

## MINUTES

Monroe City School Board  
2101 Roselawn Avenue  
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at the Monroe City School District Media Center, 2009 Auburn Avenue; Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Traweek. Prayer was offered by Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Carol Ullman.

### 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

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

### Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Gray asked that authorization to transport the Neville High School Debate Team to Waco, Texas be added to the agenda as action item 9:B.

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board approved the agenda with the change as indicated.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Action Item 6 – Executive Session

It was moved by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Shelling, to convene in executive session to discuss the election of a superintendent.

President Traweek stated that the purpose of the executive session is to discuss the candidates only.

Bishop McFarland rescinded his motion and Mrs. Shelling rescinded her second.

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board convened in executive session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss the character, competency, fitness and backgrounds of applicants for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:12 p.m. and the meeting continued.

#### Action Item 7 – Election of a Superintendent of Schools

It was moved by Mrs. Shelling and seconded by Mrs. Smith, to elect Dr. Kathleen Harris as the Superintendent of Schools.

President Traweek stated that the search process was outstanding and that the district had very good candidates to choose from. He further stated that Dr. Harris has a great resume but his choice is Dr. Cole Pugh. He has a proven track record as a superintendent.

Mrs. Dayton stated that she is opposed to Dr. Harris even though she is qualified. Dr. Pugh is a very successful superintendent that can bring successful programs to the district. He has a proven track record.

Mrs. Krutzer stated that Dr. Pugh has the experience that the district is looking for - he met every aspect of the criteria. Although Dr. Harris is an outstanding candidate, Dr. Pugh will be a stronger leader for the district.

Mr. Handy stated that Dr. Harris is a strong candidate. She has served as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and board member. He further stated that it is his desire that the full board work with the new superintendent.

Bishop McFarland stated that because of Dr. Harris' background, she will be able to unite the Board and move the district forward.

Mrs. Smith stated that Dr. Pugh is a good candidate but Dr. Harris was most impressive. Because of her various roles in education, she will be able to relate to everyone.

Mrs. Shelling stated that Dr. Harris will bring a high level of educational experience to the district. She has experience as a teacher, administrator, state department employee and board member. She has high expectations for all students. She is the best person to lead the school district.

Mr. Traweek stated that all candidates are excellent, but he must vote against Dr. Harris. He noted that although he will vote against Dr. Harris he will work with her to move the district forward. He also noted that her appointment will be historical because she will be the first female superintendent.

In favor: Mr. Handy, Bishop McFarland, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Shelling

Opposed: Mrs. Dayton, Mrs. Krutzer, Mr. Traweek

The motion carried on a majority vote.

President Traweek asked Mrs. Smith to work with him on Dr. Harris' contract.

#### Action Item 8 – Approval of Board Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board approved the minutes of May 27, 2010 as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Action Item 9:A – Authorization to Name the Wossman High School Football Stadium

Mr. George Belton, Head Football Coach at Wossman High School, spoke of the many accomplishments and legacy of former principal Mr. Grady Jones. He noted that it is the recommendation of the alumni, faculty and staff to honor Mr. Jones by naming the stadium after him.

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board authorized the naming of the Wossman High School Stadium the James Grady Jones Memorial Stadium.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Action Item 9:B – Permission to Transport Neville High School Debate Team to Waco, Texas

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board authorized the use of a Monroe City School bus to drop-off (July 11, 2010) and pick-up (July 25, 2010) the Neville High School Debate Team for camp at Baylor University in Waco, TX.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 10:A – Human Resources Agenda

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Shelling, the Board approved the June 15, 2010 human resources agenda as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Carroll indicated that F:2 on the human resources agenda should be removed. The prospective employee has declined the position.

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board rescinded the employment of Jeff Lodgen.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 10:B1 – Approval of 2010-2011 Consolidated Budgets

On a motion by Mrs. Dayton that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the 2010-2011 Federal Programs Consolidated Application (Title I, II, IV and IDEA) Regular Budgets.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 10:B2 – Approval of MOU for TIF Grant

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board authorized the administration to enter into a MOU with the Louisiana Department of Education for the Teacher Incentive Fund Grant contingent upon funding for the High Performing School Initiatives Grant.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 10:C1 – Approval of 2009-2010 Revised Budget and 2010-2011 Budgets

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved a resolution approving the 2009-2010 revised budget for General Funds and Special Revenue and 2010-2011 budget for General Funds and Special Revenue Funds.

Mr. Traweek stated that because of budget cuts at the state level, there will be no MFP monies next school term.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Krutzer asked that the Business Department and Human Resources make sure all site codes are corrected. By doing so, the budget will be easier to read.

#### Action Item 10:C2 – Awarding of Bids for Surplus Equipment

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board awarded the bids as indicated on the tab sheet.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Action Item 10:C3 – Permission to Advertise for Bids

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board authorized the administration to advertise for the following bids:

- a. Instructional Supplies
- b. Janitorial Supplies
- c. Milk and Juice Products
- d. Bread
- e. Food Products for 2010-2011
- f. Paper and Cleaning Supplies

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Agenda Item 11 – Superintendent’s Reports and Announcements

Mr. Gray thanked principals and administrators for their hard work and support.

#### Agenda Item 12 – President’s Reports and Announcements

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> at noon. At that time the contract for the superintendent will be finalized.

A reception for Mr. Gray will be scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup>. The time and location will be announced.

Board members are asked to review the draft board meeting schedule for 2010-2011. The schedule will be voted on at the next meeting.

#### Agenda Item 13 – Board Committee Updates

Facilities Committee: The architects will bring to the committee two options for the new central office building at the next scheduled meeting. Updates were given on all ongoing projects. Also discussed was the Cypress Point parking lot, repairs at Carroll High School stadium and field house and walking tracks at Cypress Point Elementary School and Lexington Elementary School.

Mr. Monroe noted that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Carroll High School’s Baseball Field will be held June 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Curriculum Committee: Meeting to be announced.

Mrs. Shelling thanked everyone that participated in the superintendent selection process. She also noted that the Interfaith Organization sent letters to all Board members in full support of Dr. Kathleen Harris. She encouraged all Board members to work with the new superintendent.

Action Item 14– Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. upon a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mr. Handy.

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