

MINUTES 22-07
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 24, 2022

Mr. Tim Holtcamp, president, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:06 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 were Dr. Ed Nichols, superintendent, and Mr. Woody Sanderson, school board attorney.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the March 24, 2022, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Miranda Bolden, principal of Columbia Elementary School, introduced Columbia Elementary Drama Department students and staff. The group promoted their upcoming play, Frozen Jr. All school board members and superintendent received tickets to the play.

Mr. Jaime Hill, principal of Discovery Middle School, introduced Scholars Bowl Team teacher/sponsor Mrs. Sara Baragona. The Board recognized the team for their outstanding performance at a recent state scholars bowl competition. All students and sponsors received a certificate of recognition from the Board and superintendent.

Ms. Courtney Kelley, dance team coach at Liberty Middle School, introduced the Liberty Middle Lionettes Dance Team members. The dance team was recognized by the Board and superintendent for placing second nationally in hip-hop and fourth nationally in pom at the recent National Dance Alliance (NDA) Championship in Orlando, Florida.

Mr. Tim Smalley of Byrd, Smalley & Adams PC., provided a brief overview of his firm's financial audit of Madison City Schools for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2021. Mr. Smalley started by commending the Madison City Schools Finance Department staff for transparency and cooperation. He also said the audit "did not find weaknesses with your control system nor non-compliance." Mr. Smalley concluded the Board appears "financially sound" due to its "financial practices."

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public addressed the Board during this meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda Item (a) Minutes #22-06, March 10, 2022; (b) disposal/sale of a 2005 Ford Expedition (part of the school system's white fleet) on the website Govdeals.com; and (c) Madison City Schools Elementary Summer Camp price increase for rising kindergarten – rising sixth graders:

- Weekly rate for 1 child increasing from \$140 to \$160
- Weekly rate for 2 children increasing from \$210 to \$250
- Weekly rate for 3 children increasing from \$270 to \$330

Camps will be held at Heritage, Midtown and Mill Creek elementary schools June 1, 2022 – July 22, 2022. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve recommendations. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

V. ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

The superintendent recommended approval of Bid #2022-04, White Fleet, from Bill Penny Toyota who presented the only responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications for a total cost of \$236,717 for year one as described in the bid tabulation sheet. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of substitutes for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve list as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the list of substitutes. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of personnel items for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the personnel items as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the personnel items and job description. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols announced retirees listed on this agenda. He also thanked them for their service to the school district.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols commended the Madison Police Chief for handing out certificates at a Too Good For Drugs program at Madison Elementary. Dr. Nichols noted the landscaping work that is under way at Bob Jones High School. He then commended Board Attorney Woody Sanderson for helping to arrange students from Bob Jones High School participation in the traveling Alabama State Supreme Court hearing at the Von Braun Center. Dr. Nichols also referenced the following: The mobile welding program at the old West Madison Elementary campus; MCS middle and high school band and chorus programs earned superior ratings at a recent state assessments; theater programs at Bob Jones High School and James Clemens High Schools recently received generous grants from the Alabama Arts Education Initiative to help those program; and Liberty Middle's Tutoring program started by science teacher Kristen Brown has been hugely successful with a lot of support from community donors; Cyber security programs by Madison City Schools are performing admirably and winning many competitions.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Greg Hulseley congratulated students from Columbia Drama, Discovery Scholars Bowl and Liberty Lionettes who were recognized during the school board meeting. He said the positive audit is a validation of the great systems and controls in place to manage a school system this size.

Mr. Luis Ferrer also congratulated the students recognized during the school board meeting. Regarding the positive audit report, he echoed its importance to a school system having a \$162 million budget, more than 12,000 students and approximately 2,000 employees.

Mr. Travis Cummings called it a “highlight” whenever students and student groups are recognized at Board meetings for outstanding performances. He said the positive audit “speaks volumes” about the leadership and work in the finance department.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann also commended the audit that reflected no deficiencies. She then talked about how much she appreciated the unique opportunities for students to sit in on a state Supreme Court case. Mrs. Lessmann congratulated the LMS Lionettes and Discovery Middle Scholars Bowl members who were recognized during the school board meeting. Mrs. Lessmann also stated she looks forward to the Columbia Elementary Drama Club performance of Frozen on April 1-3, 2022.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp commented about the Alabama Association of School Board training that board members took part in over spring break. He attended the poverty simulation during the AASB conference. He stated the session was eye opening and a reminder of how many of us are blessed. Mr. Holtcamp announced that the next school board meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2022 at 5:00 PM at central office.

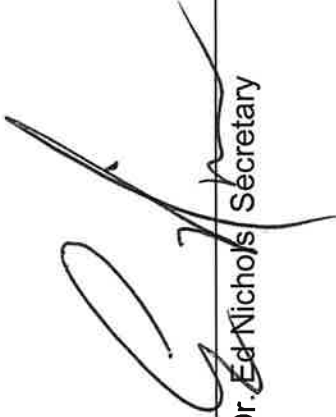
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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