

MINUTES

Monroe City School Board
2101 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at the Monroe City School District Media Center, 2009 Roselawn Avenue; Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Traweek. Prayer was offered by Mr. Jessie Handy. 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. Teresa Foreman
Dr. Tammye Turpin
Mr. Andrew Hill
Ms. Mamie Williams
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

President Traweek noted the following changes/additions to the agenda: Human resources agenda - delete C:1, change C:2 and C:3 to B:10 and B:11, remove E:12 for separate vote; and add permission to advertise for an assistant principal of Carroll High as 7:A.

On a motion by Mrs. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the agenda with the changes 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 Mrs. Dayton, the Board approved the minutes of June 30, 2010 as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:A – Approval of Administrators’ Contracts

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved contracts for Mr. Jerald Kennedy, Assistant Principal of Carroll Jr. High; Ms. Valeria Benson, Principal of Carver Elementary and Ms. Lametria Robinson, Principal of Clara Hall Elementary.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7:B – Permission to Advertise for an Assistant Principal of Carroll High

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board authorized the administration to advertise for an assistant principal of Carroll High School.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:A – Approval of Administration Complex Renovation Plans

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling that was seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board approved the Administration Complex Renovation Plans as recommended by the Facilities Committee.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B – Human Resources Agenda

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the human resources agenda with the exclusion of item 12:E.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item – Human Resources Agenda Item 12:E

It was moved by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, to table human resources agenda item 12:E.

Mr. Handy asked that action be taken on this item.

Bishop McFarland withdrew the motion and Mrs. Smith withdrew the second.

It was moved by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, to delete human resources agenda item 12:E.

The motion carried on a majority vote. Mrs. Shelling recused.

Action Item 8:C1 – Establishment of a 9th Grade Academy

Dr. Turpin noted that a 9th grade academy is being implemented at Wossman and Carroll High. Funds have been dedicated for the 9th grade initiative at Carroll High. It is her recommendation that the district move forward with the initiative utilizing the current staff.

Mrs. Smith asked why Neville is not a part of the initiative. She stated that the curriculum committee discussed a 9th grade academy for all schools.

Mrs. Krutzer stated that Neville did not ask for an academy.

President Traweek and Mrs. Shelling asked if the academy can be implemented this school term.

Dr. Turpin stated that additional input from principals is needed.

Mr. Handy stated that Carroll is ready to begin their program this year. He further stated that he does not want that school to be held back because other schools are not ready.

It was moved by Mrs. Shelling and seconded by Mrs. Dayton, to begin the implementation of a 9th grade academy for school year 2010-2011 with full implementation at all three high schools by school year 2011-2012.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8:C2 – Reconfiguration of Carroll Jr. and Lee Jr. as Middle Schools

President Traweek noted that this item is on the agenda for discussion only. There needs to be a major discussion regarding this item because there are many factors to consider.

Mrs. Shelling stated that the Curriculum Committee made a recommendation that this item be placed on the agenda as an action item. She further stated that recommendations from committees should not be changed.

Mr. Gray stated that the district will have to rezone in order to make Lee Jr. and Carroll Jr. middle schools. He also stated that additional funds and facilities will be needed if sixth graders are placed at those schools.

Mrs. Smith stated that the administration needs to consult with staff from Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School before the middle school concept is implemented.

Action Item 8:D1 – Awarding of Bread Product Bid

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board awarded the bread product bid to IBC Sales Corporation/Holsum.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:D2 – Awarding of Milk and Orange Juice Bid

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board awarded the milk and orange juice bid to Bordens.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:D3 – Awarding of Instructional Supplies Bid

On a motion by Bishop McFarland that was seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board awarded the instructional supplies bid as indicated on the spreadsheet.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9 – Board Committee Updates

Curriculum Committee: Meeting to be scheduled after the arrival of the new superintendent.

Facilities Committee: Committee approved the removal of unusable soil on the construction site at Lee Jr. High. Installation of windows and doors at Neville is nearing completion.

Bishop McFarland requested a study on the use of artificial turf for high school football fields. He also requested a study on a four-day school week.

Superintendent Gray stated that the study has been completed. A meeting will be scheduled with the business manager to discuss monetary savings for the district. It was noted that a four-day work week will affect the salaries of bus drivers and cafeteria workers.

Agenda Item 10 – Superintendent's Reports and Announcements

The district will partner with St. Francis Hospital to bring a School Based Health Clinic at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School.

Mr. Robert Rowan, a local contractor, has donated \$10,000 each to Wossman and Carroll High Schools. Attorney Lawrence is collaborating with Mr. Rowan's attorney to ensure that the money is used as requested.

Agenda Item 11 – President’s Reports and Announcements

President Traweek informed the Board that Dr. Harris will begin work on July 15th.

Action Item 12 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Handy and seconded by Bishop McFarland.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mr. Mickey Traweek
Board President

Mr. Julian M. Gray, Sr.
Interim Superintendent