

MINUTES 26-06
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 26, 2026

Mr. Travis Cummings, president, called the City of Madison Board of Education Meeting to order at 5:08 PM in the board room at the 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	Mrs. Cara Sexton-Welsh	Present
Place No. 3	Mrs. Tess Halbrooks	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, and Mr. Woody Sanderson, board attorney.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Travis Cummings called for a motion to approve the March 26, 2026, school board meeting agenda. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the agenda. Mrs. Tess Halbrooks seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations during this meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #26-05, March 12, 2026; (b) field trip requests for Madison City Schools; (c) facility use agreements for Madison City Schools; and (d) a clinical internship agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Signing River Dentistry for Madison City Schools Medical Academy students beginning February 5, 2026. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mrs. Cara Welsh motioned to approve consent agenda items a-d. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of Resolution #26-02, A Resolution by the City of Madison Board of Education in Support of Military Families Purple Star Program and Resolution #26-03, A Resolution by the City of Madison Board of Education Supporting Military Families Month of the Military Child and Purple Up for Military Kids. Mrs. Tess Halbrooks motioned to Resolution #26-02, A Resolution by the City of Madison Board of Education in Support of Military Families Purple Star Program and Resolution #26-03, A Resolution by the City of Madison Board of Education Supporting Military Families Month of the Military Child and Purple Up for Military Kids. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of substitutes, a list of supplemental contracts, and other personnel recommendations for Madison City Schools. All school board members agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mrs. Cara Welsh motioned to approve the personnel recommendations. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols commented about the contrasting weather over spring break. He then thanked maintenance staff, transportation staff, registration team, special education department staff, instruction staff, operations team and others for keeping schools running smoothly. He offered an observation of how fast the end of school is approaching, noting that seniors only have 33 days and remaining students only have 41 days. He also commended the new ACT boot camps for how they are helping students prepare for their ACT.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Tess Halbrooks commented she attended a recent Madison City Council meeting where she was quite impressed with Heritage Elementary School students, Mrs. Amber Merrill's gifted class, who presented a model bridge project. She also talked about the presentation of programs provided the MCS Special Education Department at Bob Jones High and James Clemens High schools.

Mr. Tommy Overcash agreed that the information received from the Special Education Department from Dr. Zinkil, director of special education, and her team was positive and enlightening.

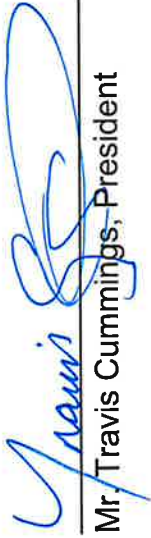
Mr. Scott Newberry commented positively regarding ACT preparatory classes at the high schools. He stated the preparation by multi-teachers and multi departments have been thoughtful and intentional in assisting students with ACT testing.

Mr. Travis Cummings recognized the following people for attending the school board meeting: School Resource Officer John Kern, with the Madison Police Department; Madison City Council Member, Mr. Kenneth Jackson, and Connie Spears, former Madison City Councilwoman and former City of Madison Board of Education member.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Travis Cummings announced the next school board meeting would be held on April 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM (board room at the central office), to be preceded by a Madison City Schools Finance Committee Meeting at 4:00 PM. Mr. Travis Cummings then called for a motion to adjourn the March 26, 2026 school board meeting. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mrs. Cara Welsh seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.



Mr. Travis Cummings, President



Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary