

MINUTES 21-09
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 6, 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, Mr. Woody Sanderson, board attorney, and Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the May 6, 2021, school board meeting agenda. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS

Mr. Tim Holtcamp passed the gavel to Dr. Ed Nichols to conduct the election for the office of president of the City of Madison Board of Education. Dr. Nichols called for nominations for the office of president of the City of Madison Board of Education. Mr. Greg Hulsey nominated Mr. Timothy Holtcamp as president of the City of Madison Board of Education. There were no other nominations for this office. The Board elected Mr. Holtcamp as president of the City of Madison Board of Education by unanimous consent.

Dr. Nichols passed the gavel back to Mr. Holtcamp to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for nominations for the office of vice president of the City of Madison Board of Education. Mrs. Alice Leemann nominated Mr. Luis Ferrer for the office of vice president of the school board. Mr. Holtcamp asked for any additional nominations. There were no additional nominations. The Board elected Mr. Ferrer as vice president of the City of Madison Board of Education by unanimous consent.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Paul Finley read aloud and presented a proclamation declaring May 3-7, 2021 as Teacher Appreciation Week in the City of Madison. He thanked teachers, staff and administrators for the work they do to educate students in Madison City Schools.

Ms. Ranae Bartlett, Madison City Council Member and Madison Chess League Director, introduced students who won at various level at the Alabama State Chess Championship. Each student was presented with a certificate of recognition from the Board and superintendent.

Dr. Brian Clayton, principal of James Clemens High School, introduced students from James Clemens High School who won first place at a national high school film festival competition. Each student received a certificate of recognition from the superintendent and Board.

Dr. Brian Clayton also introduced the James Clemens High School competition cheer coach. The team won first place in the areas of game day and traditional cheer at the national competition. Certificates of recognition were presented to each team member from the superintendent and Board.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public who addressed the school board at this meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s). Mr. Greg Hulsey asked that the minutes be acted upon separately at the meeting. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the minutes 21-08, April 30, 2021. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

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

The superintendent recommended approval of the remaining consent agenda item(s): (b) amend Policy 5.9.7 – Vacation; (c) a renewal of an agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and LeanStream to provide an online fundraising portal; and (d) Field trip for marine lab students to visit Key Largo, Florida on June 27, 2021 – July 2, 2021. The Board agreed to approve the documents as a group. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the new elementary school zone lines to be effective the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the March 2021 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mr. Eric Haynes, accounting supervisor, explained the financial statements to the Board and public during the finance committee meeting. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommends approval of the March 2021 Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of contracts for supplemental work performed for the school district. The Board agreed to approve the contracts as a group. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of personnel action 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 5-0.

Dr. Nichols congratulated retirees and thanked them for their service to the school district.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer Sam Scott for attending the school board meeting. He announced central office administrators had been visiting schools recognizing teacher and staff members of the year, along with retirees. Dr. Nichols thanked Dr. Heather Donaldson, chief academic officer, and Mrs. Misty Schikner, instruction department secretary, for organizing the Teacher and Staff Member of the Year Prize Patrol. He also thanked Eric Haynes for presenting the financial documents during the school board meeting. Additionally, Dr. Nichols recognized Mr. Thomas Paone, coordinator of technology and Mr. Daniel Whitt, coordinator of instructional technology, for their tireless efforts to protect the school district from cyber-attacks. Dr. Nichols also mentioned that students had a great prom at Trash Panda Stadium.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Alice Lessmann echoed the sentiments of Dr. Nichols. She then thanked Mayor Finley and Madison City Council for issuing a proclamation recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week as May 3-7, 2021 in the City of Madison. Mrs. Lessman also congratulated Mr. Holtcamp and Mr. Ferrer for continuing to serve on the school board as president and vice president respectively.

Mr. Travis Cummings stated it was another exciting night – seeing students and appreciating our teachers and staff. Mr. Cummings also talked about a Student CEO Program he attended at Signalink for high school students in the district.

Mr. Greg Hulseley talked about high softball teams playing for a place in the regional tournament. He thanked nurses in the district for their service. Additionally, he expressed appreciation to Dr. Nichols and the team who worked on rezoning elementary schools. Mr. Hulseley also thanked Mr. Whitt, Mr. Paone and technology staff for their work to secure the district against cyber-attacks.

Mr. Luis Ferrer thanked Mayor Paul Finley, Mrs. Karen Denzine and Ms. Ranae Bartlett, Madison City Council members, for their support of educators in the district. He also congratulated chess champions in the school system.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp stated he is honored to serve the school district as an officer of the school board. He thanked Mr. Whitt for the great job he did while working with Jet Press as a teacher at James Clemens High School. Mr. Holtcamp also thanked Mr. Paone for his work to secure technology in the district. Mr. Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on May 20, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to adjourn their 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