

MINUTES 22-02
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 25, 2022

Mr. Tim Holtcamp, president, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:02 PM in the board room at Madison City Schools Central Office. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, roll call was conducted of school board members.

I. ROLL CALL

Roll Call of school board members recorded as follows:

Place No. 1	Mr. Greg Hulsey	Present
Place No. 2	Mr. Tim Holtcamp	Present
Place No. 3	Mrs. Alice Lessmann	Present
Place No. 4	Mr. Luis Ferrer	Present
Place No. 5	Mr. Travis Cummings	Present

Also present was Dr. Ed Nichols, superintendent, Mr. Woody Sanderson, school board attorney, and Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the January 25, 2022, school board meeting agenda. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Nichols announced that January was School Appreciation Month. He thanked school board members for their service to the school district. Dr. Nichols also presented each school board with a framed magazine article, which expressed thanks to them for their tireless work, a book dedicated to James Clemens High library on their behalf, and school paraphernalia from Bob Jones High School.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nine individuals addressed the school board during this meeting. A parent asked the school board and superintendent to follow Centers for Disease Control guidelines. Other asked the Board to remove the mask requirement for students. Another person applauded the Board for their service and stated the Board does have the authority to require masks in the school district.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (b) Camp Invention to be held at Midtown Elementary School June 6-10, 2022; (c) Disposal of equipment (six hyperextension machines) at James Clemens High School on Govdeals.com; (d) Disposal of equipment (an ice machine) at Bob Jones High School on Govdeals.com; and (e) a special education agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and the parent(s) of G.L., a minor, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), 20 U.S.C. 1400, et seq., 34C.F.R. §300.500 et seq. and The Alabama Administrative Code (AAC) as described in the settlement agreement between the parties. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve recommendations (b) – (e). Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item (a) Minutes #22-01, January 6, 2022. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 3-0, with abstentions from two members (Mr. Greg Hulsey and Mr. Luis Ferrer)

The superintendent recommended approval of a training agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Professional Crisis Management Association, Inc. to provide crisis management training and certification for persons working with individuals with special needs for the total sum of \$8,125.00 as described in the agreement. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent presented the following policies for a first reading to amend: 5.14 – Anti Harassment; 5.15 – Employee Sexual Harassment; and 6.10 – Student Sexual Harassment.

No action was required for these items.

The superintendent recommends approval of supplemental contracts for work to be performed for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the recommendations. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommends approval of a list of substitutes for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the recommendations. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of personnel items presented at the school board meeting. The Board agreed to approve the personnel items as a group. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the personnel items. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols introduced Mrs. Rachel Gibbs as the new elementary instructional technology specialist; Mr. Russel Johnson as the new secondary instructional technology specialist; and Mrs. Katie Whitt as the new elementary math specialist for the school district.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer Kyker and School Resource Officer Scott for attending the school board meeting. He then stated a work session would held next month to update the Board on the construction of Journey Middle School. Dr. Nichols also explained that ESSER funds received from the federal government did not require the system sign an agreement to place masks on students. He went on to explain that some of the funds were used to purchase air filters, hand sanitizer and laptops. The remaining ESSER funds were used to provide after-school/summer school remediation for students. Dr. Nichols also stated that Refuel was not removed from student schedules. There were not enough workers to prepare the food for refuel activities. The school is in the process of hiring additional child nutrition workers for James Clemens. Dr. Nichols stated the school would continue Refuel sessions once workers are hired. He then mentioned that he taught physical education at Heritage Elementary School, and a geography class for seventh and eighth graders during the past week. He also stated that students would have a few virtual days due to the increased number of staff out of schools and the lack of substitutes available due to COVID.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Alice Lessmann welcomed newly hired staff at central office - Mrs. Rachel Gibbs, Mr. Russel Johnson, and Mrs. Katie Whitt. She also mentioned she attended the Bob Jones High School Wind Ensemble performance in Birmingham, AL. Mrs. Lessmann announced several events scheduled throughout the district - S2S (Military Child Coalition) event at the end of March, a Science Fair for kindergarten – eighth graders on March 3, 2022, and Pre-Kindergarten registration started on January 15, 2022. Additionally, she talked about a \$10,500 grant received by the Knights of Columbus for the district's Special Education Department.

Mr. Travis Cummings thanked everyone for his or her public comments. He also thanked Councilperson Karen Denzine for attending the school board meeting.

Mr. Greg Hulsey encouraged the public to sign up to be substitute teachers in schools. He also asked about parents being allowed in schools to cover breaks for teachers.

Mr. Luis Ferrer asked everyone to contact legislators regarding funding for mental health.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp welcomed newly employed staff for the central office. He also thanked all for recognizing the school board during School Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Holtcamp then asked everyone to lift up teachers and staff. He announced the next school board meeting scheduled for February 3, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

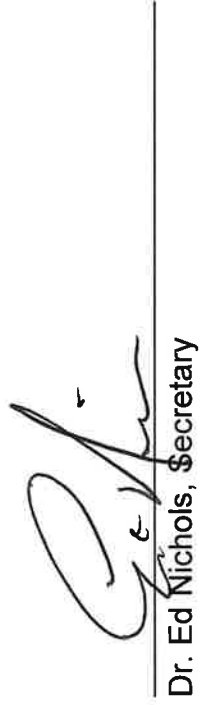
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.



Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, President



Dr. Ed Nichols, Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary