

MINUTES 22-09  
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 7, 2022

Mr. Tim Holtcamp, president, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:05 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, 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 April 7, 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. Georgina Nelson, principal of Heritage Elementary School, talked about an Amazing Shake Competition (Ron Clark Academy) that a few fifth grade students from Heritage Elementary attended in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Nelson introduced two club sponsors from Heritage Elementary who talked about the student's hand shaking and eye contact skills required for the competition. The competition was comprised of 160 students. Heritage Elementary students won the fifth – eighth grade division of the contest. A video of the students in action at the competition was played during the school board meeting. The superintendent and Board members congratulated the group for their success at the competition.

Ms. Shelia Graves, grant administrator, announced that April is month of the Military Family. She also asked that everyone wear purple on April 14, 2022 to show support for military families. A student from a military family in Madison, AL talked briefly about the support she received in her school as a student of a military family.

Dr. Brian Clayton, principal of James Clemens High School, introduced the head coach of the James Clemens High Boys Basketball Team, Mr. Frankie Sullivan. Coach Sullivan introduced team members who finished second at the Alabama High School Athletic Association State Finals. A certificate of recognition was provided to the coach for each team player for their successful basketball season.

Dr. Travis Schrimsher, transportation coordinator, provided an update regarding the transportation department for Madison City Schools. Dr. Schrimsher stated that transportation department staff transport over 6,000 students on 104 buses each day. He also mentioned they are a certified training center for drivers. The transportation department currently needs over ten additional drivers.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda items. Mr. Luis Ferrer asked that Minutes #22-08, March 29, 2022 be acted on separately by the school board. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve minutes. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0, with one abstention from Mr. Luis Ferrer.

The superintendent recommended approval of remaining consent agenda items (b) Resolution #22-01, a resolution by the City of Madison Board of Education supporting Military Families Month and Purple Up for Military Kids; (c) early dismissal for James Clemens High School on May16, 2022 at 11:00 AM due to senior graduation; (d) clinical internship agreements by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Dr. Mahapatra, Chiropractic & Sports Care, and Urology Specialists PC, for James Clemens High School students; (e) Change order #3 for Heritage Elementary School HVAC for an increased amount of \$1,606.00; (f) award dual enrollment course, Principles of Microeconomics, on a 6.0 grade point average scale for students who have taken or are in the process of taking the course, but thereafter correct Principles of Microeconomics weight to a 4.0 GPA scale; (g) 2022 Madison City Schools Secondary Summer Programs for secondary students; and (h) 2022 Madison City Schools Elementary Summer Reading Program for elementary students. 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 a HVAC Renovation Bid for Columbia Elementary School from Smith Service Corporation, who presented the low responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications, for 3,300,000.00. Mr. John Jones, chief operations officer, and Mr. Johnny Echols, representative with Mechanical Designs, Inc., talked about the scope of the renovations. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a HVAC Renovation Bid for Rainbow Elementary School from Smith Service Corporation, who presented the low responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications, for 3,300,000.00. Mr. John Jones, chief operations officer, and Mr. Johnny Echols, representative with Mechanical Designs, Inc., talked about the scope of the renovations. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommends approval the February 2022 financial and bank reconciliation statements for Madison City Schools. Mrs. LaVerne Williams, chief school finance officer, explained the financial statements to the Board and public. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Luis Ferrer 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. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the contracts. Mrs. Alice Lessmann 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 congratulated Ms. Debra Weaver, elementary STEAM teacher, on her retirement from teaching. He then introduced and welcomed new volleyball coaches for James Clemens High, Ms. Shelby Grace Meyer, and Ms. Jenny Jarrett, Bob Jones High schools.

#### VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols talked about Niche Report rankings for schools in Madison City. Madison City Schools was ranked among the top ten districts in the state of Alabama. He also mentioned that parents could review textbooks prior to their approval for the school district. Dr. Nichols talked about various student events happening in the school district this week. He also discussed the outstanding district accreditation report the school district received from Cognia. He thanked Dr. Heather Donaldson, chief academic officer, for her leadership with district accreditation. Dr. Nichols then congratulated Mr. Jamie Hill, principal of Discovery Middle School, and Ms. Candice Story Lee, former Bob Jones High School student, for being inducted into the Madison County Sports Hall of Fame. He also thanked local legislators for their support of school districts, with their approval of the largest education budget in years. Additionally, he expressed thanks to school board members who lobbied for legislative support of school systems.

#### VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Greg Hulseley announced it was National Assistant Principal's Week. He thanked local administrators for their outstanding work. He then talked about Columbia Elementary School's outstanding presentation of *Frozen Jr.* Mr. Hulseley also congratulated the James High School Basketball Team for winning second place during the AHSAA Boys Basketball Finals. He then congratulated Heritage Elementary students for their exceptional performance at the Amazing Shake competition.

Mr. Luis Ferrer thanked teachers and staff for their work in making Madison City Schools great. He also talked about the great accreditation score received by the school system.

Mr. Travis Cummings thanked teachers for their work in education students. He also mentioned how great he felt hearing the success of students during the school board meeting.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann stated she enjoyed all presentations made during the school board meeting. She also stated how excited she was to hear that Governor Ivey signed a resolution supporting military families. She then welcomed new volleyball coaches for both high schools to the district. Mrs. Lessmann also talked about how wonderful the basketball coaching staff is at James Clemens High School.


Mr. Tim Holtcamp congratulated Ms. Debra Weaver on her retirement. He then welcomed new volleyball coaches for James Clemens High and Bob Jones High schools. Mr. Holtcamp also thanked local legislative delegations for their support of public schools. He then announced that Mr. Luis Ferrer applied for an additional term on the school board.


#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced that the next school board meeting has been scheduled for April 26, 2022 at 5:00 PM at central office. 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.

  
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Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, President

  
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Dr. Ed Nichols, Secretary

  
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Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary