

MINUTES 24-05
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING
March 7, 2024

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	Absent
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 Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Travis Cummings called for a motion to approve the March 7, 2024, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Tim Smalley, representative with Byrd, Smalley and Adams, PC, presented the 2023 Madison City Schools financial audit. Mr. Smalley mentioned there were no findings or no instances of non-compliance with the financial audit. He would give the Accounting Department an A+. Dr. Nichols thanked the Accounting Department for a job well done.

Mr. Jamie Hill, principal of Discovery Middle School, introduced the coach of the Discovery Middle School Girls Basketball Team. The girls finished the season with a 11-7 record. The team was also won the 2024 Madison County Middle School Girls Basketball Championship. The team was congratulated by the Board and superintendent.

Dr. Susan Zinkil, director of special education, introduced two teachers who were winners of the 2023 and 2024 Professionals of the Year. Certificates of Recognition were presented to each teacher for their outstanding accomplishment.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public who addressed the public during this meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #24-03, February 8, 2024; (b) Minutes #24-04, February 29, 2024 (c) field trip requests for Madison City Schools; (d) facility use agreements for Madison City Schools; (e) Policies: Mental Health Opt-In (Revision); Alabama Literacy Act (Revision); 7.16 – Selection of Instructional Materials and Materials for the School Media Centers (New); (f) 2024 Madison City Schools Summer Learning Programs for special education, English learners, elementary and secondary students; (g) 2024 Elementary Summer Camp at Midtown Elementary School from May 28 – July 19, 2024; (h) 2024 Summer Chess Camp to be held at Journey Middle School on June 10-14, 2024; (i) a bid for new bleachers for Bob Jones High School and Journey Middle School from Wilcock Builders at a cost of \$700,094.00; (j) an engineering agreement with Mechanical Design Services, Inc. for a new fire alarm system, HVAC, and lighting controls for Mill Creek Elementary School; (k) Change Order #1 for West Madison Pre-K Center for an extension of 311 calendar days; (l) Change Order #2 for the James Clemens

High School Indoor Practice Facility for an increased cost of \$37,500.00; (m) an architect agreement with Nola | Van Persuem for new bleachers at Bob Jones High School and Journey Middle School; and (n) disposal of child nutrition program vending machines in secondary schools:

Bob Jones High School
2 Vending Machines
Model: 8/0-2-6/USA
HF-111 Star Meal Center

James Clemens High School
3 Vending Machines
Model: 8/0-2-6/USA
HF-111 Star Meal Center

Discovery Middle School
1 Vending Machine
Model: 8/0-2-6/USA
HF-111 Star Meal Center

Liberty Middle School
1 Vending Machine
Model: 8/0-2-6/USA
HF-111 Star Meal Center.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the January 2024 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mrs. LaVerne Williams, chief finance officer, explained the financial statements to the Board and public. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the January 2024 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of January 2024 Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the January 2024 Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mrs. Alice Lessmann 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 the substitute list as a group. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the substitute list. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of supplemental contracts for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the supplemental contract list as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the list of supplemental contracts. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

Dr. Nichols announced the retirement of the following people: Jennifer Chandler (Math Teacher – Bob Jones High), Deiderra Smith (Paraprofessional II – Bob Jones High), Marla Jenkins (Chorus Teacher – Discovery Middle), Michelle Phillips (EL Teacher – Mill Creek); Allyson Word (Third Grade Teacher – Midtown), Debra Johnson (Second Grade Teacher – Madison), and Patricia Collins (Health Science Teacher – James Clemens High). He and the Board expressed their appreciation for retiree’s service to Madison City Schools.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols stated that testing is taking place in schools. He also mentioned he attended the School Superintendents of Alabama Legislative Meeting and the Council for Leaders in Alabama School Board meeting in Montgomery, Alabama. He then thanked staff for their work preparing for summer programs and Mr. John Jones, chief operations officer, for his work keeping facilities up and running. Lastly, Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer Sam Scott for attending the school board meeting.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tommy Overcash talked about his delight assisting with the car line at Rainbow Elementary. He also stated he attended a great conference sponsored by the Alabama Association of School Boards in Huntsville, Alabama. He mentioned toured the Cyber & Engineering School in Huntsville, Alabama with participants of the AASB Conference. Lastly, Mr. Overcash talked about the State of the Schools event held at the Jackson Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Mr. Scott Newberry also mentioned he attended the AASB March Conference held in Huntsville, Alabama. He also stated he enjoyed the Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSSBA) National Conference. Mr. Newberry congratulated the Finance Team for a great financial audit.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann stated she assisted with car line at Rainbow Elementary School. She also mentioned she attended an AASB sponsored event in Montgomery, Alabama, and assisted with car line at Rainbow Elementary. She thanked the Finance Team for their work to receive a great audit. She also expressed her appreciation to Madison City Councilwoman Karen Denzine for attending the school board meeting.

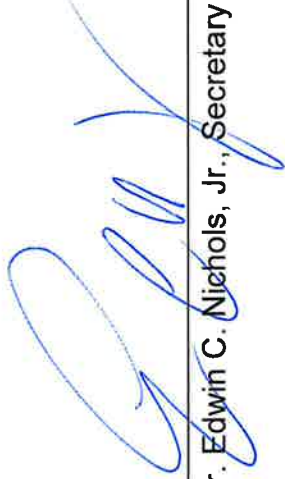
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Travis Cummings announced the next school board meeting would be held on March 28, 2024 at 5:00 PM. Mr. Cummings 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