

MINUTES 25-09
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 7, 2025

Mr. Tim Holtcamp, president, called the City of Madison Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:07 AM 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, school board attorney; and Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the May 7, 2025, 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. ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the Board needed to elect officers (president and vice president) at their annual meeting (first meeting in May). The officers would serve June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026. He then called for nomination for the office of president. Mrs. Alice Lessmann nominated Mr. Travis Cummings for the office of president of the City of Madison Board of Education. There were no other nominations for the office of president. Mr. Cummings was approved by acclamation of the school board.

Mr. Holtcamp then called for nominations for the office of vice president. Mr. Scott Newberry nominated Mrs. Alice Lessman as vice president of the City of Madison Board of Education. There were no other nominations for the office of vice president. Mrs. Lessmann was approved by acclamation of the school board.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations during this meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

VI. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #25-08, April 22, 2025; (b) field trip requests for Madison City Schools; (c) facility use agreements for Madison City Schools; (d) Camps (Coding - computer science – June 10-12, 2025, Madison Music – band – June 9 -13, 2025, Spotlight – theatre – May 27 -30, 2025; and Filmmaking – JetsPress – June 2 - 6, 2025) for James Clemens High School. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve consent agenda items a-d. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a recertification contract by and between TNG (Strategic Risk Management Solutions) and the City of Madison Board of Education to provide one Training for ATIXA Coordinator Foundations for K-12 (\$499.00), one K-12 ATIXA Professional Development Package (\$5,500.00), 11 virtual public trainings for K12 Investigators discounted with member pricing and 25% for bulk purchasing (\$3,044.25), and three virtual public trainings for K-12 Decision Making at member pricing with 15% off bulk purchasing (\$940.95) for a total amount of \$9,984.20, as described in the contract. 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 the March 2025 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mrs. LaVerne Williams, chief school finance officer, explained the financial statements to the Board and public. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the March 2025 Financial Statements for Madison City Schools. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the March 2025 Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mrs. Williams also explained the budget amendment for Madison City Schools. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the March 2025 Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent presented the following policies for a first reading to amend: Vision Statement, 6.01.1 – Admission to School, and Dual Enrollment.

No action was required for these items.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of substitutes, a list of supplemental contracts, and other personnel recommendations for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the list of recommendations as a group. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the list of substitutes, a list of supplemental contracts, and other personnel recommendations for Madison City Schools. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols talked about how appreciative he was of Madison City Schools employees. He stated that graduation would be held on May 19, 2025. He then thanked Dr. Heather Donaldson, chief academic officer, for ensuring students in Madison City have dual enrollment opportunities with local and state universities. Dr. Nichols then mentioned that honors day and advance placement testing would be occurring soon for students.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tommy Overcash commended Mr. Tim Holtcamp for his ten years of service (last five years as president of the school board) to the school board. He then congratulated the newly elected school board officers (Mr. Cummings – president and Mrs. Lessmann – vice president).

Mr. Scott Newberry concurred with the sentiments stated by Mr. Overcash.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann also commended Mr. Holtcamp for his service on the City of Madison Board of Education. She then announced the current week as Teacher Appreciation Week. Mrs. Lessmann also congratulated Ms. Meaghan Hockey for being named District VIII Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Cummings thanked Mr. Holtcamp for his welcoming spirit when he was appointed to the school board. Mr. Cummings also stated he is excited to have and work with Ms. Cara Welsh as a new school board member.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp thanked his fellow school board members for their confidence in him as president of the Board. He then talked about legislative action that would take funding away from public schools. He encouraged listeners to contact that state and local legislators regarding such bills.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on May 20, 2025 at 5:00 PM. Mr. Holtcamp then called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mrs. Alice Lesmmann motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Travis Cummings 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