Madison James Foster Elementary School

It is the recommendation of the superintendent to appoint Mr. Marquette Marshall as the principal of Madison James Foster Elementary School.

On a motion by Mr. Handy that was seconded by Mrs. Shelling, the Board approved the recommendation of the superintendent.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Shelling stated that she has received numerous calls from staff, parents, and the community in support of Mr. Marshall.

Superintendent Gray and Board members thanked Mrs. Barbara Hodges for serving as interim principal of Madison James Foster.

#### Action Item 8:A1 – Suspension of Board Policy on Second Readings of New Policies

It was moved by Mrs. Shelling and seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, to suspend all pertinent sections of the existing Monroe City School District Policies that require a second reading of a new policy or an amended policy prior to its adoption, and to permit the revised School Board Policies (some or all sections of A through G) prepared by Forethought Consulting to be immediately adopted.

#### Public Input

Mr. Dave Chaney stated that he is concerned with the policy manual being adopted tonight because employees did not have input. He asked the Board not to adopt Section G.

Mrs. Shelling stated that it is not a requirement that the policy manual be publicly viewed. She also stated the policy manual can be revised as needed.

Mrs. Smith noted that the policy manual has been worked on for months and it is time to move forward. If there are concerns or questions about the policy manual they should be brought to her attention.

President Traweek stated that the policies mirror the state and neighboring parishes. The district hired an expert to ensure that polices are accurate and up to date.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:A2 – Adoption of Section A-G of the Policy Manual

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board adopted Sections A through G of the policy manual as prepared by Forethought Consulting, which shall supplant, replace and render null the corresponding Sections A through G of the existing policies of the Monroe City School Board.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B – Human Resources Agenda

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the May 27, 2010 human resources agenda as presented by the administration.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:C1 – Permission to Advertise for Bids: Playground Equipment and Installation

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board authorized the administration to advertise for bids for playground equipment and installation.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Flowers noted that two schools have requested walking trails.

Mrs. Smith indicated that funds have not been dedicated for walking trails.

Mrs. Shelling stated that it may be possible for all schools to have walking trails in the next phase.

Action Item 8:C2 – Awarding of RFP: 2010 Computer Lease

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board awarded the 2010 Computer Lease RFP to Dell Marketing/Financial.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:C3 – Authorization to Purchase Modular Buildings

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board authorized the administration to rent two modular buildings for Lexington Elementary School and Minnie Ruffin Elementary School.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Agenda Item 8:C4 – Sole Source Justification

Dr. Turpin noted that this sole source item is for the purchase of a fitness program with nutrition and structured exercise for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program.

#### Agenda Item 9 – Superintendent’s Reports and Announcements

Test scores have been released. A written report is forthcoming.

Mr. Bobby Williams announced that the Certified Nurses Assistance Program at Carroll High School has obtained approval from the Department of Health and Hospitals. Students can now receive CNA certification.

#### Agenda Item 10 – President’s Reports and Announcements

President Traweck noted that the firm has received twenty-two applicants for the superintendent position. A work session with McPherson and Jacobson is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Central Office.

It is the consensus of the Board to cancel the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Agenda Item 11 – Board Committee Updates

Finance Committee: Two meetings were held to discuss the 2010-2011 budgets. During those meetings, department heads presented their budgets to the committee. Approval of budgets will be placed on the next Board agenda.

Curriculum Committee: The committee will bring a recommendation for the Fine Arts Program.

Mrs. Krutzer stated that she is concerned that numerous schools will be open this summer. She asked for a report on the number of students attending summer programs.

Facilities Committee: A standing committee meeting is scheduled on Mondays at noon. The meetings will be ongoing until current projects are completed.

Mr. Handy asked that the issues at Carroll High School’s stadium be placed on the next agenda for action.

#### Action Item 12 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Handy and seconded by Mrs. Smith.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

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Mr. Mickey Traweek  
Board President

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Mr. Julian M. Gray, Sr.  
Interim Superintendent