

MINUTES 22-11
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 3, 2022

Mr. Tim Holtcamp, president, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:03 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	Absent
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 May 3, 2022, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

III. SCHOOL BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp passed the gavel to Dr. Nichols to conduct elections for the office of president of the City of Madison Board of Education. Mr. Travis Cummings nominated Mr. Timothy Holtcamp as president of the City of Madison Board of Education. There were no other nominations. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the nomination. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The gavel was given back to Mr. Tim Holtcamp to conduct the remainder of the school board meeting. Mr. Holtcamp called for nomination for the office of vice president of the school board. Alice Lessman nominated Mr. Travis Cummings. There were no additional nominations for the office of vice president of the school board. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the nomination. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Wendy Pharo, assistant principal of Horizon Elementary School, introduced students who were Alabama State Science Fair winners. The Board and superintendent presented the student with a certificate of recognition.

Dr. Brian Clayton, principal of James Clemens High School, announced Science and Engineering Fair student winners for state of Alabama. All students received a certificate of recognition from the superintendent and school board.

Mrs. Sylvia Lambert, Dr. Brian Clayton, and Mr. Shannon Brown, principals of Bob Jones High, James Clemens High and Liberty Middle schools respectively, announced Alabama State Superintendent's Visual Arts student winners from their schools. Each winner received a certificate of recognition from superintendent and school board.

Dr. Ed Nichols recognized Mrs. Kristen Steele, teacher at James Clemens High School for reaching the sweet sixteen and one of four finalists for 2022 Alabama Teacher of the Year. The team placed second in a state competition, but were named game day state champions. The team went on to place third at a national competition. All team members and coaches received a certificate of recognition from the superintendent and school board members.

Mrs. Patricia Batchelor, president of the Madison Parent Teacher Association, announced Alabama State PTA Reflection contest winners, Family Partnership Award (Midtown Elementary) Collaborating with the Community Award (James Clemens High) membership awards for schools (Madison City Schools), PTA Council of the Year (Madison City) and Alabama PTA Superintendent of the Year (Dr. Ed Nichols) for Madison City Schools. The Board and superintendent congratulated all winners and thanked the PTA for their support of the school district. The PTA also awarded \$500.00 scholarships to three students.

Dr. Susan Zinkil, director of special education, welcomed representatives for the Knight of Columbus of the meeting. She also thanked the Knights for the continued support of the Special Education Department. The funds are the proceeds from the Knights annual Tootsie Roll Drive/Race. The next race is scheduled for November 5, 2022.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two individuals addressed the school during the school board meeting. The first person made comments regarding Teacher Appreciation Week – asked for support of our teachers. The second person talked about putting safe guards in place regarding curriculum that should not be taught or discussed in schools.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #22-10, April 26, 2022; (b) Policies: Dual Enrollment Courses; FERPA Notice CSC; 4.10 – Service Animals in Schools; and 4.13 – Public Health Precautions and Infectious Disease Mitigation; (c) 2022 Summer Sports Camp Brochures for Bob Jones High and James Clemens High schools; (d) 2022 Special Education Extended School Year Program; and (e) Adoption of Secondary English Language Arts textbooks. Mrs. Lessmann asked that the minutes be acted on as a separate item. The board agreed to approve the remaining items as a group. Mr. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the recommendations. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of Minutes #22-10, April 26, 2022. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve Minutes #22-10, April 26, 2022. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 3-0, with 1 abstention from Alice Lessmann.

The superintendent recommended the Board enter into a three-year cyber security contract with MAD Security for goods and services related to mitigation and protection from cyber security threats as outlined in their proposal as presented to the Board. Mr. Sanderson, school board attorney, has reviewed the proposal and has found that award of this contract is not subject to a competitive bid requirement because the goods and services to be provided are related to, or have an impact upon the security or safety of persons, structures, facilities, or infrastructure. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the cyber-security contract. Mr. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the March 2022 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mr. Eric Haynes, finance supervisor, explained the financial statements to the Board and public. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the recommendations. Mr. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the March 2022 Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mr. Haynes also explained the budget amendment to the Board and public. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the budget amendment. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

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. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of substitutes for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve list as a group. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the list of substitutes. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a principal employment contract by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Mr. Shannon Brown for a term of not less than three (3) years, in accordance with the Teacher Accountability Act, Alabama Code §16-24B-1, et seq., beginning on the 1st day of July, 2022, and expiring on the 30th day of June, 2025. . Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the principal contract for Mr. Shannon Brown. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a principal employment contract by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Mrs. Savannah Demeester for a term of not less than three (3) years, in accordance with the Teacher Accountability Act, Alabama Code §16-24B-1, et seq., beginning on the 1st day of July, 2022, and expiring on the 30th day of June, 2025. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the principal contract for Mrs. Savannah Demeester. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

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. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the personnel items. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer Aubrey Walls, Madison City Council representative Mrs. Karen Denzine, and Alabama State Representative Wayne Reynolds for attending the school board meeting. He expressed his appreciation for all teachers. Dr. Nichols also announced that students participating in the school district's welding program would have a signing day on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the central office. He also announced the Transportation Department received a perfect score on their bus inspections – for the eighth year in a row; two teachers from Madison City Schools received the University of Alabama Outstanding Mentor Teacher Award; and the Madison City School CEO Program held at Signalink. Dr. Nichols then thanked Dr. Daphne Jah, coordinator of personnel and her staff for the great job they do to recruit employees.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Greg Hulsey congratulated students, local school PTAs and Dr. Nichols for their awards won at competitions and award ceremonies.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann also congratulated students, PTA's, Dr. Nichols and Teacher of the Year finalist, Mrs. Kristen Steele for their accomplishments. She also congratulated Mrs. Leah McRae on her retirement. Mrs. Lessmann expressed her appreciation to the Knights of Columbus for their support of the school system. Lastly, she talked a 5-K Color Run supporting autism.

Mr. Travis Cummings also congratulated students recognized during the school board meeting. He talked about how great it is to have so many awards won by students and teachers.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp thanked Dr. Wayne Reynold and Mrs. Karen Denzine for attending the school board meeting. He then announced the next school board meeting would be held on May 19, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the board room at central office.


IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was approved 4-0.



Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, President



Dr. Ed Nichols, Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary