

Monroe City School Board of Education
2006 Tower Drive
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

MINUTES

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at Monroe City School District Central Office, 2006 Tower Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Brandon Johnson. Prayer and Pledge was offered by Pastor Gary Livien of World Love Ministries, Chaplain, Richwood Correctional Center.

Agenda Item 1C – Roll Call

Present: Mr. Rick Saulsberry, Ms. Jennifer Haneline, Mr. Bill Willson, Mr. Daryll Berry, Mrs. Betty Ward Cooper, Mr. Brandon Johnson, and Mrs. Sharon Neal Greer

Action Item 1D – Adoption of the Agenda

President Brandon Johnson noted to remove consent agenda item 2M Policy BBBE-R (Board Member Travel Regulations) and delete Old Business agenda item 4A Policy JCDAF (Bullying and Hazing).

On a motion by Ms. Hanline and seconded by Mr. Saulsberry the Board approved the removal of both agenda items consent item 2M and old business item 4A. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

On a motion by Ms. Haneline and seconded by Mr. Saulsberry the board approved the agenda with changes. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 2 – Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mrs. Greer, the Board approved November 1, 2022 board meeting minutes; Resolution accepting and approving the Compliance Questionnaire for the Monroe City School Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; Proposed Salary Increase for Interpreters and Crossing Guards; 2022-2023 Pupil Progression Plan Addendum; Carroll High School Magnet Program, Clinical Experiences Affiliation Agreement with St. Joseph Continuing Care Center; Approved First Reading of Policies IDDFC (Cameras in Special Education Classrooms) and LEH (Patriotic Organizations); Awarding of Bid# MC23-06 Chiller Replacements at Clara Hall, Minnie Ruffin, and Roy Neal Shelling; Awarding of Bid# MC23-04 Carroll High School Mechanical Improvements; Awarding of Bid# MC23-05 Carroll High School Band Renovations and Additions; Jefferson Upper Elementary 4-H Club travel to New Orleans and Neville Jr High Tiger line travel to Lafayette Louisiana. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Action Item 3 – Consent Items for Separate Consideration

None

Agenda Item 5A and B – Financial Reports

- Financial reports can be viewed in BoardDocs.

Agenda Item 5C – Superintendent Report

Superintendent Vidrine noted December 9, 2022, is Professional Development Day for staff. He thanked Mr. Saulsberry and Mrs. Greer for their service and support to the Board for the past four years and Mrs. Greer for being Vice - President of the Board the past two years. Dr. Vidrine thanked Mr. Johnson for being board President for this past year.

Agenda Item 5D – Report of Board Members

Ms. Haneline reported there was a policy committee meeting held; the updated policies can be viewed on the website. Policy BBBE-R (Board Member Travel and Regulations) and Policy JCDAF (Bullying and Hazing) was tabled. Mrs. Haneline thanked Mr. Saulsberry and Mr. Johnson for their participation. She acknowledged Mrs. Brenda Shelling for attending the policy committee meeting and welcomed her back to the Board. Ms. Haneline noted if anyone is interested in seeing work the students have done, there will be a band concert tomorrow at Neville Junior High School at 9:30. She noted Primary Health had a ribbon cutting for one of their new mobile Health Units at Wossman and had the pleasure to tour and see the progress on the addition. Ms. Haneline wished Mr. Saulsberry and Mrs. Greer well and thanked them for their service to the community.

Mr. Willson reported he enjoyed serving with Mr. Saulsberry and Mrs. Greer for the past four years and wished them the best future endeavors. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas and not to forget the reason for the season.

Mr. Willson left the meeting at 6:11pm

Mr. Saulsberry reported a facilities meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13 at 5:00pm. Mr. Saulsberry read a statement on the pleasure he had serving on the Board, how he served the community and his reason for not returning to the Board at this time. Mr. Saulsberry stated he take responsibility for his service to the children seriously and will continue. He looks forward to serving again in the capacity of a school Board Member, but until then he will serve as a parent, friend, educator, and someone who loves our children.

Mr. Berry thanked God for giving him the opportunity and the voters for serving his third term on the Monroe City School Board. He appreciates the voters of District 4. He wished Mr. Saulsberry and Mrs. Greer the best and look forward to working with the Board to accomplish some his goals in the next four years. He knows the Board will have differences but hope to be respectful to each other and accept each other's views. Mr. Berry wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Cooper thanked everyone for being present and pleased with the constituents for coming to the meetings and offering their input to help make our district the best. Mrs. Cooper gave her blessings moving forward and she know they will do a great job wherever they may go. Mrs. Cooper noted this has been the year of policies in the state of Louisiana. It's unbelievable of the number of policies that they had to review, but do not mind doing it to make the right decisions for students, employees, and the community. Mrs. Copper reported on November 29th at the literacy commissions meeting they

were making sure the early literacy is improved. Mrs. Cooper stated for everyone to continue being involved, give input, show up in the community and make a difference whenever you can. She's excited for the upcoming opportunity and wish everyone well.

Mrs. Neal -Greer thanked her family, friends, supporters, and voters of District 7, who entrusted her with a four-year term to serve on the board. It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve on the Monroe City School District and community. She thanked the Superintendent, Administrator's, Principals, teachers, staff, and fellow Board Members. Mrs. Greer will continue to serve in the community to connect and give back. She welcomed Mrs. Brenda Shelling and Mr. Michael Sampognaro. Mrs. Greer wished everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and gave her love.

Board President Mr. Johnson thanked the Board Members for trusting him in being their President this year. Mr. Johnson stated it has been a pleasure and his phone line is open and it doesn't end here. Mr. Johnson congratulated Mr. Berry on his win. Mr. Johnson congratulated Wossman High School JROTC. He had the pleasure to visit on today and stated the entire officer team are women. Johnson noted all the cadets has maintained a GPA of 3.2 or above and has qualified for college with 10th graders scoring the minimum of 20 on ACT. He commended Sgt. Gibson on doing a good job with the young ladies and young men that are in the program.

Agenda Item 6A – Future Meetings

Board Meetings – January 24, 2023, and February 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment: Mrs. Brenda Shelling stated to Dr. Vidrine that the 24th of January is a bit late for the school board members to be sworn in and wanted to know if it could be shorter so that it won't be long being sworn in. She believes the Board Members should be sworn in unless there's a reason why they should not.

Dr. Vidrine responded, the Board Members selected and approved the dates. He stated an email will be sent again to review the calendar.

Agenda Item 7 Executive Session

None

Action Item 8 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion Ms. Haneline, seconded by Mr. Saulsberry, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

_____/Brandon Johnson/
Brandon Johnson
Board President

_____/Brent Vidrine/
Dr. Brent Vidrine
Superintendent

Note: These minutes summarize the final decisions made by the Board at the referenced meeting. This meeting was also audio recorded and that recording is available for review by contacting the Board clerk at tonya.robinson@mcschools.net.