

MINUTES 23-02
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 23, 2023

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, president, called the City of Madison Board of Education meeting 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. Tommy Overcash	Present
Place No. 2	Mr. Tim Holtcamp	Present
Place No. 3	Mrs. Alice Lessmann	Present
Place No. 4	Mr. Scott Newberry	Present
Place No. 5	Mr. Travis Cummings	Present

Also present were Dr. Ed Nichols, superintendent of Madison City Schools, Mr. Woody Sanderson, board attorney, and LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the January 23, 2023, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Wade Thaxton, swim and dive team head coach, introduced the girls swim and dive team members and their assistant coach, who won the Alabama High School Athletic Association 7A Girls Swim and Dive Championship. A certificate of recognition was presented to the team for their outstanding accomplishment in winning at the state level.

Ms. Amy Patel and Mr. Jesse Tilton, teachers in the drama department at James Clemens High and Bob Jones High schools respectively, introduce students in the drama programs at their respective schools. The students received various accolades at local, regional and state competitions. A certificate of recognition was provided to each group for their outstanding performances.

Dr. Heather Donaldson, chief academic officer, introduced teachers who recently earned or renewed national board certification. Eleven teachers earned national board certification. She also announced the school district now has 100 NBCTs employed, along with fifty-one others currently going through the process to earn certification. Dr. Donaldson expressed appreciation to sponsors who have provided grants to assist teachers in obtaining national board certification.

Dr. Donaldson also presented proposed changes to the 2023-2024 school year middle and high school curriculum catalogs. She went on to say that curriculum fairs and student visits would continue at the secondary schools. Dr. Donaldson also stated that hard copies of the catalog are provided to parents or guardians upon request. All may view the catalogs on the school district's website.

Dr. Nichols expressed his appreciation to the Board for their work to ensure the students have a great school system to learn and grow. Schools provided tokens of appreciation to each school board members. A video was also shown of students and employees saying thanks to the Board in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Only one person addressed the school during public comments. The gentleman suggested that the district not select pre-kindergarten students by random selection, as the state of Alabama requires. But, he would like preferential treatment given to parents who work or have worked for the military, police, fire department, federal government, city workers and State of Alabama employees.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #23-01, January 12, 2023; (b) an agreement with a parent of special education student relative to the provision of a free appropriate public education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), 20 U.S.C. 1400, et seq., 34 C.F.R. §300.500 et seq. and the Alabama Administrative Code (AAC).o; (c) 2023-2024 Madison City Schools Middle School Curriculum Catalog; (d) 2023-2024 Madison City Schools High School Curriculum Catalog; (e) an increase of \$1.00 (from \$6.00 to \$7.00) for adult soccer game admission tickets – due to increased transportation and referee costs, as well as to match gate prices of other sports; (f) a field trip request for James Clemens High School Greenpower Team to participate in a competition in Columbus, Georgia on February 3-4, 2023; and (g) Highland Wake Construction, LLC submitted a bid on July 14, 2022 for the James Clemens High School Indoor Practice Facility in the amount \$3,324,023.00. Highland Wake Construction, LLC's new bid proposal is in the amount of \$2,993,356.00, which includes addendum #4 (a breakdown of the bid has also been submitted). The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of Resolution #23-01, School Warrants, Series 2023, in order to acquire funds for capital improvements for educational facilities. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve Resolution #23-01, School Warrants, Series 2023, in order to acquire funds for capital improvements for educational facilities. Mrs. Alice Lessmann 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 list as a group. Mr. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the substitute list for the school district. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of contracts for supplemental work performed for the school district. The Board agreed to approve the contracts as a group. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the supplemental contracts. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of ACCESS Program contracts. The Board agreed to approve the contracts as a group. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the ACCESS contracts. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of personnel recommendations for the school district. The Board agreed to approve the personnel recommendations as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the personnel recommendations. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer Sam Scott for attending the school board meeting. He also stated Dr. Heather Donaldson and curriculum staff would provide mid-year testing data at a school board meeting in February, 2023. Dr. Nichols then mentioned he attended various events (James Clemens High and Liberty Middle dance team competitions in Hoover, AL, a University of Alabama in Huntsville memorandum of understandings signing that supports English Learner teachers, Columbia Elementary drama student's performance of Aladdin, Jr., the Alabama Music Educators Conference in Birmingham, AL) in the district. Dr. Nichols announced the district has twelve candidates (seven – Bob Jones High and 5- James Clemens High) for the Presidential Scholars Program.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tommy Overcash talked about an amazing article written in the Madison Record regarding the Madison School Board. He also emphasized how wonderful our student athletes and arts programs are in the district. Mr. Overcash announced Madison Street Festival grants were given to 18 groups, with 16 of the 18 being groups/organizations in Madison City Schools.

Mr. Scott Newberry expressed how inspiring it was to hear the school district has 100 National Board Certified teachers. He also thanked staff for the tokens of appreciation given in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann thanked everyone for the calls, emails, goodies and video shown during the school board meeting in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

Mr. Travis Cummings talked about how wonderful it was to see students in Madison City Schools excelling in academics, sports and drama programs. He also thanked students and staff for honoring the school board during School Board Appreciation Month.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp expressed his excitement regarding the Bob Jones swimming and dive team winning first place at the state level. He then talked about the number of National Board Certified Teachers in Madison City. Mr. Holtcamp thanked Dr. Heather Donaldson, chief academic officer, for her work in providing the best curriculum for Madison City students. He also thanked everyone who provided kind words and tokens of gratitude during School Board Appreciation Month.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on February 9, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the central office, preceded by a finance committee meeting at 4:00 PM. Mr. Holtcamp then called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

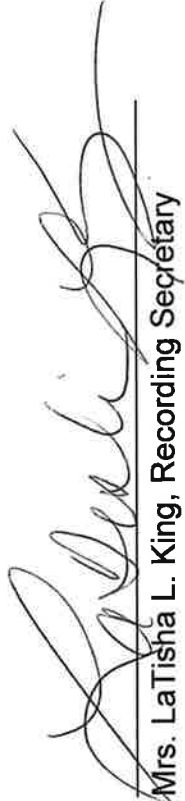
The motion was approved 5-0.



Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President



Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary