

MINUTES 23-04
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 23, 2023

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, president, called the City of Madison Board of Education meeting 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. 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 23, 2023, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Kerry Donaldson, principal of James Clemens High School, introduced the James Clemens High School Band director. Members of the JCHS Band displayed trophies and talked about competitions won during the current school year. The Board and superintendent congratulated the band director and band members for their outstanding accomplishments obtained and/or won during the school year.

Dr. Donaldson then presidential scholar candidates from James Clemens High School. A certificate of recognition was provided to each student for their outstanding achievement in being named presidential scholar candidates.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #23-03, February 9, 2023; (b) Policies 4.9 – Political Activity and 7.13 School Wellness; (c) a field trip for Liberty Middle School Winter Guard to attend the SCGC Winter Guard Championship in Bowling Green, Kentucky on March 31, 2023 – April 1, 2023; (d) a field trip request for Bob Jones High and Discovery Middle School band students to attend Circuit Championship in Bowling Green, Kentucky on March 31, 2023 – April 2, 2023; (e) a field trip request for Bob Jones High School Band students to attend the WGI World Championship in Dayton, Ohio on April 12 – 16, 2023 (Guard) and April 18 – 23, 2023 (Wind/Percussion); and (f) an agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and School Pass to provide a platform (visitor management system) for consolidating student safety, physical attendance, dismissal, and parent engagement to be piloted at elementary schools for the term of one year (March 9, 2023 – March 8, 2024) at a cost of \$14,300.00. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the 2023 Elementary and Secondary EL Summer Camp, 2023 Elementary Summer Learning Programs (in-person and asynchronous), and 2023 Secondary Summer Learning Programs (in-person and asynchronous). All programs will run Monday through Thursday. Elementary EL will be at Midtown, Secondary EL will be at James Clemens, Elementary Summer Learning will be at Mill Creek, Middle School Summer Learning will be at Discovery, and High School Summer Learning will be at both Bob Jones and James Clemens high schools. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Scott Newberry 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. Travis Cummings 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. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the personnel recommendations. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols announced the retirements of Ms. Pam Beshorse, teacher at Horizon Elementary School, and Mrs. Bonnie Davis, school system supervising nurse. He shared his appreciation for the employees' service and dedication to Madison City Schools.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols announced there are approximately three weeks until spring break. Students attendance has ranged between 95% to 96% each day. He also mentioned that Bob Jones High School Basketball teams participated in regional competitions. Dr. Nichols was a speaker for an AP Seminar Class at James Clemens High School. He then discussed his podcast with Career Technical Education internship students. Dr. Nichols talked about the following events: Special Olympics Bowling competition, curriculum nights at secondary schools, Mental Health Matters event, and art shows. He and the Board assisted with car line at the Mill Creek Elementary. Dr. Nichols congratulated Columbia Elementary School staff and principal for being chosen by the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools as a School of Distinction. Lastly, he talked about the outstanding credit rating the school district received from the credit agencies in New York.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tommy Overcash congratulated Dr. Heather Donaldson, chief academic officer, and her staff for doing a great job providing relevant and rigorous curriculum for the students in Madison City.

Mr. Scott Newberry congratulated James Clemens High School band members and presidential scholar candidates for their achievements. He also stated he enjoyed helping with morning car line at Mill Creek Elementary School. Mr. Newberry then talked about the wonderful information he received from Instruction Department staff regarding student data.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann offered congratulations to James Clemens High School Presidential Scholar candidates and James Clemens Band members for their outstanding achievements this school year. She also congratulated Dr. Heather Donaldson and instruction staff for their curriculum and data information.

Mr. Travis Cummings thanked instruction department staff for providing great information reading student data. He announced that he has re-applied for his position on the school board. He also offered condolences to Dr. Daphne Jah, coordinator of personnel, regarding the passing of her father.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp thanked School Resource Officer Nunez for attending the school board meeting. Mr. Holtcamp then talked about the great relationship the school board and city council have in Madison, Alabama.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on March 9, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the central office, with a finance committee meeting to precede the school board meeting. Mr. Holtcamp then called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

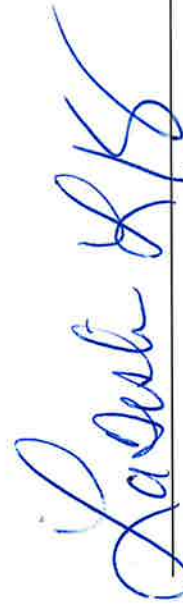
The motion was approved 5-0.



Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President



Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary