

## MINUTES

Monroe City School Board  
2101 Roselawn Avenue  
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at Neville High School, 600 Forsythe Avenue, Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Shelling. Prayer was offered by Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr. Neville High School's Color Guard posted the National Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Taylor Burch, Neville High School.

### Agenda Item 4: Roll Call

#### Board Members Present

Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Krutzer  
Mr. James Mickey Traweek  
Mr. Jessie Handy  
Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr.  
Mrs. Stephanie Smith  
Mrs. Brenda Shelling

#### Board Member Absent

Mrs. Victoria "Vickie" Dayton (absent due to work)

#### Administrative Staff

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

### Action Item 5 – Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland, the Board approved the agenda as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Action Item 6 – Approval of Board Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Traweek and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved the minutes of August 12, 2009, August 17, 2009, August 24, 2009, August 26, 2009 and September 1, 2009 as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Agenda Item 7:A – Recognitions

Mr. Gray presented the “You Make The Difference Award” to Mrs. Lametria Robinson, principal of Clara Hall Elementary School and Mrs. Jacqueline Anderson, principal of Jefferson Elementary School. Mr. Gray stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade iLEAP scores were high enough to cause Clara Hall to exit the state’s list of Academically Unacceptable Schools. The baseline school performance score increased by 13 points.

Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Anderson both stated that the gain was achieved by working together as a team.

#### Action Item 7:B – Permission to Travel

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved travel for Carroll Jr. High School to New York, NY; April 28 – May 1, 2010.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Action Item 7:C – Appointment of an Assistant Principal at M.L.K. Middle

Mr. Gray stated that a principal should have the freedom to choose their staff in order to be effective. He then asked Interim Principal Harrington Watson to announce his recommendation.

Mr. Watson stated that his recommendation is Mrs. Harvetta Reddix.

On a motion by Mrs. Krutzer and seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved Mrs. Harvetta Reddix as the assistant principal of Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Reddix thanked the Board for their support.

#### Action Item 8: Credit Card Usage Policy (Second Reading)

Mrs. Flowers noted that the policy was previously read. She asked if it is a requirement to read the policy again.

Attorney Lawrence stated that the policy is available for viewing and does not have to be read again

On a motion by Mr. Traweek and seconded by Mrs. Krutzer, the Board accepted the credit card usage policy as presented by the administration.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:A – Human Resources Agenda

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mr. Handy, the Board approved the September 15, 2009 human resources agenda as printed.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 9:B1 – Awarding of Bid

On a motion by Bishop McFarland and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board awarded the bid for choir risers for Neville High School to Wenger Corporation.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Smith noted that risers are also needed at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School.

Action Item 9:B2 – Adoption of the 2009 Tax Millage

Mr. Traweek asked if there is an increase from last year.

Mrs. Flowers noted that there is an increase of 2 mills for debt services.

Operational	6.950 mills
Maintenance	14.170 mills
Special	6.040 mills
Debt Services	14.000 mills

On a motion by Mr. Handy and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved a resolution to adopt millages levied on the 2009 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Monroe City School District.

The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9:C – July 2009 Financial Report

Mrs. Flowers noted that the report is broken down into three categories: general funds, state and federal resources. There was very little activity in the month of July. Expenditures for July mainly consisted of employees' salary and benefits.

Mrs. Krutzer requested a copy of the revised 2008-2009 budget.

Agenda Item 10 – Committee Reports

- A. Personnel: Bishop McFarland – No report.
- B. Facilities: Mr. Traweek – No report. To be discussed at the retreat.
- C. Curriculum: Mrs. Krutzer – Due to the retreat, no meeting will be scheduled next week.
- D. Policy: Mrs. Dayton (Absent)
- E. Public Relations: Mrs. Smith – No report. To be discussed at the retreat.
- F. Finance: President Shelling – No report. To be discussed at the retreat.

Agenda Item 11– Interim Superintendent’s Reports and Announcements

Mr. Gray asked board members to familiarize themselves with the “Race to the Top” initiative that’s in the board packet. He also asked that it be discussed at the retreat. In order for states to receive these funds, school districts must raise their school performance score from 60 to 80.

Enrollment has not decreased significantly. The district is only down by 150 students. Truancy social workers and principals are continuously trying to locate no-show students.

MIS has dedicated a separate phone line for the transportation department to insure that parents have access to that department at all times.

Agenda Item 12 – President’s Reports and Announcements

The one-day retreat is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2009 and will begin at 8:30 a. m. It is a possibility that it may be carried over for a half-day the following day. A tentative agenda was distributed to Board members.

Action Item 13 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. upon a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Bishop McFarland.

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Mrs. Brenda Shelling  
Board President

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Mr. Julian M. Gray, Sr.  
Interim Superintendent