

MINUTES 23-05  
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 9, 2023

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, 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	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 March 9, 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, interim principal of James Clemens High School, introduced Ms. Hannah Stockman, head coach for James Clemens High School Cheerleaders. Ms. Stockman talked about the team competitions and wins at the national level. The team won Game Day, Small varsity and a World competition. A certificate of recognition was presented to the coach for the team by the superintendent on behalf of the schoolboard members.

Mr. Timothy Smalley, CPA with Byrd Smalley & Adams PC, presented the 2022 financial audit for Madison City Schools. Mr. Smalley announced the district received an "A" or best report on their audit. The accounting firm found no deficiencies nor non-compliances during the audit.

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 #23-04, February 23, 2023; (b) a field trip for Discovery Middle School Scholar's Bowl members to attend the MS National Championship in Chicago, Illinois on May 12, 2023 – May 15, 2023; (c) a field trip request for Discovery Middle School civics students to visit historical sites in Washington, DC on April 28, 2023 – April 30, 2023; (d) a field trip request for James Clemens High School Winter Guard students to attend a competition in Bowling Green, Kentucky on March 31, 2023 – April 1, 2023; (e) a field trip request for Bob Jones High and James Clemens High students to participate in a robotics competition in Tallahassee, Florida on March 23 - 26, 2023; (f) disposal/sale of four refrigerators used for Bob Jones High School culinary food storage (The refrigerators will be available for bid on the website: Govdeals.com); (g) disposal of James Clemens High School washer & four microwaves (All equipment is over 10 years old and doesn't operate); (h) 2023 Summer Chess Camp to be held at Journey Middle School on June 26 – 30, 2023; (i) Bid #2023-07, Custodial Equipment from Banks Industries who presented the only responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications for the cost of the following:

- -Oscillating Head Floor Scrubber \$12,430
- -Disk Head Floor Scrubber \$12,495
- -Floor Sweeper \$5,075

and (j) 2023 Madison City Schools Elementary Summer Camps to be held at Heritage, Midtown and Mill Creek elementary schools June 1, 2023 – July 21, 2023. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of Resolution #23-02, authorizing purchases of goods and services through cooperatives approved by the Alabama examiners of public accounts. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of Resolution #23-03, A resolution authorizing the issuance, sale, delivery, and payment of \$58,325,000 principal amount special tax school warrants, Series 2023. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the January 2023 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mrs. LaVerne Williams, chief finance officer, explained the financial statements to the Board and public. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the January 2023 Financial Statements for Madison City Schools. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the January 2023 Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mrs. Williams also explained the budget amendment. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the January 2023 budget amendment for Madison City Schools. 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. Mrs. 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. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the supplemental contracts. Mr. Scott Newberry 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 retirement of Ms. Marcia Humphrey, fifth grade teacher at Columbia Elementary School, Ms. Bonnie Chandler, secretary/bookkeeper at Midtown Elementary School, and Rosalyn Priester, special education teacher at James Clemens High School. He expressed appreciation to the announced retirees for their service and dedication to the Madison City Schools.

#### VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked Mrs. LaVerne Williams and Mrs. Jana Gray for their outstanding work to ensure the district received a fantastic financial audit. He also mentioned that various bands and choirs throughout the school district went through assessment. The groups did very well. Dr. Nichols also stated that it is the time in the year to review staffing for the next school year. He thanked School Resource Officer Victoria Bering for attending the school board meeting. He then talked about a podcast he recorded with Pre-Kindergarten staff. Dr. Nichols also stated that Dr. David West, coordinator of safety and security, would provide an update to the Board, after spring break, regarding safety upgrades for the school district.

#### VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Scott Newberry congratulated James Clemens High School cheerleaders for their first-place wins at various national competitions. He also thanked finance staff for achieving a great financial audit.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann offered congratulations to James Clemens High School Cheerleaders and coaches for winning multiple national titles. She then extended congratulation to students who were winners in the Alabama State Superintendent's Visual Arts Contest. She also thanked Mrs. Laverne Williams and the finance department for their great financial audit.

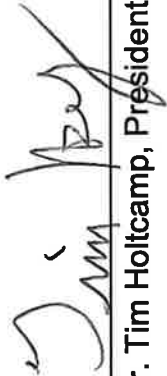
Mr. Travis Cummings also congratulated James Clemens High School Cheerleaders for their outstanding performances and first place wins at national competitions. He also thanked Dr. Heather Donaldson and instruction staff for providing great academic programs throughout the school district.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp expressed his appreciation to all retirees approved on the board agenda. Mr. Holtcamp then asked questions regarding the timeline for the new elementary school to be built in Limestone County.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT


Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on March 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.



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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