

MINUTES 22-06
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 10, 2022

Mr. Tim Holtcamp, president, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education 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. Greg Hulsey	Present
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; Mr. Woody Sanderson, school board attorney, and Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the March 10, 2022, school board meeting agenda. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Sylvia Lambert, principal of Bob Jones High School, introduced the coaches and members of the Bob Jones High School Boys and Girls Swim Team. The team placed second at the Alabama High School Athletic Association State Swim Competition. All team members and coaches received certificates of recognition from the school board and superintendent.

Dr. Daphne Jah, coordinator of personnel, presented information regarding employee recruitment, retention, resignations, and retirements. The school system retained 94% of certified staff and 95% of classified staff during the 2020-2021 School Year. Dr. Jah announced job fairs to be held at James Clemens High School on April 19-2022 and April 26, 2022 from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM each day.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two individuals addressed the school board during this meeting. Topics discussed by the public included the following: After-school clubs, parents sponsoring after-school clubs, students eating in cafeterias, removal of clear barriers, and the repair of broken laptops for students.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item (a) Minutes #22-05, February 24, 2022. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve recommendations. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0, with one abstention from Mr. Greg Hulsey.

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item (d): clinical internship agreements by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Durham Orthodontics and Maynor & Mitchell Eye Center for James Clemens High School students. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the agreement. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0, with one abstention from Mr. Greg Hulsey.

V. ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda items (b, c, e, f, and g): (b) disposal/sale of a 2014 Ford Escape, which is part of the City of Madison Board of Education white fleet on Govdeals.com; (c) a virtual day on March 29, 2022 for ninth, tenth and twelfth grade students due to eleventh grade students taking the American College Test (ACT); (e) a flyer for a summer chess camp to be held at Discovery Middle School on June 6-10, 2022; (f) an increase to the current rate for per diem travel from \$40/day to \$50/day effective April 1, 2022 (will also be reflected in the travel forms on our website); and (g) a Fiscal Accountability Report be placed in the school board meeting minutes for Bob Jones High School. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the recommendations. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the January 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. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the January 2022 Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mrs. LaVerne Williams, chief school finance officer, explained the budget amendment to the Board and public. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of supplemental contracts for work performed for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the contracts as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the contracts. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of substitutes for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve list as a group. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the list of substitutes. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of personnel items for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the personnel items as a group, which included a job description for a Technology Help Desk Manager for the central office. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the personnel items and job description. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols announced retirees listed on this agenda. He also thanked them for their service to the school district.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officers Scott and Parrish for attending the school board meeting. He also recognized Madison City Council Member Karen Denzine for attending the school board meeting. Dr. Nichols then talked briefly regarding the Alabama Education Budget, which includes a 4% pay raise for education employees. Dr. Nichols then thanked Dr. Heather Donaldson, chief academic officer, for her leadership during the school system's accreditation. He went on to discuss various student team/group events he attended during the past week.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Alice Lessmann thanked Dr. Heather Donaldson for her guidance and leadership during accreditation. She then talked about a visit from Dr. Eric Mackey, Alabama State Superintendent, to Discovery Middle School. Dr. Mackey announced a Milliken Award winner, Ms. Kelsey Cooper, teacher at Discovery Middle School. Mrs. Lessmann also announced this week was Social Worker Recognition Week. She also congratulated a Madison City student who won the Madison Hospital Art Contest.

Mr. Travis Cummings talked about supply chain issues impacting janitorial and technology supplies. He also thanked Dr. Donaldson for her guidance during school system accreditation.

Mr. Greg Hulsey congratulated Mr. Wade Thaxton, swim coach, and Mr. Frankie Sullivan, James Clemens High School Boys Basketball coach for leading their teams to second place wins at state competitions. He also thanked Dr. Donaldson for her leadership during school district accreditation.

Mr. Luis Ferrer congratulated Ms. Cooper, teacher at Discovery Middle School, for being chosen as a Milliken Award winner. He encouraged parents to contact their school principal, if they have an issue at their school.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on March 24, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Mr. Timothy Holtcamp announced to Board needed to enter an executive session to discuss pending or imminently likely litigation. Mr. Woody Sanderson, school board attorney, affirmed the item to be discussed met the criteria to be conducted in executive session. Mr. Holtcamp also stated the Board would adjourn after ending the executive session. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to enter executive session. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp called for a motion to exit the executive session of the Board.

Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to exit the executive session. Mr. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

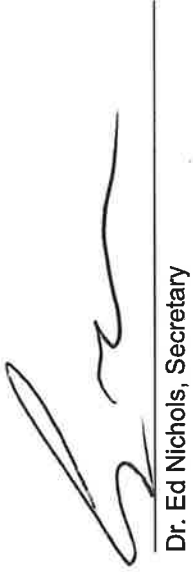
IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was approved 5-0.



Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, President



Dr. Ed Nichols, Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary