

## MINUTES

Monroe City School Board  
2101 Roselawn Avenue  
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in a regular session, Monday, August 24, 2009 at the Monroe City School Board Media Center, 2009 Auburn Avenue, Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Shelling. Prayer was offered by Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. H. M. Butler.

### 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  
Dr. Tammye Turpin  
Mrs. Betty Carroll  
Mrs. Vickie Irwin  
Mrs. Julie Staley  
Mr. Bobby Williams  
Mrs. Teresa Foreman  
Mr. Andrew Hill  
Attorney L. Douglas Lawrence

### Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

President Shelling requested that the Board convene in executive session following the Carroll High School Alumni presentation to receive an update on the status conference in the matter of Dr. James Dupree vs. Monroe City School Board. Mr. Handy asked that an Attorney General’s Opinion regarding the hiring of employees in the absence of a superintendent be added to the agenda.

Upon a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board adopted the agenda with the additions as indicated.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 6: Approval of Minutes – July 28, 2009

On a motion by Mr. Traweck and seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board approved the July 28, 2009 minutes as printed.

The motion carried on a majority vote. Mr. Handy stated that he is opposed because personnel matters have not been ratified.

Agenda Item 7:A – Presentation: Carroll High School’s Darrel Isaac Andrews Band Building Project

Ms. Mary Fortson and Mr. Robinson, Carroll High School Class of 1964, addressed the Board on CHS and the school district. They indicated that their class is concerned about the status of the school and the district. Several members of their class have relocated back to Monroe, and they are ready to work to enhance the image of the school and the district. During their recent class reunion, it was decided that their initial project would center on the naming of the Carroll High School Band Building after Darrel Isaac Andrews.

Board members thanked the alumni for sharing their vision for Carroll High School.

President Shelling noted that the board attorney would have to be consulted on this matter.

Action Item 7:B – Attorney General’s Opinion

On a motion by Mrs. Krutzer and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board authorized Attorney Lawrence to seek an Attorney General’s Opinion on employing personnel in the absence of a superintendent.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 7C – Executive Session

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board convened in executive session at 5:25 p.m. to receive information on the case of Dr. James A. Dupree vs. Monroe City Schools.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Reconvene In Open Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:35 p.m., and the meeting continued.

Mr. H. M. Butler inquired as to the discussion that took place in executive session.

President Shelling stated that executive session matters cannot be discussed.

New Business

Action Item 8:A1– Awarding of Bid

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Traweek, the Board authorized the administration to advertise for bids for the windows project at Neville High School.

The motion carried on a majority vote.

Action Item 8:A2 – Permission to Contract with ARCO for the Destruction of Documents

It was moved by Mr. Handy and seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, to contract with ARCO for the destruction of documents.

Mrs. Smith stated that she is concerned about destroying records at this time. She asked that this matter wait until the issue with the superintendent is resolved.

Mrs. Flowers noted that the items to be destroyed are files that are over five years old.

Mrs. Dayton stated that there needs to be policy and a plan for scanning.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 8:B1 – Human Resources Agenda of July 28, 2009

Bishop McFarland requested that no action be taken on this item due to the absence of a superintendent.

No action taken on this item.

Action Item 8:B2 – Human Resource Agenda of August 24, 2009

No action taken on this item

Action Item 8:C1 – Resolution Authorizing the Use of ARRP Title I Stimulus Funds

It was moved by Mr. Handy and seconded by Mr. Traweek to approve a resolution to authorize the use of ARRP Title I Stimulus Funds to fund the cost of employing twelve current teaching positions to supplant the loss of MFP funding.

Mrs. Krutzer stated that she is concerned about using one-time Stimulus Funds for salaries.

Mrs. Dayton asked that the Board receive a report on actual enrollment and student/teacher ratio.

The motion carried on a majority vote. Mrs. Krutzer opposed.

Action Item 8:C2 – Permission to Advertise for RFP for Library Books and Consulting

On a motion by Mrs. Dayton and seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board authorized the administration to advertise for RFP for library books and library consulting services.

Mrs. Dayton asked for a report on textbooks.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9 – Committee Reports

- A. Facilities: Mr. Traweek – No report. Mrs. Smith asked Mr. Traweek to look into cafeteria needs at Wossman. She also asked that Mrs. Stephanie Weaver provide a report on all school cafeterias at the facilities committee meeting. President Shelling indicated that the next Board worksession can be dedicated to the Facilities Needs Assessment Binder.
- B. Transportation: Mrs. Krutzer – No report. President Shelling provided Mrs. Krutzer with a packet of information regarding matters in the Transportation Department. She asked that a committee meeting be scheduled as soon as possible.
- C. Curriculum Committee: Mrs. Krutzer – A meeting will be held on September 1<sup>st</sup> after the policy committee.
- D. Insurance: Mr. Handy – No report.
- E. Policy: Mrs. Dayton – The committee will meet on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
- F. Finance: President Shelling – A meeting will be scheduled in approximately two weeks.

Action Item 10 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m., upon a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Handy.

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Mrs. Brenda Shelling  
Board President

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Mr. Julian M. Gray, Sr.  
Educational Consultant