

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

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The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Monday, September 15, 2026, at Monroe City School District Central Office, 2006 Tower Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71201. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Board President Brandon Johnson. Board President Brandon Johnson offered prayer and Sgt DiCarlo, JROTC Instructor at Carroll High School led the Pledge of Allegiance. National Anthem was played.

Agenda Item 1C – Roll Call

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

Absent: Mr. Michael Sampognaro

Agenda Item 1D – Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mrs. Shelling the board approved to adopt the agenda as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling and seconded by Mr. Berry the board approved Board of Education Minutes - August 10, 2026, Attuned PLP 2026-2027, Bailey Education Group (Sped Support), Bailey Education Group (EL Support), K1DS First Education, McKinney Vento Data Tool, and US History Textbook Adoption.

Agenda Item 3A - Adoption of the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds Budget Resolution - Revised Budgets for 2025-2026 and Beginning Budgets for 2026-2027

On a motion by Ms. Shelling and seconded by Mrs. Cooper the board approved adoption of the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds Budget Resolution - Revised Budgets for 2025-2026 and Beginning Budgets for 2026-2027. The motion carried on a majority vote.

In Favor:

Daryll Berry
Betty Ward Cooper
Brenda Shelling
Brandon Johnson

Not In Favor

Jennifer Haneline
Bill Willson

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Agenda Item 3B - Authorization to advertise bids and acquire via state contract two (2) SPED and five (5) conventional school buses.

On a motion by Mrs. Shelling and seconded by Ms. Haneline the board approved authorization to advertise bids and acquire via state contract two (2) SPED and five (5) conventional school buses. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4A - Report of Superintendent

On September 8, 2026, the Budget Hearing for the 2025-26 Revised Budgets and 2026-2027 Beginning Budgets were conducted.

The budget book consists of a total of 30 Budgets

- General Fund (1)
- 1968 Sales Tax (2)
- 1994 Sales Tax (3)
- 2001 Sales Tax (3)
- School Food Services (2)
- Grants (19)

List of Priorities was discussed

- Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) is based on student enrollment determined on October 1st and February 1st
- Louisiana Legislature did not increase the MFP formula for 2026-2027 therefore it remains at \$4,015 per student.

Weighted add-ons that give additional funding

- Economically Disadvantaged
- Career & Technical
- Students with Disabilities
- Gifted & Talented

On June 2, 2026, the Governor announced Executive Order 26-047 to reduce the MFP funds appropriated in HB 1 to cover the cost of a \$2,000 stipend to certified personnel and \$1,000 stipend to classified staff. The Governor did not cover all employees. As indicated in the budget's hearing all the superintendents across the state and region agreed that's not feasible and would not be good for morale to only pay certain employees. The Superintendents agreed to pay all employees the stipend.

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The budgetary number was a little over \$2,074,523 and will cost a little over 2.5 million to pay all employees. There was a survey issued to all employees regarding the distribution of the stipend with two options and majority voted to receive the check before fall break instead of Christmas break. Distribution of the check

1968 Sales Tax

88% - Certified Personnel

12% - Classified Personnel

1994 Sales Tax

60% - Certified

10% - Classified

30% - Instructional

2001 Sales Tax

55% - Instructional programs, technology programs, and maintenance and operations

31% - Certified

14% - Classified

General Fund

Total estimated revenue for 2026-2027 is \$70,510,812 and is anticipated to decrease approximately \$2.5M (\$2,537,539) in total.

State Revenue represents 76% of total General Fund revenue, with MFP at \$51M

Total estimated expenditures for 2026-2027 is \$73,481,578 and anticipated to increase by \$1.5million

88% of expenditure is salaries & benefits

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Title I

Dr. Herron and her Team with Title I has been strategically funded to create structures that support economically disadvantaged students in our district. Madison James Foster has the highest population of economically disadvantaged students at 99.64%, and Lexington Elementary has the smallest at 59.49%.

Academic

The Academic Department continues to maintain a strong presence in schools, providing targeted support to strengthen teaching, learning, and school leadership. Academic Team members are actively participating in leadership and teacher collaboration meetings, working alongside school teams to address instructional priorities. Team members are also providing direct instructional support by modeling effective lesson delivery and high-quality instructional practices for teachers.

Beginning-of-the-Year DIBELS testing has been successfully completed, providing schools and district leaders with important baseline literacy data to guide instructional planning and student support.

The department has also conducted accountability sessions with school accountability specialists to complete required spring testing clean-up procedures and ensure the accuracy of student and assessment data.

Looking ahead, the Academic Team is scheduling goal-setting sessions with individual schools. These sessions will focus on reviewing current data, establishing measurable academic goals, identifying priority areas for growth, and aligning district and school-level supports to improve outcomes for all students.

Monroe City Schools offers coursework and IBCs that support multiple Jumpstart Pathways including:

- Business Management
- Architecture and Construction
- Manufacturing
- Arts, AV Technology and Communications
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Health Sciences
- Transportation Distribution and Logistics

Tops Tech Graduates:

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2022-2023 - 137 (26%)
2023-2024 - 116 (23%)
2024-2025 - 108 (20%)
2025-2026 - 158 (29%)
2026-2027 - 153 (30% of graduating class across district)

Areas of Growth

- Continuing to grow Work Based Learning programs
- Expanding Electrician Courses and IBCs
- Expanding Electrician Apprenticeship opportunity through local Unions
- Expanding Medical Internships with Saint Francis
- Growing internships within district facilities
- Working on adding CDL training with transportation, reviewing insurance and logistics

Mrs. Vickie Krutzer presented the Board with copies of the Declaration of Independence and Articles of Confederation and discussed statewide efforts to commemorate the nation's 250th anniversary. She stated the Commission encourages schools and communities to participate in related educational and commemorative activities. Reference was made to HCR 47 encouraging the display of founding documents in schools.

Agenda Item 5 – Future Meetings

Board of Education Meetings - October 6, 2026, November 10, 2026, and December 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 6 – Recess/Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Ms. Haneline and seconded by Mrs. Shelling, the meeting adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

\Brandon Johnson/
Brandon Johnson
Board President

\Sam L. Moore, III/
Sam L. Moore III
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