

MINUTES 21-22
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 9, 2021

Mr. Luis Ferrer, vice president, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education 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. Greg Hulsey	Present
Place No. 2	Mr. Tim Holtcamp	Delayed
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 attorneys, and Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Luis Ferrer called for a motion to approve the September 9, 2021, school board meeting agenda. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

III. SECOND BUDGET HEARING

Mrs. Laverne Williams, chief school finance officer, presented the second of two budget hearings for the 2021 -2022 Madison City Schools Budget. Mrs. Williams reviewed budget updated from the previous hearing, which included student enrollment numbers, class sizes, and allocations. Mrs. Williams also explained state requirements for hearings, purpose of the hearing and the budgeting process.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Larry Vannoy, representative with the American Legion, introduced students who participated and/or won at Boys and Girls State events. All students received certificates of recognition from the American Legion and the Madison City Board of Education.

Mrs. Patricia Bachelor, Madison Parent Teacher Association Council President, introduced PTA officers from each school in the district. She talked about the various projects and events help by school PTAs. Mrs. Batchelor also encouraged everyone to join a local PTA.

Ms. Claudia Bucher, representative with United Way of Madison County, presented the 2020 traveling trophy to Madison City School Central Office for having the largest increase in donations compared to the previous year. Mrs. LaTisha King, United Way coordinator for Madison City Schools, accepted the trophy for the central office.

Ms. Ann Marie Martin, representative with Partnership for a Drug Free Community, presented information to the Board and public, regarding vaping devices and nicotine usage. She also showed illustrations of the amount of nicotine in most vaping devices. A student from Liberty Middle School presented a few statistics regarding nicotine and vaping usage for teens.

Mr. Byron Headrick, representative with LEAN Frog, presented a detailed review of the Transportation Department for Madison City Schools. He also reviewed the projects scope and objectives used to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the transportation facility. Mr. Headrick presented a list of commendations and recommendations for the transportation department.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two individuals addressed the board during this meeting. The first person spoke to the Board about what they consider as the Board's overreach regarding mask mandates. The second person asked the Board to review the dress code in secondary schools – make it equitable for all students (boys and girls).

VI. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #21-21, August 30, 2021; (b) LEA School Make-up option request form to grant relief from make-up day on August 31, 2021 due to Governor Ivey declaring a state of emergency (remnants of Hurricane Ida) for counties in Alabama because of a threat of possible tornadoes and extreme flooding; (c) Bid#2021-19, CNP Equipment, from Birmingham Restaurant Supply who presented the lowest responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications for a total cost of \$39,885 for year one; (d) Bid #2021-17, Termite, from Alabama Professional Services who presented the lowest responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications for a total cost of \$14,637.00 for one year; and (e) a clinical student internship training agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education (on behalf of James Clemens High School) and The Madison Village. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the July 2021 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mrs. LaVerne Williams explained the financial documents to the Board and public. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the July 2021 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the July 2021 Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended the 2021-2022 Madison City Schools Budget. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent asked the Board to nominate and submit one school board member's name for Alabama Association of School Boards All-State School Board Member. Mrs. Alice Lessmann nominated Mr. Tim Holtcamp. There were no other nominations from the floor. Therefore, the nomination for Mr. Holtcamp was approved unanimously by the Board.

The nomination was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of supplemental contracts for the school district. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations 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 Preliminary Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) contracts by and between the City of Madison Board of Education in accordance with Alabama Act 2021-340. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the TEAMS contracts. Mr. Luis Ferrer 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 recommendations as a group. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the substitute lists for Madison City Schools. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of personnel items presented at the school board meeting. The Board agreed to approve the personnel items as a group. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the personnel items. Mr. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols congratulated Mrs. LaTisha King for receiving an award from United Way. He then stated that great news would be shared next week regarding National Merit Finalists in the school system. Dr. Nichols stated he scheduled a meet with his student advisory group next week. He then thanked School Resource Officers Kyker and Jewell for being present at the meeting. Dr. Nichols bestowed special commendation to Officer Jewell for assisting a student who was in distress at a school in the district.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Alice Lessmann thanked Officer Jewell for rendering her assistance by administering CPR to a student. She also thanked PTA officers for volunteering their service to schools in the district. She also congratulated Mr. Holtcamp for being nominated for AASB All-State School Board Member.

Mr. Greg Hulsey congratulated students who participated in Boys and Girls State activities. He thanked PTA officers for their service in schools. He also congratulated Mr. Holtcamp for his nomination as an AASB All-State School Board Member. Mr. Hulsey thanked Officer Jewell for her quick response to the student in distress at a school.

Mr. Travis Cummings also thanked Officer Jewell for taking action to save a student's life. He also thanked Mr. Rodney Richardson, principal of Horizon Elementary School, for providing The Leader in Me Program for students. Mr. Cummings stated the program has been beneficial to so many students. Mr. Cummings also congratulated Mr. Holtcamp for his AASB All-State School Board Member nomination.

Mr. Luis Ferrer echoed all the sentiments of the previous statements by school board members. He also thanked the Finance Team for their hard work in creating a sound budget for the school system. Mr. Ferrer also talked about the extremely hard working Transportation Department staff.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp thanked the Board for the AASB All-State School Board Member nomination. He also thanked School Resource Officers Kyker and Jewell for the great work and service they render in the school district. Mr. Holtcamp expressed his appreciation for the work done by Mrs. LaTisha King with the district's campaign for United Way. Mr. Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on September 30, 2021, at 5:00 PM. Additionally, He announced there would be an instruction meeting at 4:00 PM, prior to the school board meeting on September 30, 2021.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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