

MINUTES 23-10
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 18, 2023

Mr. Travis Cummings, vice president, called the City of Madison Board of Education meeting 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. Tommy Overcash	Present
Place No. 2	Mr. Tim Holtcamp	Delayed
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, school board attorney, and LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Travis Cummings called for a motion to approve the May 18, 2023, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp entered the school board meeting. Mr. Cummings passed the gavel to Mr. Holtcamp to conduct the remainder of the school board meeting.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Nichols introduced Mrs. Beverly Sims, Uniserv Director for District 3. He then announced she would be retiring from her position to spend more time with her family. Dr. Nichols thanked Mrs. Sims for her service, and presented her with certificate of appreciation.

Mrs. Sylvia Lambert, principal of Bob Jones High School, introduced the coach for the Bob Jones Boys Tennis Team. She also announced the team placed first in Sectionals (first time in a decade) and second in the state (highest in program history). In addition to an excellent team finish and great rankings in sectional play, Parker Free won his second straight title of #1 singles. Parker Free and Jonah Moro won the state title of #1 doubles. Dr. Nichols presented a certificate to the team and individual certificates to the Parker Free and Jonah Moro for their tennis accomplishments during the school year.

Mrs. Sylvia Lambert, principal of Bob Jones High School and Dr. Kerry Donaldson, principal of James Clemens High School, introduced a student from each school who were named semifinalists for the U.S. Presidential Scholars program. The students received a certificate of recognition from the Board and superintendent for being selected to the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

Ms. Kiley Rikard, assistant principal of Mill Creek Elementary School, introduced the sponsor for the Mill Creek Greenpower Racing Team. The team won the 2023 National Goblin Championship, with car #700 finishing in 1st place and car #750 placing 10th in the nation. The team also won 1st place overall out of 101 teams competing in the Choccolocco Green Prix, the Huntsville Goblin Cup and Hazel Green Trojan 30 Greenpower Races. A certificate of recognition was presented to the team by the superintendent.

Mr. Miranda Bolden, principal of Columbia Elementary School, introduced a student who was the only Madison City students to qualify, and he received an honorable mention (finished in the top 15) at the national Mathcon competition in Chicago, Illinois. There were over 615 students competing in the competition. A certificate of recognition was presented to this student by the superintendent.

Mrs. Miranda Bolden and Mr. Shannon Brown, principal of Liberty Middle School, announced student winners, from their perspective schools, who won the Alabama State Superintendents Art Show. The student's artwork was displayed during the school board meeting. The student's art teachers were also recognized during the school board meeting. A certificate of recognition was given to each student.

Mr. Shannon Brown, principal of Liberty Middle School, introduced the head coach for the Liberty Middle School Boys Baseball Team. The team was recognized for winning the County Baseball Championship. The team also received a certificate of recognition from the superintendent.

Dr. Travis Schrimsher, administrator of the Transportation Department, introduced staff members from the Transportation Department who attained the goal of excellence in school bus safety inspections for 2023. The group had 0% major deficiencies in the school bus fleet. This is the tenth year in a row that the Madison Transportation Department has achieved this honor. Certificates of recognition were given to each team member.

Representatives with the Optimist Club of Madison announced and presented grants to following teachers in Madison City.

Sevim Whitaker, Midtown Elem, ESL dictionaries.

Bethany Kachelman, Midtown Elem, ESL celebration.

Karen Jump, Columbia Elem, 3rd grade Secret Agent Day.

Alyson Durrett, Columbia Elem, Camp S'more.

Julie Vandiver, Columbia Elem, STEM.

Pamela Weaver, Horizon, ELA bins.

Amy Williams, Horizon Elem, board games.

Molly Wright, Horizon Elem, National Honor Society.

Kristina Stundtner, Horizon/Midtown, music.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A parent announced May 18th as Speech Language Pathologist Day. She mentioned her child has a great speech pathologist. The parent also asked questions about gifted information for middle school students (they could not find information on the middle schools' website).

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #23-09, May 2, 2023; (b) a field trip request for Journey Middle School Civics students to Washington, D.C. on April 29 - May 3, 2024; (c) a field trip request for Bob Jones High school CTE students to participate in a competition in Dallas, Texas on June 20 – 25, 2023; (d) Bid #2023-10, CNP Ice Cream from Murfreesboro Pure Milk Co., who presented the only responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications for a total cost of \$29,910.00 for year one; (e) Bid #2023-11, CNP Milk and Dairy, from Purity Dairies who presented the lowest responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications for a total cost of \$255,253.95 for year one; (f) Bid #2023-05, Scoreboards, from Booster Building Group who presented the lowest responsive/responsible bids as outlined in the attachment for a total cost of \$767,626 for one year; (g) change order #1 for James Clemens High School indoor practice facility for an increased amount of \$89,125.00; and (h) a contract by and between the City of Madison Board of Education, on behalf of Bob Jones High School, with Nike/BSN Sports for a rewards program as outlined in the rewards contract. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group.

Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a release of property damage claims with Middlesex Insurance Company (Sentry Insurance) and Weaver Environmental Services, Inc. from any and all property claims and damages to property as the result of a loss on or about December 13, 2022, at or near Celtic Drive, Madison, Alabama, as additionally described in the settlement claim release. Mr. Eric Terrell, assistant superintendent, explained the recommendation. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of an engineer agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Mechanical Design Services, Inc. regarding the Madison City Board of Education Central Office HVAC unit replacement. Mr. John Jones, director of operations, explained the agreement. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the agreement. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommends approval of an architect agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Nola | Van Peurse Architects, P.C. regarding the Madison City Schools Stadium electrical and sound system improvements. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Tommy Overcash existed the school board meeting after the previous vote.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

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. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the supplemental contracts. Mr. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

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. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

Dr. Nichols announced the transfer of Mrs. Lauren Cecil from a teacher to an assistant principal at Midtown Elementary School.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked teachers and staff for an excellent school year. He announced that graduating seniors received more than \$70 million in scholarship offers. There was also a total of thirty-two National Merit Finalists between the two high schools. Dr. Nichols went on to say that HVAC will start at Discovery Middle School, thereafter the district's central office HVAC unit will be replaced. He also congratulated Jackson Mitchell for achieving second place at the state golf finals. Dr. Nichols mentioned that the developmentally delayed wing at Bob Jones High School is nearly finished, and Journey Middle School is complete. Lastly, Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer John Kern for attending the school board meeting.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Scott Newberry talked about a welding ceremony held for students who received their certification in welding. He thanked all employees for a great school year.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann attended the K-Tech Graduation; Boy State orientation and Discovery and Liberty Middle schools' awards ceremonies. Mrs. Lessmann congratulated Mrs. Lauren Cecil for being selected to serve as an assistant principal at Midtown Elementary School.

Mr. Travis Cummings stated the school system is great. He also mentioned he attended the Madison Education Association Retirement Dinner.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp congratulated Mrs. Cecil for being selected as an assistant principal at Midtown Elementary School. He then thanked staff for putting together a phenomenal graduation ceremony for graduating senior. Mr. Holtcamp also mentioned he would be meeting with Madison City officials regarding the new elementary school that boarders Limestone County.

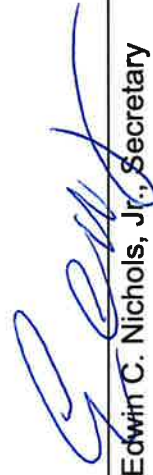
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on June 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the central office, with 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. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.



Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President



Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary