

MINUTES 21-06
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 24, 2021

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, president, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:00 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, and Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the March 24, 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. Heather Donaldson, chief academic officer, introduced fourteen new national board certified teachers and two newly renewed national board certified teachers. A certificate of recognition was presented to each teacher attending the school board meeting. Dr. Donaldson also thanked and recognized Mrs. Jeanne Welt, Mrs. Cindy Davis and Mrs. Dionna Cozzolino for their mentorship of the new national board certificated teachers. She also announced that Madison City School district has the highest number (87 teachers) of NBCT in the State of Alabama.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

V. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of Minutes 21-05, March 11, 2021. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 11, 2021. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of a Master Service Agreement Wide Area E-Rate Contract by and between Information Transport Solutions, Inc., and the City of Madison Board of Education for wide area network that provides a connection from within each e-rate eligible location to the Internet as described in the agreement. Mr. Travis Cummins motioned to approve the Wide Area E-Rate Master Service Agreement. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of a contract by and between Gaggie Net, Inc., and the City of Madison Board of Education for safety services for Google – student in the amount of \$10,565.28 for 17-months. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Greg Husley seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of an owner and engineer agreement with Mechanical Design Services, Inc., for a HVAC renovation at Horizon Elementary School. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agreement for a HVAC renovation at Horizon Elementary School. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of an owner and engineer agreement with Mechanical Design Services, Inc., for a HVAC renovation at Heritage Elementary School. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the agreement for a HVAC renovation at Heritage Elementary School. Mr. Luis Ferrer 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 an employment contract for Christopher McGehee for the 2020 – 2021 school year, beginning March 2, 2021, subject to the Students First Act of 2011. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve Mr. McGehee's contract. Mr. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of a list of new substitutes for Madison City Schools. The Board acted upon the substitute list as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann 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. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the personnel action items. Mr. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer Ruby Jewell for attending the school board meeting. He then congratulated the new national board certified teachers. He also talked about elementary rezoning hearings held on March 22, 2021. Dr. Nichols announced the middle school zone lines would be released on March 26, 2021. He went on the talk about a virtual job fair to be held soon and a book study for administrators on the topic of "Equity." Dr. Nichols states the Legislators still have a 2% raise in the budget for teachers and staff. He also stated that prom activities would occur on May 1, 2021 at Trash Panda Stadium in Madison, AL. He then announced that Mr. Eric Terrell, assistant superintendent, is finalizing graduation ceremony venue (Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University or the Von Braun Center) for May 17, 2021. Dr. Nichols also stated the district's plan is to require masks/facial coverings until the end of the school year, although Governor Ivey's mask mandate expires on April 9, 2021.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Luis Ferrer congratulated newly named NBCTs. He also stated NBCT help to decrease achievement gaps in schools. Mr. Ferrer then expressed appreciation for Dr. Donaldson and her staff for their support of teachers going through the NBCT process.

Mr. Greg Hulsey also congratulated teachers who have obtained NBCT. He talked about the benefits of NBCT to the students in the district.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann offered congratulation to the new NBCTs attending the school board meeting. Mrs. Lessmann then thanked Dr. Donaldson for her leadership with the NBCT Program in the district.

Mr. Travis Cummings thanked all who provided comments regarding the proposed elementary zone lines. He also expressed his appreciation to the School's Foundation and the Committee of 100 for their monetary support of the NBCT Program in Madison City Schools.

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp expressed his appreciation of the NBCT Program. He also expressed gratitude to parents and community members who attended the rezoning hearings or provided comments regarding elementary zone lines via the district's website. Mr. Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on April 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM, preceded by a finance committee meeting at 4:00 PM. He also announced the Board would hold whole board training on March 29, 2021 at 4:00 PM at central office.

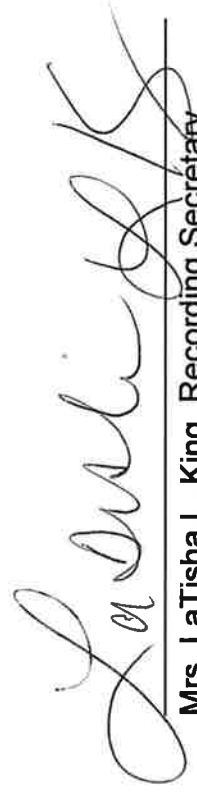
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was approved 4-0.


Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, President


Dr. Edwin Nichols, Secretary


Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary