

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

MINUTES

The Monroe City School Board met in regular session, Tuesday, June 7, 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 was offered by Rev. Borris Braggs and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mikaya Ashley, a Junior at Ouachita High School.

**Agenda Item 1C – Roll Call**

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

Absent: Ms. Jennifer Haneline

**Action Item 1D – Adoption of the Agenda**

On a motion by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Berry the Board approved by unanimous vote the agenda with corrections to Consent Agenda Item 2B by the substitution of a corrected attachment, correction of Item K by striking out reference to “substitute bonuses,” to be replaced with “supplemental pay for substitute employees,” and addition of new Item L for approval for pay increases described in proposed substitute employee supplement pay schedule.

Without objection, Mr. Willson amended his motion, so as to move Item J from the Consent Agenda to be acted upon as a non-consent agenda item for separate consideration. On a motion by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr. Willson the board approved by unanimous vote the addition of Item J to the non-consent agenda for separate consideration.

**Action Item 2 A-I and K– Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr. Berry the Board approved May 17, 2022, Board of Education Minutes; approved bid award (Ref. Bid MC22-05) for Press Box Renovations Project for Carroll, Neville, and Wossman High Schools. (Including Addendum No.1); approved Lexia Core5 Reading; Neville Jr High School UCA Cheer camp permission to travel to Hot Springs, AR; permission to advertise for bids on Clara Hall, Minnie Ruffin, Roy Neal Shelling Elementary chillers; permission to advertise for bids on Carroll High School chillers; extend steps on salary schedules from 15 to 25 steps; substitute employees supplemental pay and propose substitutes pay scale

**Action Item 2J – Consent Items for Separate Consideration – Employee Raises 2022-2023**

By a vote of 4 in favor 2 recused and 1 absent (Ms. Haneline) the Board approved employee raises for 2022-2023.

### **Agenda Item 3– Report of Superintendent**

- Superintendent Vidrine thanked the Board for supporting the employees
- Summer program in full swing, transporting and feeding our students started on yesterday 7:30am to 12:30pm at all the schools
- Staff and Professional Developments are going on this summer

### **Agenda Item 3B – Report of Board Members**

Mr. Saulsberry reported on Parental Involvement Task Force meeting. Dr. Vidrine had a survey that was created, and it will be submitted to the parents for feedback. A webinar will be put in place for the Parental involvement app.

Mr. Berry thanked Dr. Vidrine and staff on taking care of employees and substitutes raises.

Mrs. Ward-Cooper concur with Mr. Berry on taking of all the employees is important. She reported on last night finance committee meeting.

Mr. Willson echoed what the Board members stated. He reported on the finance budget from last night meeting. Mr. Willson gave insight on how the state is in the process of redoing how we grade academics in high school.

Mrs. Greer reported on safety in the schools. She would like to see some implementation on what can be added to the schools to make students feel safer.

Board President, Brandon Johnson asked Dr. Vidrine to get answers on the range that is listed on the pay salary scale. Mr. Johnson thanked the continued support and teamwork of the Board Members and Superintendent Vidrine. He thanked Attorney Lawrence for the legal guidance and everything he is doing. Mr. Willson thanked Mr. Johnson for his leadership. Principals’ presentations are postponed until October for more accurate information to share with the Board.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Future Meetings**

Board of Education Meetings July 19, 2022, and August 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

### **Action Item 8 – Recess/Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Berry

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/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](mailto:tonya.robinson@mcschools.net).*