

MINUTES

Monroe City School Board
2101 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, May 4, 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 Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr. 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
Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr.
Mrs. Stephanie Smith

Board Member Absent

Mrs. Brenda Shelling (previous commitment)

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 the following changes to the agenda: Addition of action item 8:B1 (rescinding of April 16, 2010 human resources agenda items C:7 and G:1), change

action item 8:B1 (human resources agenda) to action item 8:B2 and delete action item 8:C2 (relocation/construction of Wossman baseball field).

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board approved the agenda with the changes as noted.

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 March 25, 2010 and April 16, 2010 minutes as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:1 – Permission to Travel

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board authorized travel for Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School Jr. Beta Club to Lafayette, LA; May 5-6, 2010.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:2 – Permission to Travel

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board authorized travel for Carmel Hill Summer Institute for the Gifted students to the University of Texas at Austin, University of California at Berkeley and Princeton; July – August 2010.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7:3 – Recognition: Elementary School Orchestra

Mr. Xuan Liu introduced the Sallie Humble-Lexington-Clark Orchestra. The group is being recognized for winning the 2009 LMEA District 8 Orchestra Festival Superior Concert Award, 2010 LMEA District 8 Orchestra Festival Sweepstakes Trophy for rating one in both concert and sight-reading, 2010 LMEA State Music Festival Superior Concert Award, first place Superior Concert Award at the All-Star Music Festival in Orlando, FL and the first elementary school to win a Superior Concert Award in a majority 8th grade and above level school competition.

Agenda Item 7:4 – Recognition: Carroll High School Lady Basketball Team

The Carroll High School Lady Basketball Team is being recognized for winning the 2009 LHSA Class 3A Championship. Coach Sheryl Madison thanked everyone for their

support. She noted that fourteen players are on the Honor Roll and that all six seniors will enroll in college this fall – four have received athletic scholarships and one has received an academic scholarship. The team was congratulated on their accomplishments.

Agenda Item 7:5 – Recognition: Neville High School Football Team

Coach Mickey McCarty spoke of the hard work and dedication of the players and coaching staff. He stated that he is proud of the teams' success on and off the football field. With over ninety players, the average GPA is 2.86. He noted that numerous football players have received academic and athletic scholarships. The team was congratulated for winning the 2009 LHSAA Class 4A State Football Championship.

Agenda Item 7:6 – Recognition: Neville High School Bengal Belle Dance Line

Ms. Jessica Smith noted that the Neville High School Bengal Belle Dance Line won the 2010 National Championship in High Kick and Hip Hop. The team also received numerous awards for technique and choreography. The dance line was congratulated on winning the National Championship.

Agenda Item 8:A – Permission to Re-name the Carroll High School Football Stadium

Mr. Lane Howell and Mr. Roy Shelling, representatives from Carroll High School Class of 1959, are seeking permission to re-name the Carroll High School Stadium the J. L. Thomas/Dorth Blade Memorial Stadium. It was noted that the design and location of the commemorative marker has not been finalized, but will be done in conjunction with the principal and athletic director. This project will be at no cost to the district.

Addition to the agenda

On a motion by Mr. Handy that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board changed agenda item 8:A to an action item.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

On a motion by Mr. Handy that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board granted permission to re-name the Carroll High School Stadium the J. L. Thomas/Dorth Blade Memorial Stadium.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B1 – Rescinding of April 16, 2010 Human Resources Agenda Items C:7 and G:1

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board rescinded April 16, 2010 human resources agenda items C:7 and G:1.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B2 – Human Resources Agenda

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved the May 4, 2010 human resources agenda as presented by the administration.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:C1 – Suspension of Change Order Policy

Mrs. Flowers stated this item was discussed at last week's Facilities Committee meeting. Board policy states that change orders of \$10,000 and above must come before the Board, and any change order under that amount can be approved by the superintendent. It was discussed by the chair of the committee, Mrs. Shelling, to bring all change orders before the Board.

It was the consensus of the Board that bringing change orders under \$10,000 would hinder the progress of projects. Mrs. Krutzer stated that the Board should be kept abreast of all change orders.

No action was taken on this item.

Action Item 8:C2 – Relocation/Construction of Wossman High School Baseball Field

Deleted

Agenda Item 9 – Superintendent's Reports and Announcements

State Superintendent Paul Pastorek will be in the district on Wednesday, May 5th to visit schools.

Mr. Handy asked the superintendent to consider a pay increase for central office administrative staff. He stated that this group of employees has not received a pay raise.

Agenda Item 10 – President's Reports and Announcements

President Traweck noted that all Board members have fulfilled the requirements of ACT 380. A copy of the official transcript will be placed in the minute book.

President Traweck asked Mrs. Flowers to address questions about the sales tax checks.

Mrs. Flowers stated that there is a 6% drop in sales tax collection because of the economy. Also, the number of employees that the funds are shared with has increased. The 1968 sales tax is seeing a larger decrease every year because it is shared with

Ouachita Parish. She reiterated that sales tax collection is a direct reflection of the economy.

Mr. Gray stated that the staff will work toward having checks ready for pick-up on Friday, May 7th.

Agenda Item 11 – Board Committee Updates

Policy Committee: May 12th at 9:00 a.m. Forethought will facilitate the meeting. Board members are asked to review Section G prior to the meeting.

Curriculum Committee: May 10th at 2:30 p.m.

Facilities Committee: May 10th at 4:00 p.m.

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 Mr. Handy and seconded by Mrs. Krutzer.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mr. Mickey Traweek
Board President

Mr. Julian M. Gray, Sr.
Interim Superintendent