

MINUTES 23-01  
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 12, 2023

Mr. Travis Cummings, vice president, called the City of Madison Board of Education meeting 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. Tommy Overcash	Present
Place No. 2	Mr. Tim Holtcamp	Absent
Place No. 3	Mrs. Alice Lessmann	Present
Place No. 4	Mr. Scott Newberry	Present
Place No. 5	Mr. Travis Cummings	Present

Also present were Dr. Ed Nichols, superintendent of Madison City Schools, Mr. Woody Sanderson, Mr. Zach Roberson, board attorneys, and LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Travis Cummings called for a motion to approve the January 12, 2022, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Hannah Stockman, competition cheer head coach, introduced the cheer squad and assistant coaches, who won the Alabama High School Athletic Association 7A Cheerleading Competition. A certificate of recognition was presented to the team for their outstanding accomplishment in winning at the state level. The team is preparing for a national competition in February 2023.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were three people who addressed the school board during this meeting. Two of the three people expressed their concerns regarding the student and administrator confrontation that occurred on the bus at James Clemens High School. The other person asked about space for the archery team to practice.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #22-28, December 8, 2022; (b) Camp Invention to be held at Midtown Elementary School on June 5-9, 2023; (c) a sports medicine and sponsorship agreement by and between the Health Care Authority of The City of Huntsville and the City of Madison Board of Education to provide and support athletics programs in secondary schools as part of the extracurricular activities for students as described in the agreement; (d) disposal/sale of James Clemens High School band uniforms (70 uniforms) on GovDeals.com; (e) 2023 Career Tech Textbook Adoption Committee for Madison City Schools; (f) Bid 2023-03, Paging Systems from CT Integrated Solutions, who presented the only responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications for a total cost of \$626,764 for one year; (g) a field trip request for Bob Jones High theater students to attend the Regional Southeastern Theater Conference Competition in Lexington, Kentucky March 1-5, 2023; and (h) an agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and s24 Labs, LLC for use of Indoor Practice Facility for James Clemens High School Baseball and Softball Teams and for s24 Labs, LLC access to James Clemens High School Fields from January 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023, as described in the agreement. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the bid. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the November 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. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the financial statements. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the November 2022 Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mrs. LaVerne Williams, chief school finance officer, explained the reason for the budget to the Board and public. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the financial statements. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of substitutes for the school district. The Board agreed to approve the list as a group. Mr. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the substitute list for the school district. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of contracts for supplemental work performed for the school district. The Board agreed to approve the contracts as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the supplemental contracts. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of personnel recommendations for the school district. The Board agreed to approve the personnel recommendations as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the personnel recommendations. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

#### VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked Dr. Kerry Donaldson, interim principal at James Clemens High School, for his wonderful work as the principal at James Clemens. He also thanked staff for doing a great job coordinating events during the server weather. Dr. Nichols then congratulated Stephanie Allen, mental health coordinator, for being selected as the vice president of the Alabama School Counselor Association. He also encourages parents of students who work for the federal government to complete and return impact aid forms to their child's school(s). Dr. Nichols went on to talk about various construction projects in the school district (Joyney Middle School, West Madison Pre-K Center, playgrounds at various schools, and the special education wing at Bob Jones High School. Dr. Nichols then thanked School Resource Officer Ryan Parish for attending the school board meeting.

#### VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Scott Newberry congratulated the James Clemens High School cheerleaders for winning at the state level. He also mentioned he and other school board members had an opportunity to assist with the car line at Columbia Elementary during this week.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann welcomed everyone back from winter break. She announced the drama showcase of "Aladdin, Jr.!" by Columbia Elementary students at Bob Jones High School in Zompa Auditorium. Show times will be January 20 at 7:00 PM and January 21 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Mrs. Lessmann also thanked Mrs. Stephanie Allen for hosting a mental health matters event on

January 18, 2023, at the Madison Library. She then stated that Madison CEO students did an excellent job at an event held by local businesses in Madison. In addition, she announced that Bob Jones High School wrestlers won second place at a regional competition. Mrs. Lessmann went on to say Dr. Kerry Donaldson is a hard worker with a big heart. Lastly, she thanked members of the public who addressed the Board during this meeting.

Mr. Travis Cummings congratulated Mrs. Stephanie Allen for being names vice president of the Alabama School Counselor Association. He also thanked all who addressed the Board during the public comments section of the meeting. Mr. Cummings also asked the Board's attorney to clarify the Board's role and responsibilities in the school district.

#### VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Travis Cummings stated the Board needed to enter an executive session to discuss pending or imminently likely litigation. Mr. Cummings asked to Board's attorney to verify the topic for discussion met the requirements for an executive session of the school board. Mr. Sanderson verified the topic for discussion met the requirements for an executive session. Mr. Cummings then stated the Board would not take any action on the items discussed during the executive session, but would adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of the executive session. Mr. Cummings called for a motion to enter an executive session of the school board. Mrs. Lessmann motioned the Board enter an executive session. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

Mr. Travis Cummings called for a motion to end the executive session of the school board. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to end the executive session. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.


The motion was approved 4-0.

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Travis Cummings called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

  
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Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President

  
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Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary

  
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Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary