

MINUTES 23-03
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 9, 2023

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, president, called the City of Madison Board of Education meeting to order at 5:00 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	Present
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, board attorney, and LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the February 9, 2023, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Sylvia Lambert, principal of Bob Jones High School, introduced the Bob Jones High School Band director and assistant director. Band officers displayed trophies and talked about competitions won during the current school year. A certificate of recognition was presented to the band for their outstanding accomplishments obtained and/or won this school year.

Mrs. Lambert, also introduced presidential scholar candidates from Bob Jones High School. A certificate of recognition was provided to each student for their outstanding achievement.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public who addressed the school board during this meeting.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #23-02, January 23, 2023; (b) agreements with a parents of special education students relative to the provision of a free appropriate public education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), 20 U.S.C. 1400, et seq., 34 C.F.R. §300.500 et seq. and the Alabama Administrative Code (AAC).o; (c) Bid #2023-04, Journey Band Equipment from Gadsden Music Company, who presented the lowest responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications for a total cost of \$290,918.47; (d) a field trip request for Bob Jones High band students to attend competition in Hattiesburg Mississippi on March 10 – 12, 2023; (e) a Handle with Care agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education the City of Madison Police Department, and The National Children’s Advocacy Center focusing on notification to school by law enforcement when a child is exposed to trauma in the home or in the community and seeks to better enable schools to handle the child with care upon his or her arrival on the next school day following the incident; (f) increase the salary scale and number of days worked from 202 days to 212 days for the supervising nurse position in order to stay competitive with other districts in the surrounding area; (g) an action authorizing the superintendent, or his or her designee, to enter into short-term contracts, of no more than one month in duration, to temporarily fill positions which are vacant and for which an advertisement for filling the position has been posted, provided that:

(1) the best interests of the system are served by having the position filled immediately pending board action on filling the vacancy posted; (2) the amount paid under the contract does not exceed the hourly rate or monthly salary of the position advertised; (3) no such contract may be used to fill a position that is a direct report to the Superintendent, and (4) all such contracts shall be subject to ratification by the Board at its next meeting held after the effective date of the contract;

(h) a service agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Southern Jamm Security, Inc. to advise, assist and support security beginning February 13, 2023 – May 25, 2023 as described in the agreement.; and (i) an update to the dual enrollment policy for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the December 2022 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the December 2022 Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

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 5-0.

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. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the supplemental contracts. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent presented the following policies for first reading: 4.9 – Political Activity and 7.13 School Wellness.

No action was required for these items.

V. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer Dawe for attending the school board meeting. He then announced that February 15, 2023 is SRO Appreciation Day. He also announced that February is Counselor Appreciation Month. Dr. Nichols shared the district received three grants (career readiness grant, CTE middle school grant, and a Project Lead the Way grant). He then mentioned that a few staff members attended Key Leaders Network sessions in Gardendale, Alabama. Dr. Nichols also talked about a tour Journey Middle School, demolition underway at West Madison Pre-K Center, and the new special education wing at Bob Jones High School. Lastly, he thanked Alex Emmons, a student from Liberty Middle School, for leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag at the beginning of the school board meeting.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tommy Overcash congratulated Bob Jones High School band members for their outstanding accomplishments this school year. He also talked about a tour of Journey Middle School by he and other school board members. Mr. Overcash then stated he attended a dinner with local legislators sponsored by the Alabama Education Association.

Mr. Scott Newberry congratulated Bob Jones band members and Presidential Scholars candidates for their achievements. Mr. Newberry also stated he helped with the morning carline at Midtown Elementary School.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann offered congratulations to presidential scholar candidates who attended the school board meeting. She also congratulated wrestlers who will compete at sectionals. Mrs. Lessmann then stated she also attend a dinner with local legislators sponsored by the Alabama Education Association. Lastly, she read to kindergarten students at Horizon Elementary on Feb. 1, 2023.

Mr. Travis Cummings congratulated everyone who was recognized during the school board meeting. He also thanked Councilperson Karen Denzine for attending the school board meeting. .

Mr. Tim Holtcamp talked about School Resource Officer Appreciation Day. He thanked SRO Dawe for attending the school board meeting and his service to the community. Mr. Holtcamp then thanked Mrs. LaVerne Williams, chief finance officer, and her staff for their outstanding presentation at the bond market meetings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on February 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the central office. Mr. Holtcamp then 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 5-0.



Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President



Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary