

MINUTES 21-08
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 29, 2021

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, president, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education 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. Greg Hulsey	Absent
Place No. 2	Mr. Tim Holtcamp	Present
Place No. 3	Mrs. Alice Lessmann	Present
Place No. 4	Mr. Luis Ferrer	Present
Place No. 5	Mr. Travis Cummings	Present

Also, present were Dr. Ed Nichols, superintendent, Mr. Woody Sanderson, board attorney, and Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the April 29, 2021, school board meeting agenda. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Georgina Nelson, principal of Heritage Elementary School, introduced the sponsor for the school's Lego Robotics Team. The sponsor introduced team members and presented a video of the team in action at a Lego Robotics Competition. A certificate of recognition was presented to the team and their sponsor, on behalf of the Board and superintendent, for winning the competition.

Dr. Nelson also introduced students from Heritage Elementary who won at the Alabama State Science Fair Competition. The students were given a certificate of recognition, on behalf of the board and superintendent.

Mrs. Kim Stewart, principal of Discovery Middle School, introduced the sponsor and scholar's bowl team members. The group won the 2021 Alabama State Scholar Bowl Competition. Certificates of recognition from the Board and superintendent were provided to team members.

Dr. Brian Clayton, principal of James Clemens High School, introduced students from James Clemens High School who won the Toshiba Exploration/NSTA Competition. Each student received a certificate of recognition from the superintendent and Board. The students will now compete at the national competition.

Mr. Shannon Brown, principal of Liberty Middle School, introduced students who competed at the Alabama State Science Olympiad. The students won first place at the competition. Certificates of recognition were presented to each student from the superintendent and Board.

Mr. John Wilson, coordinator of transportation, introduced transportation staff members who received zero deficiencies on their yearly inspection of the school district's transportation fleet. Certificates of Recognition were presented to transportation staff from the superintendent and Board.

Dr. Daphne Jah, coordinator of personnel, presented information on a new software program that streamlines the process for submitting contracts to the personnel department at the central office.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Tina Clark, parent of a student in the district, shared her thoughts regarding teaching students about the Harlem Renaissance, socialist society, common core and the critical race theory. She expressed that these topics should not be discussed in schools – indoctrinating students. Mrs. Clark also shared that her child has been uncomfortable in school because of the hostile climate – he does not want to go to school.

Mr. Carl Blair, community member, shared that he is concerned about the racial climate in schools.

Mr. George Barry, community member, also talked about his concern about the critical race theory being pushed in our schools and community.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes 21-07, April 15, 2021; (b) amend Policy 7.3, Academic Standards Dual Enrollment; (c) 2021 summer sports camp brochures; (d) a bid for Heritage Elementary School's HVAC from Pettus Plumbing & Piping in the amount of \$1,997,300.00; (e) Disposal of equipment listed below on GovDeals.com, but will be scrapped if not successful.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
JCHS Ventless Dryer	ASKO/10775416	124420469366

and (f) revised 2021 Madison City Schools Summer School Brochure. The Board agreed to approve the documents as a group. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a contract by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Droplet Solutions to make our employee contract process more efficient by utilizing a digital and streamlined platform to be completed, tracked and approved from anywhere in a timely manner. The contract with Droplet is from May, 2021 – April, 2022. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent presented Policy 5.9.7 – Vacation, for a first reading.

No action was required for this item.

The superintendent recommended approval of substitute list presented during the school board meeting. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of contracts for supplemental work performed for the school district. The Board agreed to approve the contracts as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of personnel action items presented at the school board meeting. The Board agreed to approve the personnel items as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the personnel items. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

He thanked all retirees on the agenda for their service to the school district.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer Jewell for attending the school board meeting. He announced the strategic plan questionnaire would be sent to parents, staff, teachers and student next week. Dr. Nichols also stated the senior walk would be held on May 13, 2021 at each of the elementary schools. He then mentioned Teacher Appreciation Week would be observed next week.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Alice Lessmann stated she was excited to see the students at the school board meeting. She then thanked Mrs. Lambert for the tour/visit at Bob Jones High School. Mrs. Lessmann also talked about the Madison CEO Program – fourteen students participated in the program. Additionally, she thanked all the individuals who spoke during public comments during the school board meeting.

Mr. Travis Cummings stated it was great to see students back in the board room. He also stated that he hopes all students feel comfortable in our classrooms – regarding the statement from Mr. Carl Blair during public comments.

Mr. Luis Ferrer congratulated Mrs. Lessmann on being re-appointed to the school board. He also mentioned he has happy to see students at the school board meeting. He then talked about his /tour/visit to Bob Jones High School. Mr. Ferrer also stated the Board takes comments made by the public very seriously.

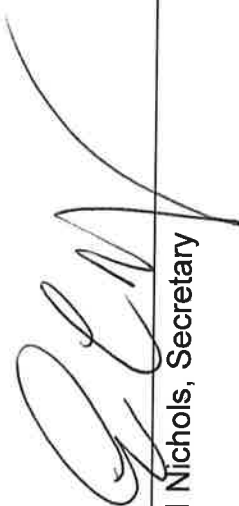
Mr. Tim Holtcamp stated the next school board meeting would be held on May 6, 2021 at 5:00 PM, preceded at 4:00 PM with a Finance Committee Meeting at central office. He also mentioned the Board would elect officer for the 2021-2022 year.

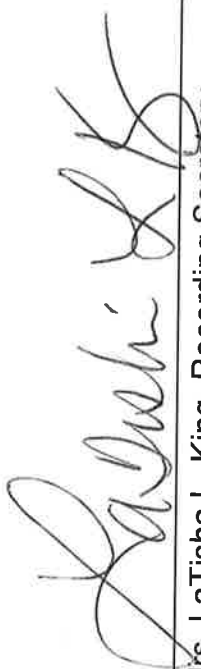
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to adjourn their school board meeting. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.


Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, President


Dr. Ed Nichols, Secretary


Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary