

MINUTES 21-05
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 11, 2021

Mr. Timothy 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, board attorney, and Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the March 11, 2021 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

Dr. Brian Clayton, principal of James Clemens High School, introduced the coach for the James Clemens High School competition cheerleaders. Coach Hannah Stockman introduced team members and an assistant coach. The cheerleaders won the Alabama High School Athletics Association 7A State Championship. Team members were given certificates of recognition from the superintendent and school board.

Mrs. Laverne Williams, chief school finance officer, introduced Mr. Jason Harper and Ms. Catherine Cannon, auditors with Carr, Riggs, and Ingrams accounting firm. Mr. Harper presented information from the Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Report for finances for the district. The audit report showed no significant findings for the district's finances. He also stated the accounting department for the school system does a great job managing funds.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Jennifer Lear asked that special education case managers be allowed to return earlier from summer break to review special education cases and meet with students. She also offered to chair the special education committee for the district.

V. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): a) Minutes 21-04, February 25, 2021; and b) 2021 elementary summer camps at Columbia Elementary, Heritage Elementary, and Mill Creek Elementary schools beginning Tuesday, June 1, 2021 through Friday, July 23, 2021. The Board acted upon these items as a group. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of the 2021-2022 Middle and High School Curriculum Catalogs for Madison City Schools. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the 2021-2022 middle and high school curriculum catalogs. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of a temporary change to the GPA scale, adjusting the GPA from a 4.0 to a 5.0 scale for a computer science course (normally taught by a Bob Jones High teacher), so it aligns with the dual enrollment GPA scale at Bob Jones High who has now partnered with Calhoun to offer the C++ dual enrollment course. This is a one-time request for this specific situation. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of the January 2021 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the financial statements. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of a list of contracts for supplemental work performed for the school district. The Board acted upon the contracts as a group. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the contracts. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of a new substitutes list for Madison City Schools. The Board acted upon the substitute list as a group. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the lists of substitutes for the Madison City Schools. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of the personnel action items presented at this meeting. The Board agreed to approve the personnel items as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the personnel action items. Mr. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols announced retirements of Krista Givens, math teacher at James Clemens High School; Margaret Montgomery, bus driver for the district; and Mary Ann Pease, bus driver for the school district. He thanked these employees for their dedicated service to the school system.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer Daniel Nunez for attending the school board meeting. He then talked about the Redstone Arsenal Garrison Education Team meeting hosted by the Madison City Schools at central office. Dr. Nichols also stated the rezoning team would be finalizing elementary and middle school zone lines.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Travis Cummings thanked everyone who presented information at the school board meeting. He also encouraged everyone to continue their hard work for the students of the district.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann congratulated the James Clemens High School cheerleaders for winning the Alabama State Cheerleading Championship. She also thanked all who presented during the school board meeting.

Mr. Greg Hulsey also congratulated James Clemens High school cheerleaders for their win at the Alabama State Cheerleading Championship. He then congratulated Accounting Department staff for having a positive financial audit.

Mr. Luis Ferrer congratulated the cheerleaders of James Clemens High for winning first place at the Alabama State Cheerleading Championship. He also stated parents are welcome to come to policy committee meetings.

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp thanked parents and other citizens for their input regarding elementary rezoning. Mr. Holtcamp then announced the next school board meeting would be held on March 25, 2021 at 5:00 PM.


VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.


The motion was approved 5-0.



Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, President



Dr. Edwin Nichols, Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary