

MINUTES 22-05
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 24, 2022

Mr. Tim Holtcamp, 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	Absent
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 was 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 February 24, 2022, school board meeting agenda. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations at this meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nine individuals addressed the school board during this meeting. Topics discussed during the school board meeting included the following: dress code equality for students, student playground renovations, masking policies, parents volunteering in schools, ESSER spending, critical race theory, gender identity, archery practice location for students, and responsibilities placed on the Board to do what is best for all students.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda items (a, and c-h): (a) Minutes #22-03, February 3, 2022; (c) amend policies 5.14 – Anti Harassment; 5.15 – Employee Sexual Harassment; and 6.10 – Student Sexual Harassment; (d) elementary and secondary ELA textbook committees; (e) clinical internship training agreements by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and North Alabama Urology, Approxie Urgent Care, Pediatric Dentistry of Madison, Johnson and Hayes, and Brightstarts/Dr. Jain for James Clemens High School Medical Academy Program; (f) clinical internship training agreements by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Trusty Vet - Affordable Pet Care and Journey Chiropractic, LLC for Bob Jones High School Medical Academy Program; (g) Madison City Schools EL Summer Camp Brochure; and (h) change school district's credit card vendor from PNC Bank (BBVA Compass) to Synovus Bank for Madison City Schools with Mrs. Jana Gray as the contact for the district and a credit limit of \$1,000,000.00. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve recommendations. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item (b): Minutes #22-04, February 23, 2022. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

V. ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

The superintendent recommended approval of an owner and architect agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Nola | Van Peurseum Architects, P.C for lighting improvements at Madison City Schools Stadium. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of an owner and architect agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Nola | Van Peurseum Architects, P.C for new bleachers at Bob Jones High School and James Clemens High School. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of an increase in pay (from \$30.00 an hour to \$35.00 an hour) for Madison City Police Officers who work extra duty for the City of Madison Board of Education events starting April 1, 2022. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a professional services agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Criterion Consulting LLC to provide professional support to the Board in areas of financial administration, specifically with respect to payroll and other areas described in the agreement. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the professional services agreement. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a proposal from OMI, Inc., to conduct an environmental site assessment (Phase 1) and Water of the U.S. Delineation for property off Halsey Drive in Limestone County, Alabama for a total cost of \$7,750.00. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a bid for Liberty Middle School HVAC Renovations from JK Johnson Mechanical, who presented the low responsive/responsible bid with a base bid amount of \$5,924,000.00, and alternate one \$25,130.00. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval to delay the opening of Journey Middle School until School Year 2023-2024. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to delay the opening of Journey Middle School until School Year 2023-2024. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

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 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of ACCESS contracts for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the contracts as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the contracts. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of substitutes for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve list as a group. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the list of substitutes. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

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. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the personnel items. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

Dr. Nichols expressed condolences to the family of Mr. Stanley Lyons, a transportation employee who passed away recently. He then announced the retirement of Mrs. Reva Hereford, secretary of the Operation Department. He also thanked her for her service to the school district.

V. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Alice Lessmann sent condolences to the family of Mr. Lyons, a transportation employee. She welcomed Dylan Clark as the new coordinator of the child nutrition program for Madison City Schools. Mrs. Lessmann also talked about how the surveys completed by parents and students played a significant role in delaying the opening of Journey Middle School. She also announced that it was National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Mrs. Lessmann expressed her appreciation to the district's Transportation Department staff for their work.

Mr. Travis Cummings congratulated Mr. Dylan Clark for his promotion to Coordinator of Child Nutrition. He also asked the superintendent to work with school staff to find a location for archery students to practice. Mr. Cummings also thanked Mrs. Karen Denzine, Madison City Councilmember, for attending the school board meeting.

Mr. Luis Ferrer stated the Board makes decisions based on data. He also emphasized the importance of mental health. He encouraged parents to contact board members if they have an issue in the school district.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp thanked School Resource Officers Dawe and Scott for attending the school board meeting. He then welcomed Mr. Dylan Clark to his new role in the Madison City Schools Child Nutrition Program. He also congratulated Mrs. Reva Herford, secretary for Operations Department. He then announced the next meetings for the Board would be a finance committee meeting on March 10, 2022 at 4:00 PM, and a school board meeting on March 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols stated staff is updating the Covid-19 re-entry plan/procedures for the district (as require by the Alabama State Department of Education). Dr. Nichols also stated district staff are reviewing dress code and code of conduct policies. He then stated that Madison City Schools should receive a portion of online sales from purchases made in the county of Madison. Dr. Nichols thanked parents who emailed him with concerns and/or comments regarding the school district.

VII. 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. Ed Nichols, Secretary


Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary