

MINUTES

Monroe City School Board
2101 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at the Monroe City School District Central Office, 2101 Roselawn Avenue; Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Traweek. Prayer was offered by Rev James B. 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
Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr.
Mrs. Stephanie Smith
Mrs. Brenda Shelling

Administrative Staff

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

Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

President Traweek noted that an executive session needs to be added to the agenda as Action Item 7:A.

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling 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 – Approval of Board Minutes

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the minutes of June 15, 2010 as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:A – Executive Session

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board convened in executive session at 12:17 p.m. to discuss the contract of Dr. Kathleen Harris.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The Board reconvened in open session at 12:40 p.m. and the meeting continued.

Action Item 7:B – Approval of Superintendent’s Contract

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board approved the employment contract of Dr. Kathleen Harris as the Superintendent of Monroe City Schools.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

President Traweek noted that Dr. Harris will begin on July 15, 2010. Also, a Board retreat will be scheduled at a later date.

Action Item 8 – Contract Extension for Interim Superintendent Julian Gray

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board extended the contract of Mr. Julian Gray until July 15, 2010.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:A – 2010-2011 Property and Casualty Insurance Renewals

Mrs. Dayton stated that this is an extension of the current insurance. There has been a reduction in cost but no reduction in coverage.

On a motion by Mrs. Dayton that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the district’s Property and Casualty Insurance renewals for 2010-2011.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:B – Salary and Employment Changes/Step Increases

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Shelling, the Board

approved salary changes for 2010-2011 including a 3% increase for classified employees, step increases for Central Office Administrators, eleven month employment for high school counselors, ten month employment for high school band directors, increase after school take-home pay to \$22.00 per trip for bus drivers, upgrade salary schedule for professional and technical employees and upgrade positions for certain clerical and professional and technical employees as recommended by the superintendent.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Krutzer asked that information such as this be given to the Board in a more time manner so that it can be studied.

Mrs. Dayton stated that she has a copy of the Caddo Parish Comprehensive Personnel and Salary Study that she will share with Dr. Harris.

Action Item 10:A – 2010-2011 Board Meeting Schedule

Bishop McFarland stated that he has reservations about approving the schedule beyond January because the new Board should have an opportunity to set their own schedule.

Mrs. Smith noted that Board policy states that meetings are to be held the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Attorney Lawrence stated that there is a requirement to post a meeting schedule through the end of the fiscal year.

It is the consensus of the Board to move the September 7th board meeting to September 9th.

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board moved the September 7th board meeting to September 9th and approved the 2010-2011 schedule with meetings after January subject to change by the new Board.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 10:B – Human Resources Agenda

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the June 30, 2010 human resources agenda as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 10:C – Appointment of the 2010-2011 Official Journal

Mrs. Flowers disseminated copies of quotes from the Monroe Dispatch and the Free Press.

Mr. Handy noted that the Monroe Dispatch is less expensive.

On a motion by Mr. Handy that was seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board appointed the Monroe Dispatch as the official journal for 2010-2011.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 11 – Superintendent’s Reports and Announcements

Mr. Gray thanked the Board for allowing him to be a part of the Monroe City School District again by serving as the interim superintendent.

Board members thanked him for his service.

Bishop McFarland asked that Mr. Gray’s name be placed on the plaque at central office along with other Superintendents of Monroe City Schools.

Agenda Item 12 – President’s Reports and Announcements

President Traweek thanked Mrs. Smith for assisting with the superintendent’s contract negotiations.

A reception for Mr. Gray will be held today at 4:00 p.m. at Carroll High School.

Action Item 13 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. upon a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mr. Handy.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mr. Mickey Traweek
Board President

Mr. Julian M. Gray, Sr.
Interim Superintendent