

MINUTES 21-18
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 27, 2021

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, president, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 4:30 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	Absent
Place No. 2	Mr. Tim Holtcamp	Present
Place No. 3	Mrs. Alice Lessmann	Present
Place No. 4	Mr. Luis Ferrer	Present
Place No. 5	Mr. Travis Cummings	Present

Also, present were Dr. Ed Nichols, superintendent, and Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the July 27, 2021, school board meeting agenda. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations at this meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public addressed the school board at this meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of supplement contracts for work to be performed for the school district. The Board agreed to act upon the recommendation as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the contracts. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of Preliminary and Advanced Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Science (TEAM) contracts for educators in the school district. The Board agreed to approve the recommendation as a group. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the TEAM contracts. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a probationary principal contract by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Mr. Karl Fernandez in accordance with the Teacher Accountability Act, Ala. Code §16-24B-1, et seq. for a period beginning July 19, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the probationary principal contracts for Mr. Karl Fernandez. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of personnel items presented at the school board meeting. The Board agreed to approve the personnel items as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the personnel items. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer Ruby Jewell for attending the school board meeting. Dr. Nichols thanked Mr. Eric Terrell, assistant superintendent, and Mr. John Jones, chief operating officer, for overseeing construction projects in the districts. Dr. Nichols then shared there have been 900 new students enrolled in the district. Half of the 900 students are kindergarteners. Dr. Nichols also proclaimed that Madison City Schools has the best teachers and staff.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Alice Lessmann thanked Dr. Nichols and staff for their hard work. She mentioned school would start in one week for students. Ms. Lessmann also thanked Mrs. Patricia Batchelor and Ms. Stephanie Walker, parent teacher association representatives, for the work PTA parents do for the school system.

Mr. Travis Cummings talked about his excitement regarding Employee Institute Day, July 28, 2021. He also thanked Ms. Batchelor and Ms. Walker for their work as a PTA representative in the school district.

Mr. Luis Ferrer also thanked PTA representatives present at the school board meeting. He went on to talked about his excitement regarding the start of school for students. He also mentioned the Board will always focus on the safety of students and staff regarding wearing masks in schools.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp stated he appreciates all the emails regarding mask wearing from all points of view. He also thanked Dr. Nichols for the guidance he provides regarding students wearing mask in school. Mr. Holtcamp then mentioned the procedure regarding wearing masks in schools would be revisited, if the state of Alabama or Madison County health officials issue warnings or Dr. Nichols changes his guidance on mask wearing. He announced that Employee Institute Day would be held at James Clemens High on July 28, 2021. Mr. Holtcamp also stated the next school board meetings would be held on July 29, 2021 and August 10, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.


The motion was approved 4-0.



Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, President



Dr. Ed Nichols, Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary