

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

MINUTES

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Monroe City School District Central Office, 2006 Tower Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Jennifer Haneline. Prayer was offered by Former Board Member, Vickie Krutzer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Brenda Shelling.

Agenda Item 1C – Roll Call

Present: Mr. Sampognaro, Mrs. Haneline, Mr. Bill Willson, Daryll Berry, Mrs. Betty Ward Cooper, Mr. Brandon Johnson, and Mrs. Brenda Shelling

Action Item 1D – Adoption of the Agenda

Before adopting the agenda, Board President Haneline noted that the Louisiana Legislative Auditors completed their work, and she would like to present their findings to the Board and expects this to take 30 minutes. It was moved by Mr. Willson and seconded by Ms. Haneline to enter executive session after deliberation on the agenda.

Mr. Guice explained the motion and voting process. He stated the basis for the executive session is to discuss personnel and allegations that came out during investigation. There are two specific statues that would allow them to enter executive session, one Governing professional competency of personnel and one involving the investigation. Mr. Guice stated that the appropriate motion is to enter executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 under those provisions governing the competency of a person in (A)(1) as well as the results of the investigation.

Mr. Willson motioned on the terms of the one Mr. Guise enumerated above. Mrs. Shelling made a substitute motion and seconded by Mrs. Cooper to move to Monday on what Mr. Guice stated, to have time to answer. Mr. Willson withdrew his motion.

The board will meet on Monday morning to discuss the LLA findings.

It was moved by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mrs. Cooper, the board approved to adopt the agenda as printed. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 2A – Interview of Superintendent Candidates – Determine order of interviews, manner of questioning of candidates and related issues.

Mr. Guice explained the interview process.

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling and seconded by Mrs. Cooper the board approved to adopt the rules of engagement according to Mr. Guice. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Superintendent candidates pulled number 1-3 to determine the order of interview.

- #1 Sam Moore
- #2 Serena White
- #3 Clyde Washington

Agenda Item 2B - Conduct interviews of each applicant for Superintendent. Notice is given that a portion of such interviews may be held in executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 (A)(1).

The candidates were introduced by order of number and interviewed. An executive session was held after each candidate.

On a motion by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mrs. Shelling, the board approved to convene in executive session with the first candidate Mr. Sam Moore at 7:05pm to discuss any HR private information not to exceed 15 minutes.

The board reconvened in open session at 7:20pm.

On a motion by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mrs. Cooper the board convene in executive session with the second candidate Mrs. Serena White at 8:08pm not to exceed 15 minutes. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The board reconvened in open session at 8:21pm.

On a motion by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mrs. Cooper the board convene in executive session with the third candidate Mr. Clyde Washington at 9:18pm not to exceed 15 minutes. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The board reconvened in open session at 9:40pm.

Agenda Item 3A-C selection of Superintendent Discuss and/or consider election procedures.

Mr. Guice explained the election process. The Board members voted:

- Brenda Shelling – Sam Moore
- Jennifer Haneline – Clyde Washington
- Michael Sampognaro – Clyde Washington
- Bill Willson – Clyde Washington
- Betty Ward Cooper – Sam Moore
- Brandon Johnson – Sam Moore
- Daryll Berry – Sam Moore

New Superintendent Elect Sam Moore.

Mr. Moore had a moment of joy with family, friends and supporters and then thanked everyone for their support.

Board President Jennifer Haneline stated pending a contract negotiation to select Mr. Sam Moore as Superintendent.

On a motion by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Johnson the board approved to promote Mr. Sam Moore to Superintendent pending contract negotiation.

Agenda Item 4 – Future Board Meetings

Board of Education Meetings - March 19, 2024 and April 16, 2024 at 6:00p.m.;
Finance Committee Meeting will be held at 5:30pm instead of 5:00pm;added future board meeting Monday morning at 10:15am to discuss Louisiana Legislative Audit investigating findings.

Action Item 5 – Recess/Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Cooper, the meeting adjourn at 9:50pm.

/Jennifer Haneline/
Jennifer Haneline
Board President

/Sam L. Moore, III/
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Interim Co-Superintendent

/Serena White/
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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 tonyarobinson@mcschools.net